

# Legislative Link

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## UNITED WAY OF FLORIDA 2008 BILL BRIEFS

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### 2008 BILL BRIEFS

#### [HB 0003](#) **Relating to Children's Zones**

Bendross-Mindingall

Children's Zones: Provides for counties & municipalities to designate certain areas as children's zones; provides process for nominating children's zones; provides for children's zone planning teams & corporations & strategic community plans; establishes Magic City Children's Zone pilot project & creates Magic City Children's Zone, Inc.; provides appropriations. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

12/11/2007 HOUSE Favorable by Healthy Families; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Healthcare Council

#### [HB 0005](#) **Relating to Distribution of Proceeds from Excise Taxes on Documents**

Saunders (R)

Distribution of Proceeds from Excise Taxes on Documents: Removes a limitation on amount of proceeds which may be deposited into State Housing Trust Fund on or after specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

1/29/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Economic Development by Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

#### [HB 0007](#) **Relating to Bicycle Safety**

Jordan

Bicycle Safety: Conforms helmet requirements to federal standards; provides for enforcement of nighttime equipment requirements. Effective Date: October 1, 2008.

12/13/2007 HOUSE Favorable by Infrastructure; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

#### [HB 0011](#) **Relating to Safety Belt Law Enforcement**

Glorioso

Safety Belt Law Enforcement: Creates Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law; deletes requirement for enforcement of Florida Safety Belt Law as a secondary action. Effective Date: June 30, 2008.

12/13/2007 HOUSE Favorable by Infrastructure; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays; Now in Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

#### [HB 0015](#) **Relating to Dependent Children and Youth**

Kendrick

Dependent Children and Youth: Provides process for recommending change of placement of child in shelter or foster home who is perceived to be at risk; establishes standards for delivery of child welfare services for dependent children & youth; requires that child or youth be placed in home determined to be safe; requires criminal history records checks & Fla. Abuse Hotline Info. System history checks of persons with whom child or

youth may be placed; provides for child or youth to participate in developing case plan; provides for move to permanency; requires case workers to prepare reports for child's or youth's case management file; requires children or youth to be placed with siblings when possible; requires DCFS or community-based care lead agency to comply with reporting requirements of court; provides for guardian ad litem to report on child's or youth's expressed wishes; requires records to be maintained in complete & accurate manner & be available to guardian ad litem or attorney ad litem at no cost; permits children or youth in care to communicate & organize advocacy plan; requires case plans to include additional information; provides for appearance of child in court to discuss placement informational session; provides for hearing. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

10/23/2007 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**HB 0019 Relating to Coverage for Mental, Nervous, and Substance-related Disorders** Homan

Coverage for Mental, Nervous, and Substance-related Disorders: Revises requirements for optional coverage for mental, nervous, & substance-related disorders; revises benefits limitations; provides options application requirement; revises benefits offered by group plans. Effective Date: January 1, 2009.

3/25/2008 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Council

**HB 0025 Relating to Alcohol Abuse by an Expectant Mother** Homan

Alcohol Abuse by an Expectant Mother: Designates act "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Act"; directs DOH & DCFS to maintain Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention Network; requires establishment of system for assessing charges for specified services; requires DOH, DCFS, & DABT of DBPR to provide access to information regarding fetal alcohol spectrum disorders on Internet websites; provides for voluntary admission of expectant mother for alcohol abuse treatment services; provides criteria for involuntary admission of expectant mother; requires described health warning signs to be displayed by alcohol beverage vendors; requires DABT of DBPR to produce & distribute signs; directs DOH to establish Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic & Intervention Centers & provide professional training; provides appropriations. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

9/10/2007 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Council; Policy & Budget Council

**HB 0035 Relating to Social Worker Identification** Richardson

Social Worker Identification: Provides requirements for using title "social worker"; provides penalty; provides exemptions; requires DOH to adopt certain implementing & enforcing rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

10/12/2007 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Health Quality by Healthcare Council

**HB 0047 Relating to Civil Rights** Skidmore

Civil Rights: Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, familial status, & marital status; defines terms; conforms terminology. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

11/2/2007 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**HB 0055 Relating to Composition of Cabinet; Office of Commissioner of Education** Brisé

Composition of Cabinet; Office of Commissioner of Education: Proposes amendment of s. 4, Art. IV & s. 2, Art. IX & creation of s. 27, Art. XII of State Constitution to create office of Commissioner of Education, who will be elected member of Cabinet & responsible for supervision of public education system in manner prescribed by law, & to provide effective date of January 4, 2011, for such change & for office of Commissioner of Education to be filled initially at 2010 general election. Effective Date: Not Specified

2/6/2008 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**SB 0074 Relating to Documents Excise Taxes/State Housing Trust Fund** Geller

Documents Excise Taxes/State Housing Trust Fund [RPCC]; Removes a limitation on the amount of proceeds from excise taxes on documents which may be deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund on or after a specified date, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

**SB 0078 Relating to Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day** Wilson

Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day [SPCC]; Designates the second Monday in May as "Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day" to recognize all professionals who work with abused children and dysfunctional families. Encourages the Department of Children and Family Services, local governments, and other agencies to sponsor events promoting the awareness of the child welfare system, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

3/25/2008 HOUSE Received; Referred to Healthcare Council

- HB 0081** **Relating to Assault or Battery on Homeless Persons** Taylor  
 Assault or Battery on Homeless Persons: Reclassifies offenses evidencing prejudice based on homeless status of victim; provides definition. Effective Date: October 1, 2008.  
 1/18/2008 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0088** **Relating to School Safety/Bullying and Harassment** Baker  
 School Safety/Bullying and Harassment [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act" which prohibits bullying or harassment during education programs or activities, on school buses, or through use of data or computer software accessed through computer systems of certain educational institutions. Defines "bullying" as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Criminal Justice; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 0090** **Relating to United States Flag Display/Local Ordinances** Saunders (B)  
 United States Flag Display/Local Ordinances [RPCC]; Designates this act as the "Florida Flies the Flag Act." Prohibits a county or municipality from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or regulation that prohibits the display of a United States flag by a property owner or tenant in a respectful manner or that requires a permit or payment of a fee to authorize such display, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Military Affairs and Domestic Security
- SB 0094** **Relating to Safety Belt Law Enforcement** Rich  
 Safety Belt Law Enforcement [EPCC]; Cites this act as the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law. Provides for primary enforcement of the Safety Belt Law, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/30/2008.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Judiciary; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- SB 0098** **Relating to Testing for Infectious Diseases/Juvenile Centers** Wilson  
 Testing for Infectious Diseases/Juvenile Centers [SPCC]; Requires each juvenile assessment center or juvenile detention facility to have a written procedure regarding the testing of juveniles for infectious diseases. Requires DOH to designate two counties having a population of 1.2 million or more and five counties having a population of fewer than 1.2 million to participate in a program to test juveniles for HIV who are referred to or who are under the supervision of DJJ, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Criminal Justice; Governmental Operations; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- HB 0099** **Relating to Food Donation by Public Food Service Establishments** Porth  
 Food Donation by Public Food Service Establishments: Designates act "Jack Davis Florida Restaurant Lending a Helping Hand Act"; expands definition of "perishable food" under s. 768.136, F.S., to include foods prepared at public food services establishment licensed under ch. 509, F.S.  
 3/27/2008 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/02/08
- SB 0102** **Relating to Pub. Rec./Juveniles/Blood Test Results/DJJ** Wilson  
 Pub. Rec./Juveniles/Blood Test Results/DJJ [SPCC]; Provides an exemption from public records requirements for serologic blood test results from juveniles referred to or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Provides for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Criminal Justice; Governmental Operations; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- SB 0104** **Relating to School Wellness and Physical Education Policies** Wilson  
 School Wellness and Physical Education Policies [SPCC]; Requires that each school district shall set school wellness and physical education policies in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits. Provides policy guidelines re nutrition education, physical activity, school-based activities, and nutritional guidelines for food and beverages sold or served on campuses or in the school district, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Policy; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 0110** **Relating to Disability History and Awareness Weeks** Fasano  
 Disability History and Awareness Weeks; Recognizes October 1-15, 2008, as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks" and encourages public schools and universities to provide instruction on disability history,

people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement, etc.  
9/6/2007 SENATE Filed

**HB 0111 Relating to Hurricane Preparedness**

Nehr

Hurricane Preparedness: Provides exemption from sales & use tax for sales of specified tangible personal property during June 1-12, 2008; provides exceptions for sales within public lodging establishments, theme parks, entertainment complexes, or airports; provides appropriation. Effective Date: Upon Becoming a Law. 3/18/2008 HOUSE Now in Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

**SB 0128 Relating to AIDS Education Grants in Public Schools**

Wilson

AIDS Education Grants in Public Schools [SPCC]; Requires the Department of Education to award grants to public school districts to implement school-based AIDS educational activities. Requires each school district that receives a grant to file an annual report with the Department of Education, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008. 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Policy; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

**SB 0130 Relating to School-based Health Centers**

Wilson

School-based Health Centers [SPCC] ; Includes in the definition of "school-based health center," for purposes of the School Health Services Act, an organization that provides at least 25 hours per week of primary care services for adolescents or other school-age children for the majority of the year, primarily provides services onsite at the school, and provides other comprehensive services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law. 3/5/2008 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Health Policy

**HB 0131 Relating to State Symbols**

Attkisson

State Symbols: Designates Florida Cracker Horse (Marshstackie) as official state horse; provides for repeal on July 1, 2018, unless reviewed & reenacted by Legislature before that date. Effective Date: July 1, 2008. 3/13/2008 HOUSE Favorable by Tourism & Trade; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

**SB 0136 Relating to Child Care Personnel Training/Domestic Violence**

Wilson

Child Care Personnel Training/Domestic Violence [SPCC]; Requires each child care facility to establish standards for instructing child care personnel on matters pertaining to domestic violence. Requires that the instruction include not less than 2 hours of training for new personnel and not less than 1 hour of instruction on a periodic and timely basis for experienced personnel each year thereafter, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008. 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

**HB 0139 Relating to Developmental Disabilities Institutions**

Nehr

Developmental Disabilities Institutions: Requires APD to give written notice to certain specified persons if agency proposes to close or reduce by more than 10 percent resident population of developmental disabilities institution; requires Governor & Cabinet to hold public hearing & that notice of public hearing be given in specified manner; requires agency to conduct study & prepare reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2008. 11/20/2007 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

**SB 0140 Relating to Juvenile Proceedings/Use of Restraints on a Child**

Wilson

Juvenile Proceedings/Use of Restraints on a Child [LPCC]; Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint, such as handcuffs, chains, irons, or straitjackets, on a child during court proceedings or elsewhere in a courthouse. Provides exceptions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to comply with the Protective Action Response policy whenever mechanical restraints are used, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008. 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary

**SB 0148 Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program**

Wilson

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program [SPCC]; Requires that a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private provider must comprise up to 720 instructional hours or the same number of instructional hours provided to a student in kindergarten and first grade, if the provider provides instruction in kindergarten and first grade. Provides that a prekindergarten program provided by a public school must comprise at least the same number of instructional hours, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008. 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

**HB 0149 Relating to Issuance of Disabled Parking Permits**

Reed

Issuance of Disabled Parking Permits: Authorizes DHSMV to issue disabled parking permits to health care facility or organization that provides care or treatment to persons meeting qualifications for permit; provides for use of permits by those persons; provides for cancellation of unreturned permits. Effective Date: July 1, 2008. 1/24/2008 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

- SB 0164** **Relating to Mental/Nervous/Substance Disorders/Insurance** Crist  
Mental/Nervous/Substance Disorders/Insurance [EPCC] ; Revises the requirements for optional coverage for mental and nervous disorders. Prohibits the durational limits, dollar amounts, deductibles, or coinsurance factors for certain specified illnesses or conditions from being less favorable than those for physical illness. Repeals a specified provision relating to optional coverage for substance abuse impaired persons, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2009.  
3/21/2008 SENATE Committee Substitute (C1) Filed; Now in General Government Appropriations
- SB 0174** **Relating to Infant Eye Care/Mandatory Examinations** Wilson  
Infant Eye Care/Mandatory Examinations [SPCC]; Requires every baby born in a hospital to receive, prior to being discharged from the hospital, an eye examination using an ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupils for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities. Provides an exception to eye examinations when parents file a written objection, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0176** **Relating to School Nurse Services** Wilson  
School Nurse Services [SPCC]; Creates the "One School, One Nurse Act" to provide for funding of a nurse in every public school. Provides matching funds in those communities where interest in school health services is evidenced by the participation of public or private entities in the funding or delivery of school nurse services. Encourages the development of those programs that offer potential for promoting the health of students, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$75,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0178** **Relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance/Foster Children** Wilson  
Motor Vehicle Insurance/Foster Children [SPCC]; Directs the Department of Children and Family Services to create a 3-year pilot program in Miami-Dade County. Provides that the program reimburse foster parents, residential facilities, or foster children who live independently for a portion of the increased costs of motor vehicle insurance for a foster child who has a driver's license. Provides a formula for the amount of reimbursement to be provided, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0188** **Relating to Elderly or Disabled/Criminal Offenses Against** Fasano  
Elderly or Disabled/Criminal Offenses Against [LPCC]; Cites this act as "The Seniors' Safety Act." Provides for reclassification of felonies committed against the elderly or disabled and for misdemeanors committed against persons 65 years of age or older. Provides for a mandatory term of imprisonment for certain thefts against persons 65 years of age or older. Provides a mandatory term of imprisonment for certain acts of exploitation against an elderly person or disabled adult, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- HB 0189** **Relating to Federal Funding for Home Health Services for the Elderly** Bucher  
Federal Funding for Home Health Services for the Elderly: Urges Congress to increase federal funding for home health services for the elderly. Effective Date: Not Specified  
2/19/2008 HOUSE Favorable by Healthy Seniors; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Healthcare Council
- SB 0196** **Relating to Miami-Dade County Foster Care Pilot Program** Wilson  
Miami-Dade County Foster Care Pilot Program [SPCC]; Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to develop an optional continued foster care pilot program in Miami-Dade County. Provides that the participants shall continue to receive foster care services, remain under continued court jurisdiction, and remain in his or her current foster or group home placement or another licensed foster home until he or she leaves the pilot program or reaches the age of 21 years, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$500,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services

Appropriations

- SB 0204** **Relating to Health Insurance for Dependent Children** Lynn  
Health Insurance for Dependent Children [EPCC]; Revises the criteria governing mandatory coverage of a dependent child under group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policies covering residents of this state. Provides for a dependent child to make a written election to extend coverage or restore previously terminated coverage. Provides guidelines for extended coverage and limitations on additional premiums, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; Governmental Operations
- HB 0215** **Relating to Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** Heller  
Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Creates Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing under Florida Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc., to recommend procedures to administer licensing & permitting of interpreter professionals which DBPR shall adopt by rule; provides grounds for board recommendation of revocation or suspension of license or permit or other disciplinary action; provides criminal penalties for specified illegal acts; establishes privilege for certain conversations; provides for voluntary disclosure of certain privileged conversations. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.  
12/12/2007 HOUSE Referred to Jobs & Entrepreneurship Council; Policy & Budget Council
- SB 0226** **Relating to Social Worker Identification** Rich  
Social Worker Identification [SPCC]; Defines "social worker" to mean any person who has a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in social work. Prohibits a social worker from conducting clinical social work unless licensed or certified by the Department of Health. Provides requirements, penalties, and exemptions for using the title "social worker." Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Higher Education; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0232** **Relating to Developmental Disabilities Institutions** Fasano  
Developmental Disabilities Institutions [SPCC]; Requires the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) to give written notice to the Governor and Cabinet, each resident of the developmental disabilities institution, the resident's guardian, and any other authorized individual if it proposes to close or reduce by more than 10 percent, the resident population of an institution. Requires the Governor and Cabinet to give notice and hold a public hearing on any such proposal, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/5/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Withdrawn prior to introduction
- HB 0233** **Relating to Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults** Anderson  
Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults: Reclassifies offense of aggravated abuse of elderly person or disabled adult from second-degree felony to first-degree felony; requires certified law enforcement officers to complete training in identifying & investigating elder abuse & neglect before June 30, 2011. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.  
3/19/2008 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading
- SB 0236** **Relating to Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing** Wise  
Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing [SPCC]; Creates the Board of Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to recommend procedures to administer licensing and permitting of interpreter professionals which the Department of Business and Professional Development shall adopt by rule. Provides grounds for board recommendation of revocation or suspension of license or permit or other disciplinary action, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/5/2008 SENATE Reference to Judiciary added; Remaining references - Regulated Industries; Judiciary; Governmental Operations; General Government Appropriations; Now in Regulated Industries
- HB 0241** **Relating to Homelessness** Culp  
Homelessness: Revises definitions applicable to homelessness; increases & revises membership on Council on Homelessness; removes member from obsolete organization & corrects name of member organization on council; revises date of annual report; creates Housing First program; provides methodology & components of program; creates 3-year Youth Housing Continuum Pilot Program; provides eligibility requirements & design of pilot program; requires Connected by 25 in Hillsborough County to provide administrative support; provides Connected by 25 with specified duties; provides appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2008.  
1/9/2008 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Council

- SB 0248** **Relating to Juvenile Sentencing** Wilson  
 Juvenile Sentencing [LPCC]; Authorizes the court to sentence a juvenile using juvenile sanctions, adult sanctions, or a blend of both sanctions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to file a written report with the sentencing court if the DJJ believes the child's sanction is inappropriate. Authorizes the court to place the child on probation. Requires the DJJ to notify the court no later than 30 days before it discharges a child from a sanction, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- SB 0260** **Relating to Gold Seal Quality Care/Child Care Placement** Wilson  
 Gold Seal Quality Care/Child Care Placement [SPCC]; Provides legislative intent that children who have not attained the age of eligibility for kindergarten, and who are under the jurisdiction of a circuit court due to a documented case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, receive first priority for placement in a Gold Seal Quality Care facility, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0264** **Relating to Kidcare Outreach Program Study/Uninsured Children** Wilson  
 Kidcare Outreach Program Study/Uninsured Children [SPCC]; Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to perform a study of the effectiveness of the Kidcare outreach program for uninsured children. Requires OPPAGA to consult with the Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services and other interested entities that would provide experiences and perspectives when conducting the report, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0276** **Relating to Food Donation by Public Food Service Establishment** Rich  
 Food Donation by Public Food Service Establishment [EPCC]; Designates this act as the "Jack Davis Florida Restaurant Lending a Helping Hand Act." Amends provisions regarding liability for canned or perishable food distributed free of charge. Expands the definition of "perishable food" to include foods that have been prepared at licensed public food service establishments, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 3/20/2008 HOUSE In Messages
- SB 0280** **Relating to Religious-exempt Child Care Programs** Lynn  
 Religious-exempt Child Care Programs [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Zaniyah Hinson Act." Allows child care programs or weekday preschool programs that qualify as religious-exempt child care programs to choose to be exempt from the requirements for child care licensing or to be licensed voluntarily. Provides that if programs choose to be exempt they must meet statutory screening requirements and display a certificate of compliance issued by an accrediting agency, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Commerce; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0288** **Relating to Home Health Services/Increase Federal Funding** Aronberg  
 Home Health Services/Increase Federal Funding [SPCC]; Urges the Congress of the United States to increase federal financial assistance for home health services for elderly patients when it is determined that a patient is in need of such services. Urges the Congress to establish federal guideline requirements for students and schools that train certified nurse assistants and home health aides, etc.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation
- SB 0298** **Relating to Blind Children/Literacy Education** Crist  
 Blind Children/Literacy Education [SPCC]; Requires that instruction in braille be part of the individualized education program for a child who is blind or visually impaired based on an evaluation of the child. Requires the evaluation to be based on reading and writing skills and needs and of appropriate reading and writing media, including, but not limited to, an evaluation of the child's future needs for instruction in braille, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 11/28/2007 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- HB 0301** **Relating to Recycling** Long  
 Recycling: Requires organizations, associations, businesses, & institutions operating in state & receiving state funds, & public airports in state, to collect certain recyclable products & materials & offer them for recycling. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
 3/19/2008 HOUSE Favorable by Environmental Protection; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Environment & Natural Resources Council

- SB 0304** **Relating to Corporations Not for Profit** Aronberg  
Corporations Not for Profit [EPCC]; Revises provisions relating to the Corporations Not for Profit law, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 04/01/08, 1:00 pm, 110 S
- SB 0318** **Relating to Exceptional Students with Disabilities/Cost** Constantine  
Exceptional Students with Disabilities/Cost [SPCC]; Provides that educational services to an exceptional student with a disability who receives such services in a school district other than his or her assigned school district is the responsibility of the school district where the parent resides, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 04/01/08, 3:30 pm, 110 S
- HB 0333** **Relating to Developmental Disabilities Institutions** Nehr  
Developmental Disabilities Institutions: Requires APD to submit plan to Governor & Legislature if agency or Legislature proposes to close or reduce resident population of specified developmental disabilities institution by certain percentage; provides for content of plan; requires Governor to approve or disapprove plan; provides that Governor's decision is not binding on Legislature; requires agency to provide quarterly reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/25/2008 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Healthcare Council; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
- SB 0352** **Relating to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month** Ring  
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; Recognizes May 2008 as "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month." States that Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, etc.  
9/27/2007 SENATE Filed
- SB 0362** **Relating to Equal Rights for Men and Women** Margolis  
Equal Rights for Men and Women [LPCC]; Ratifies the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution relating to equal rights for men and women, etc.  
3/27/2008 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 04/01/08, 1:00 pm, 110 S
- SB 0364** **Relating to Cystic Fibrosis Treatment/Insurance Coverage** Margolis  
Cystic Fibrosis Treatment/Insurance Coverage [EPCC]; Requires that group health insurance policies, HMO contracts, and out-of-state groups cover services needed to treat cystic fibrosis which are authorized by a physician and are medically necessary. Provides that the policy holder or contract subscriber may be held responsible by the insurer or HMO for any deductibles or copayments, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2009.  
3/27/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; General Government Appropriations; Withdrawn from further consideration
- SB 0366** **Relating to Elderly Persons & Disabled Adults/Abuse & Neglect** Margolis  
Elderly Persons & Disabled Adults/Abuse & Neglect [LPCC]; Reclassifies the offense of aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult from a second-degree felony to a first-degree felony. Requires certified law enforcement officers to complete training in identifying and investigating elder abuse and neglect before June 30, 2011, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/20/2008 SENATE Now in Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- SB 0370** **Relating to Personal Care Attendant Program** Wise  
Personal Care Attendant Program [SPCC]; Requires the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation to enter into an agreement with the Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living to administer a program to provide personal care attendants to persons who have severe and chronic disabilities. Names the program the "James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Attendant Services Program." Revises eligibility requirements for participation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/7/2008 SENATE Committee Substitute (C1) Filed; Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0374** **Relating to Child Dependency/Legal Representation** Lynn  
Child Dependency/Legal Representation [SPCC]; Deletes a requirement that the court appoint an attorney ad litem for a child alleged to have been abused by a parent or caregiver. Provides for court appointment of an attorney to represent a child during a shelter hearing. Provides for a child to be represented by an attorney rather than an attorney ad litem in a hearing involving the child's medical and behavioral status, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.



12/13/2007 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

- HB 0385** **Relating to Reproductive Health Services and Family Planning** Gibson (A)  
Reproductive Health Services and Family Planning: Creates "Prevention First Act"; provides duties of licensed health care practitioners, health care facilities, & pharmacies with regard to rape survivors; requires DOH to provide information regarding emergency birth control; requires pharmacies to dispense emergency birth control under certain circumstances; authorizes civil actions; provides penalties. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
3/18/2008 HOUSE Workshopped by Health Quality
- SB 0442** **Relating to Major Disasters/Cash, Food, and Shelter Assistance** Bullard (L)  
Major Disasters/Cash, Food, and Shelter Assistance [SPCC]; Requires the DCFS, to the extent permitted by federal law, to expedite application procedures for persons who reside in an area damaged by a major disaster and who apply for temporary cash assistance. Authorizes the Governor to employ such measures and give such directions to certain specified agencies as are necessary for the purpose of addressing the needs for immediate cash, shelter, or food assistance, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
12/13/2007 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0446** **Relating to Bicycle Safety** Bullard (L)  
Bicycle Safety [EPCC]; Revises safety standard requirements for bicycle helmets for riders or passengers who are under 16 years of age. Provides for enforcement of nighttime bicycle equipment requirements, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.  
3/11/2008 SENATE Favorable by Transportation; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Criminal Justice
- SB 0448** **Relating to Breast Cancer/Lymph Node Dissection Coverage** Joyner  
Breast Cancer/Lymph Node Dissection Coverage [EPCC]; Cites this act as the "Mary B. Hooks Act." Includes lymph node dissections under the provisions prescribing the length of a hospital stay relating to a mastectomy and the outpatient postsurgical followup care that any group, blanket, or franchise accident or health insurance policies, and HMOs must cover, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 04/01/08, 9:30 am, 412 K
- SB 0460** **Relating to Congenital Craniofacial Anomalies/Coverage Study** Bullard (L)  
Congenital Craniofacial Anomalies/Coverage Study [EPCC]; Requires that the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Office of Insurance Regulation, conduct a study evaluating the medical necessity, costs, and efficacy of mandating coverage by health insurers and HMOs for cranial-skull-molding orthotics and other therapies used in the treatment of deformational or positional plagiocephaly, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$25,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
12/13/2007 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- HB 0463** **Relating to Official State Designations** Murzin  
Official State Designations: Designates "Oh Florida, My Sweet Home" as official state anthem. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/3/2008 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0468** **Relating to Child Care Personnel/Fingerprinting** Hill  
Child Care Personnel/Fingerprinting [SPCC]; Requires electronic submission of fingerprints of child care personnel beginning July 1, 2009, and the retention of fingerprints in the statewide automated fingerprint identification system by the Department of Law Enforcement. Requires that fingerprints retained be searched against arrest records. Requires that any arrest records identified be reported to the Department of Children and Family Services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
12/13/2007 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- SB 0500** **Relating to Children's Zones** Bullard (L)  
Children's Zones [RPCC]; Provides a process whereby local governments may apply to the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, Inc., to designate an area as a children's zone for revitalizing a disadvantaged area through programs and services for children and families living within its boundaries. Requires adoption of a resolution, a planning team, development of a strategic community plan, and creation of a nonprofit

corporation. Creates a 10-year pilot project, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$3,628,362. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

12/13/2007 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations

**SB 0510** **Relating to School-entry/Vision Examinations** Wilson

School-entry/Vision Examinations [SPCC]; Requires that children who are entering school present evidence of having received a comprehensive vision examination which was performed within one year of their enrollment in school. Allows each district school board, and the governing authority of each private school, to establish a policy that permits a student up to 120 school days to present a certification of the vision exam, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.

12/13/2007 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Policy; Finance and Tax; Health and Human Services Appropriations

**SB 0514** **Relating to Schools/Disability History & Awareness Instruction** Fasano

Schools/Disability History & Awareness Instruction [SPCC]; Requires each district school board to provide disability history and awareness instruction to students in all K-12 public schools during the first 2 weeks in October of each year. Requires school boards to designate these 2 weeks as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks." Encourages state postsecondary institutions to conduct and promote activities related to disability history and awareness, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/20/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Withdrawn from further consideration

**HB 0523** **Relating to Health Care Providers** Homan

Health Care Providers: Provides immunity from civil damages to health care providers providing emergency care or medical consultation services; provides exception; provides for retroactive application. Effective Date: October 1, 2008

1/30/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Courts by Safety & Security Council

**HB 0555** **Relating to Domestic Violence** Long

Domestic Violence: Adds circumstances that violate injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

3/19/2008 HOUSE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Homeland Security & Public Safety; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Safety & Security Council

**HB 0561** **Relating to Affordable Senior Housing** Vana

Affordable Senior Housing: Authorizes local governments to include affordable senior housing element in comprehensive plans; specifies element requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

1/29/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Economic Development by Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

**HB 0575** **Relating to Contributions to Relieve Homelessness** Cusack

Contributions to Relieve Homelessness: Requires motor vehicle registration form, registration renewal form, driver license application form, & driver license application form for renewal issuance or renewal extension to include option to make voluntary contribution to aid homeless; provides for contributions to be deposited into Grants and Donations Trust Fund of DCFS & used by State Office on Homelessness to supplement grants, provide information to public, & provide literature to homeless persons seeking assistance. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

2/25/2008 HOUSE Now in Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

**HB 0605** **Relating to Exploited Children** Rivera

Exploited Children: Provides specified protections to victims in any civil or criminal proceeding involving child pornography where victim is party to case or witness; permits use of pseudonym for victim of crime involving child pornography; extends provisions to use of victim pseudonyms to civil & criminal proceedings; requires law enforcement officers submitting child pornography case to provide specified information; requires prosecutors to pursue prosecutions regarding images of child pornography when known victim is this state; requires prosecutors to enter specified information in database; transfers provisions relating to lewd & lascivious exhibition on computer; provides civil remedy for victim of certain sexual abuse crimes when portion of abuse was used in production of child pornography; specifies damages to persons who are further exploited following recovery of damages; provides for limitation of actions; provides for confidential pseudonyms to specified claimants; precludes defense to certain civil actions; permits Attorney General to pursue cases on behalf of

victims; includes certain child pornography victims in crime victim compensation provisions; conforms provisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

3/26/2008 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Safety & Security Council; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays

**SB 0610** **Relating to Physical Education/Grades 6-8** Constantine  
Physical Education/Grades 6-8 [SPCC]; Requires physical education for students in grade 6 through grade 8. Provides for waivers under certain circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/25/2008 SENATE References to Health Policy removed; Remaining references; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Now in Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

**HB 0619** **Relating to Child-Restraint Requirements** Gelber  
Child-Restraint Requirements: Changes age requirement of children from 5 to 7 years of age or younger who must use crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device that is appropriate for height & weight of child; adds child booster seat as option for children aged 4 through 7; provides that court may dismiss first violation against motor vehicle operator upon proof of purchase of restraint device; redefines term "motor vehicle" to exclude certain vehicles from such requirements; provides grace period; provides exceptions to such requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/24/2008 HOUSE Now in Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

**HB 0623** **Relating to School Food Service Programs** Kendrick  
School Food Service Programs: Requires school breakfast programs in middle & high schools; specifies requirements for setting prices of breakfast meals; requires district school boards to consider policies for provision of universal-free school breakfast meals in certain schools; clarifies allocation of funds for school breakfast programs; directs OPPAGA to submit report on school district food service programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/27/2008 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

**HB 0625** **Relating to Independent Living Transition Services** Glorioso  
Independent Living Transition Services: Provides for family foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, or other authorized caregivers to be included in development of plans for activities for certain children; requires specified information to be included in report to Legislature by Independent Living Services Advisory Council. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
2/19/2008 HOUSE Favorable by Healthy Families; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Healthcare Council

**HB 0627** **Relating to Child Care** Ausley  
Child Care: Establishes Florida's Sunshine State Stars Quality Rating System; provides quality rating system requirements for early learning programs, child care facilities, & facilities participating in Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; establishes voluntary pilot program in specified counties; provides financial incentives for advancement in quality rating; provides technical support; requires Office of Early Learning to develop workforce development plan. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
1/28/2008 HOUSE Referred to Schools & Learning Council; Policy & Budget Council

**HB 0629** **Relating to Early Learning** Ausley  
Early Learning: Creates Agency for Early Learning & provides responsibilities; provides type two transfer of Office of Early Learning in AWI, Office of Early Learning in DOE, child care facility licensing responsibilities of DCFS, & DOH Infants & Toddlers Early Intervention Program to Agency for Early Learning; provides for continued validity of child care facility licenses & registrations; requires Division of Statutory Revision to make necessary conforming changes to Florida Statutes. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
1/28/2008 HOUSE Referred to Schools & Learning Council; Policy & Budget Council

**HB 0665** **Relating to Alzheimer's Disease** Schwartz  
Alzheimer's Disease: Directs Department of Elderly Affairs to develop & implement public education program & conduct or support study relating to screening for Alzheimer's disease; provides for grants & requires reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
2/11/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Healthy Seniors by Healthcare Council

**SB 0668** **Relating to Child-restraint Requirements** Posey  
Child-restraint Requirements [EPCC]; Changes the age requirement of children from 5 to 7 years of age or younger who must use a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device that is appropriate for the height and weight of the child. Adds a child booster seat as part of the requirements for children aged 4 through 7. Provides that the court shall dismiss a first violation against a motor vehicle operator upon proof of

purchase of a restraint device, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.  
3/27/2008 SENATE On Committee agenda - Transportation, 04/01/08, 9:30 am, 37 S

- HB 0669** **Relating to School Safety** Thompson (N)  
School Safety: Creates "Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act"; prohibits bullying & harassment of any student or employee of public K-12 educational institution; requires school district to adopt policy prohibiting bullying & harassment; provides immunity; provides restrictions with respect to defense of action & application of provisions; requires DOE approval of school district policy & school district compliance with reporting procedures as prerequisites to receipt of safe schools funds. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
3/26/2008 HOUSE Now in Policy & Budget Council
- SB 0676** **Relating to Publicly Funded Facilities for Children** Fasano  
Publicly Funded Facilities for Children [SPCC]; Revises the provisions concerning establishment of the market rate for daily, weekly, or monthly child care services. Requires that a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private provider must comprise up to 720 instructional hours or the same number of instructional hours provided to a student in kindergarten and first grade, if the provider provides instruction in kindergarten and first grade, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/12/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Withdrawn from further consideration
- SB 0688** **Relating to Developmentally Disabled/Guardian Advocates** Crist  
Developmentally Disabled/Guardian Advocates [SPCC]; Authorizes a court in dependency proceedings to appoint a guardian advocate for a child. Provides that the person being considered for or appointed as guardian advocate need not be represented by an attorney unless required by the court. Provides for consideration of any advance directive or a designation of durable power of attorney in guardian advocacy proceedings, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE vCommittee Substitute (C1) Filed; Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations
- HB 0691** **Relating to Medicaid Recipients with Psychiatric Disabilities** Zapata  
Medicaid Recipients with Psychiatric Disabilities: Authorizes AHCA to contract with service networks that enroll Medicaid recipients with psychiatric disabilities; provides for recipients with psychiatric disabilities to be assigned to specified service networks under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/25/2008 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Council
- HB 0699** **Relating to Affordable Housing** Aubuchon  
Affordable Housing: Removes provision requiring FHFC to transfer certain funds to General Revenue Fund; revises definitions; revises frequency with which local housing distributions are to be made by corporation; revises calculations used to determine guaranteed distribution amounts; provides & revises powers & duties of corporation; provides requirements for counties & eligible municipalities; provides requirements for local housing assistance plans; increases threshold amount used to determine which counties & municipalities may use specified percentage of program income for administrative costs; requires corporation to provide training for certain purposes; revises membership criteria for affordable housing advisory committees; revises notice requirements for public hearings of advisory committee; requires committees final report, evaluation, & recommendations to be submitted to corporation; repeals provision relating to state administration of remaining local housing distribution funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/26/2008 ----- Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference; 3/28/08, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
- SB 0702** **Relating to Prekindergarten Education** Rich  
Prekindergarten Education [SPCC]; Makes mandatory the requirements for increased levels of education for prekindergarten instructors in future years. Requires that by the school year 2010-2011 each prekindergarten class of 11 or more students, in addition to the instructor, shall have at least one instructor who holds an associate's degree or higher in early childhood education or child development, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
1/9/2008 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- HB 0719** **Relating to Court Costs** Ford  
Court Costs: Provides for waiver of specified services costs for indigent persons; deletes provisions providing for enrollment in payment plans, payment of processing charges, determinations of monthly payment amounts,

review of payment plan amounts, & case limitations based upon nonpayment of fees; provides exceptions for imposing state court facilities funding surcharges concurrently for specified purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

3/19/2008 HOUSE Not Considered by Courts

**HB 0731 Relating to Personal Care Attendant Program Gardiner**

Personal Care Attendant Program: Requires Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation to enter into agreement with Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living to administer program to provide personal care attendants to persons who have severe & chronic disabilities; names program "James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Attendant Services Program"; revises eligibility requirements for participation. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

3/25/2008 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Healthcare Council; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays

**HB 0735 Relating to Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemptions Fitzgerald**

Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemptions: Provides additional criteria for determining whether affordable housing property owned by exempt organizations is exempt from ad valorem taxation; specifies criteria & requirements for revoking affordable housing property exemption; subjects organizations owning specified property to ad valorem taxation under specified circumstances; provides for tax liens; provides for penalties & interest; provides notice requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

3/6/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on State Affairs by Government Efficiency & Accountability Council

**HB 0739 Relating to Guardian Advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Ambler**

Guardian Advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities: Provides list of persons from which court must select guardian advocate; provides that guardian advocate need not be represented by attorney; revises requirements for petition seeking appointment of guardian advocate to exclude name of proposed guardian advocate; modifies persons to whom notice of filing of petition must be given to include family members; requires court's order to name guardian advocate & reasons for selection; modifies who may be appointed counsel to person with developmental disabilities; includes office of criminal conflict & civil regional counsel; revises powers & duties of guardian advocate with respect to financial accounting requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

3/5/2008 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Council

**HB 0741 Relating to Prekindergarten Education Long**

Prekindergarten Education: Provides requirements for increased levels of professional education for prekindergarten instructors in future years. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

2/6/2008 HOUSE Referred to Schools & Learning Council; Policy & Budget Council

**HB 0769 Relating to Education for Children in Shelter Care or Foster Care Kelly**

Education for Children in Shelter Care or Foster Care: Provides conditions for court or district school board appointment of surrogate parent for educational decisionmaking for child who has or is suspected of having disability; provides conditions for access to educational records; revises definition relating to homeless child; provides access to free public education for certain children in foster care. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

3/18/2008 HOUSE Favorable by Healthy Families; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Healthcare Council

**SB 0786 Relating to Homelessness Crist**

Homelessness [SPCC]; Creates the Housing First program to encourage local coalitions for the homeless to adopt the Housing First approach to ending homelessness. Provides a new approach to homelessness by providing housing assistance, case management, and support services after housing is obtained. Creates a 3-year Youth Housing Continuum Pilot Program in Hillsborough County, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$250,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

**SB 0788 Relating to Transportation Disadvantaged/Services Fasano**

Transportation Disadvantaged/Services [EPCC]; Revises the number of members required for a quorum at a meeting of the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Revises responsibilities for the commission and requires the commission to incur expenses for the purchase of advertisements, marketing services, and promotional items. Revises and creates duties and responsibilities for agencies that purchase transportation services for the transportation disadvantaged, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/25/2008 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

- SB 0790 Relating to School Safety/Bullying and Harassment** Baker  
 School Safety/Bullying and Harassment [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act" which prohibits bullying or harassment during education programs or activities, on school buses, or through use of data or computer software accessed through computer systems of certain educational institutions. Defines "bullying" as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
 3/20/2008 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice
- SB 0792 Relating to Juvenile Justice** Baker  
 Juvenile Justice [LPCC]; Permits a court to retain jurisdiction over a child and the child's parent or legal guardian whom the court has ordered to pay costs, fees, and costs associated with court-appointed counsel until such costs and fees are satisfied. Permits a child to be taken into custody for violations of pretrial release conditions. Authorizes the circuit court to set reasonable conditions of pretrial release, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 2/21/2008 ----- Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference;  
 02/26/08, 11:00 a.m., 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
- HB 0793 Relating to Transitional Services for Young Adults with Disabilities** Davis  
 Transitional Services for Young Adults with Disabilities: Creates Health Care Transition Services Task Force for Youth & Young Adults with Disabilities within DOH; requires task force to assess need for health care transition services & provide report to Governor & Legislature; creates Don Davis Health & Transition Services Program of Jacksonville; describes participating service providers & services provided; provides appropriation. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
 3/4/2008 HOUSE Favorable with Amendments by Health Quality; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Healthcare Council
- HB 0807 Relating to Guardians ad Litem** Seiler  
 Guardians ad Litem: Permits citizens affiliated with not-for-profit legal aid organizations to be appointed as guardians ad litem; requires not-for-profit legal aid organizations to conduct security background investigations of such persons. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
 3/5/2008 HOUSE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Courts; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Safety & Security Council
- SB 0824 Relating to Employee Free Choice Act** Hill  
 Employee Free Choice Act [EPCC]; Urges the Congress of the United States to enact the Employee Free Choice Act, which contains provisions allowing employees to form unions by signing cards authorizing union representation, establishes stronger penalties for violation of employee rights when workers seek to form a union and during first-contract negotiations, and provides for mediation and arbitration of first-contract disputes, etc.  
 1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Commerce; Governmental Operations
- SB 0832 Relating to Juvenile Justice** Dockery  
 Juvenile Justice [LPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to juvenile justice. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
 3/18/2008 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Criminal Justice
- HB 0839 Relating to Emergency Health Care Providers** Homan  
 Emergency Health Care Providers: Provides that certain emergency health care providers are agents of state for purposes of sovereign immunity when acting pursuant to specified statutory obligations; requires certain indemnity for state from providers. Effective Date: upon becoming a law, and applies to any cause of action accruing on or after that date  
 3/26/2008 HOUSE Temporarily postponed by Safety & Security Council
- HB 0843 Relating to Family Readiness Program** Patronis  
 Family Readiness Program: Expands purpose, eligibility, & annual report provisions of Family Readiness Program within DMA to provide that specified military servicemembers on active duty in Global War on Terrorism & who are federally deployed or participating in state operations for homeland defense are eligible to receive need-based assistance. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
 3/24/2008 HOUSE Now in Government Efficiency & Accountability Council
- SB 0844 Relating to Health Care Providers/Immunity from Civil Damages** Bennett

Health Care Providers/Immunity from Civil Damages [SPCC]; Provides immunity from civil damages to health care providers providing emergency care or medical consultation services to a patient who has an emergency medical condition. Provides immunity unless such damages result from providing, or failing to provide, medical care or treatment under circumstances demonstrating a reckless disregard for the consequences so as to affect the life or health of another, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.

1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Judiciary

**SB 0846 Relating to Medicaid/Psychiatric Disabilities**

Rich

Medicaid/Psychiatric Disabilities [SPCC]; Authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration to contract with a specialty provider service network that exclusively enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries who have psychiatric disabilities. Requires the specialty provider to offer the same physical and behavioral health services that are required from other Medicaid health maintenance organizations and provider service networks, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/27/2008 SENATE Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; On Committee agenda - Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, 04/01/08, 3:30 pm, 412 K

**HB 0847 Relating to Cigarette Tax Revenues**

Traviesa

Cigarette Tax Revenues: Extends period for transfer of portion of cigarette tax revenues monthly to Board of Directors of H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute for constructing, furnishing, & equipping cancer research, treatment, & related facilities; authorizes use of funds to pay bonds or related financial products; revises provisions providing for use of transferred moneys to include cancer research, treatment, & related facilities. Effective Date: upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2008

3/19/2008 ----- Bill to Be Discussed During the Office of the EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference; 3/21/08, 9:00 a.m., 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

**HB 0855 Relating to Funding of Embryonic Stem Cell Research**

Sands

Funding of Embryonic Stem Cell Research: Proposes creation of s. 28, Art. X of State Constitution to provide annual funding for limited period for embryonic stem cell research. Effective Date: Not Specified

2/13/2008 HOUSE Referred to Healthcare Council; Policy & Budget Council

**HB 0859 Relating to Medicaid Managed Care Plans**

Cusack

Medicaid Managed Care Plans: Requires Medicaid managed care plans to continue to offer previously authorized services while prior authorization is processed, pay certain claims, & provide grievance systems. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

2/22/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Health Innovation by Healthcare Council

**SB 0862 Relating to Developmental Disabilities Institutions**

Fasano

Developmental Disabilities Institutions [SPCC]; Requires the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to submit a report containing a detailed plan to the Governor and the Legislature if the agency proposes to close, or reduce by 20 percent or more, the resident population of the Marianna Sunland or the Tacachale developmental disabilities institutions. Requires the Governor to approve or disapprove the plan, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/3/2008 SENATE Reference to Governmental Operations added; Remaining references: Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Now in Governmental Operations

**HB 0879 Relating to Early Learning**

Kelly

Early Learning: Authorizes use of telecommunication methods by early learning coalition boards; transfers requirements for establishment of statewide child care resource & referral network by DCFS to AWI; provides for use of early learning coalitions as child care resource & referral agencies; transfers duties of DCFS with respect to Child Care Executive Partnership Program to AWI & early learning coalitions; revises VPK accreditation standards & background screening requirements; provides requirements for assignment of substitute instructors.

3/14/2008 HOUSE Now in Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

**HB 0883 Relating to Public Employees' Charitable Campaigns**

Skidmore

Public Employees' Charitable Campaigns: Creates Public Employees' Charitable Campaign for local public employers other than state or federal employees; authorizes public employer to conduct charitable campaign as sole fundraising drive conducted during work hours; provides for workplace campaign activities & employee payroll deductions; requires all campaign contributions to be voluntary; provides for employee withdrawal from campaign; provides criteria & conditions for participating charitable organizations; provides for selection of fiscal agent; authorizes specified percentage of gross receipts to be withheld to pay costs of public employer &

fiscal agent; provides for distribution of contributions. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
2/18/2008 HOUSE Referred to Government Efficiency & Accountability Council; Policy & Budget Council

- SB 0884** **Relating to Obsolete/Outdated Agency Plans/Reports/Programs** Haridopolos  
Obsolete/Outdated Agency Plans/Reports/Programs [RPCC]; Amends, deletes, and repeals obsolete or outdated agency plans, reports, and programs, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Governmental Operations; Community Affairs; Judiciary; Finance and Tax; General Government Appropriations
- SB 0886** **Relating to Toxic Substances in Children's Products** Justice  
Toxic Substances in Children's Products [EPCC] ; Prohibits a person from using or applying a toxic substance in or on any toy or child care article in this state. Prohibits a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, or distributing a toy or child care article that contains a toxic substance. Provides that a knowing and intentional violation of the act is a felony of the third degree, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/25/2008 SENATE Reference to Criminal Justice added; Remaining references: Criminal Justice; Judiciary; General Government Appropriations; Now in Criminal Justice
- SB 0888** **Relating to Florida Kidcare Program** Dawson  
Florida Kidcare Program [SPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Florida Kidcare Program. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Rules
- SB 0890** **Relating to Medicaid Reform** Dawson  
Medicaid Reform [SPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to Medicaid reform. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Rules
- SB 0892** **Relating to Medicaid** Dawson  
Medicaid [SPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to Medicaid. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Rules
- SB 0902** **Relating to Health Care** Dawson  
Health Care [SPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to health care. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Rules
- SB 0914** **Relating to Department of Health** Atwater  
Department of Health [SPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Health. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Rules
- SB 0916** **Relating to Health Care** Atwater  
Health Care [SPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to health care. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Rules
- HB 0917** **Relating to Service Animals** Galvano  
Service Animals: Expands "service animal" definition to include any animal being trained or being raised for training at future date to perform tasks for disabled individual; provides that person training or raising animal for service animal training has same rights & privileges to public facility access & same damage liability as disabled person accompanied by service animal; provides that such rights & privileges extend to volunteer who raises puppies for service animal training if certain conditions are met. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/5/2008 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Council
- SB 0974** **Relating to Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week** Rich  
Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week; Recognizes November 10-16, 2008, as "Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Week," etc.



1/4/2008 SENATE Filed

**HB 0981 Relating to Juvenile Justice**

Glorioso

Juvenile Justice: Provides that it is violation of law for juvenile to fail to appear as required before court or judicial officer; revises provisions relating to detention of juvenile for failure to appear; provides for holding child charged with failure to appear in secure detention for specified period; provides exceptions to specified detention time limits; requires that juveniles held pending specified placements or commitments be held in secure detention. Effective Date: October 1, 2008

3/5/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Juvenile Justice by Safety & Security Council

**SB 0988 Relating to Transitional Services/Young Adults/Disabilities**

Wise

Transitional Services/Young Adults/Disabilities [SPCC]; Creates the Health Care Transition Services Task Force for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities within the Department of Health to assess the need for health care transition services for youth with disabilities, develop strategies to ensure a successful transition from the pediatric to the adult health care system, and identify existing and potential funding sources. Creates the Don Davis Health and Transition Services Program, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$650,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/27/2008 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 04/01/08, 3:30 pm, 301 S

**SB 0994 Relating to Employee Leave/Victims of Sexual Violence**

Fasano

Employee Leave/Victims of Sexual Violence [SPCC]; Provides up to 3 working days of leave in any 12-month period to employees who are victims of sexual violence or who have a family or household member who is a victim of sexual violence, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/25/2008 SENATE Favorable by Commerce; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Governmental Operations

**HB 1015 Relating to Child Nutrition**

Zapata

Child Nutrition: Designates act "Florida Child Care and School Nutrition Act"; provides requirements for foods served in child care facilities & school food service programs; provides for exceptions & substitutions in certain circumstances; requires study by DACS & DOE of fiscal impact of establishing statewide Farm-to-School Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

2/28/2008 HOUSE Referred to Schools & Learning Council; Policy & Budget Council

**SB 1020 Relating to Affordable Housing for Veterans**

Geller

Affordable Housing for Veterans; Increases the amount of the documentary tax distributed to the State Housing Trust Fund. Provides that the increased amount is to be used to fund loans to veterans for affordable housing through the Florida Homeownership Assistance Program, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$20,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

**HB 1021 Relating to Prekindergarten Education Pilot Program**

Ausley

Prekindergarten Education Pilot Program: Establishes pilot program to enhance quality of Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; specifies counties & provides requirements for individual participants; provides for voluntary participation by prekindergarten providers; provides duties of Early Learning Coalition of Big Bend Region & community colleges; authorizes application for funding. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

3/25/2008 HOUSE Favorable by Policy & Budget Council; 26 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on second reading

**HB 1029 Relating to Protection of Minors Online**

Kravitz

Protection of Minors Online: Requires Internet access providers to make available product or service enabling subscriber to regulate minor's Internet access; requires interactive computer services to preserve records & evidence upon request of law enforcement agencies investigating specified crimes; provides for search warrant compliance by such services & compliance without legal process in investigations of certain offenses involving minor victims & immediate danger; requires services to report possible child pornography violations; provides that it is not defense to certain crimes that alleged minor victim was law enforcement officer posing as minor victim; requires FDLE to make certain electronic information from sexual predators & offenders available to certain entities; provides that interactive computers services are not liable for specified actions based on good faith belief that user is listed in sex offender registry; provides for lifetime supervision of Internet activities of specified sexual offenders whose offenses involved minor victims; provides for release from such supervision; provides for punishment of violations; provides requirement for Internet safety instruction for students & related duties for DOE. Effective Date: October 1, 2008

3/26/2008 HOUSE Not considered by Safety & Security Council

- SB 1044** **Relating to Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect Reporting** Children, Families, and Elder Affairs  
Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect Reporting [SPCC]; Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to annually report to the Legislature information concerning reports, investigations, and prosecutions involving child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, investigations and fines imposed for false reports, and reports resulting in prosecution, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice
- SB 1048** **Relating to Child Protection** Children, Families, and Elder Affairs  
Child Protection [SPCC]; Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to adopt rules providing for locating and recovering missing children who are involved with the DCFS. Requires a criminal history check of persons being considered for placement of a child to include a search of the DCFS's automated abuse information system. Provides certain exceptions to the requirements that a child protective investigation be closed within 60 days, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.  
3/20/2008 SENATE Committee Substitute (C2) Filed; Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 1052** **Relating to Individual Rights** Villalobos  
Individual Rights [LPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to enact laws relating to the rights of individuals. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
1/24/2008 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Rules
- SB 1090** **Relating to OGSR/Florida Kidcare Program** Health Policy  
OGSR/Florida Kidcare Program [SPCC]; Revises and readopts an exemption from the public records requirements for information identifying a Florida Kidcare program applicant or enrollee held by the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, or the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.  
3/6/2008 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Governmental Operations
- SB 1092** **Relating to Alzheimer's Disease/Medicaid Waiver Program** Health Policy  
Alzheimer's Disease/Medicaid Waiver Program [SPCC]; Extends the authority to continue the Alzheimer's Disease Medicaid home and community-based-services waiver program until the close of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature. Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to conduct an evaluation of comparable Medicaid home and community-based-services waiver programs to determine their comparative cost effectiveness, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
3/27/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Health and Human Services Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on second reading; Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/02/08
- SB 1104** **Relating to Alcohol Abuse/Expectant Mothers** Bennett  
Alcohol Abuse/Expectant Mothers [SPCC] ; Directs the DOH to develop a public education program to provide information regarding fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. Directs DOH in conjunction with DCFS to develop and maintain a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention Network. Provides for voluntary and involuntary admission of an expectant mother for alcohol abuse treatment services. Specifies who may request emergency admission, petition the court for involuntary assessment, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$17,663,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.  
2/7/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 1124** **Relating to Summary Guardianship/Persons with Mental Illness** Aronberg  
Summary Guardianship/Persons with Mental Illness [SPCC]; Provides that a circuit court may appoint a summary guardian, without an adjudication of incapacity, for a person with mental illness if the person lacks the capacity to do some, but not all, of the tasks necessary to care for his or her person, property, or estate or if the person has voluntarily petitioned for the appointment of a summary guardian. Provides for a petition, notice, hearing, & counsel for appointing a summary guardian, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/7/2008 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- HB 1139** **Relating to Discipline of Students with Disabilities** Bucher  
Discipline of Students with Disabilities: Requires training of school personnel in procedures for safely restraining students with disabilities in case of emergency; prohibits restraint except in specified circumstances;

authorizes time-out in certain circumstances; prohibits forced seclusion of students; requires preparation, submission, & review of incident reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/2/2008 HOUSE Referred to Schools & Learning Council

**SB 1158** **Relating to Agency for Persons with Disabilities** Storms  
Agency for Persons with Disabilities [SPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
2/7/2008 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Rules

**HB 1175** **Relating to Transportation Disadvantaged Services** Robaina  
Transportation Disadvantaged Services: Revises requirement for quorum of Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; revises duties of commission relating to coordination of transportation services, trip purchases, use of alternative providers, reports on expenditures, rulemaking, & quality assurance & management review program; authorizes commission to incur expenses for purchase of advertisements, marketing, & promotional items; provides duties & responsibilities for purchasing agencies; revises functions of metropolitan planning organization or designated official planning agency in coordinating transportation services; revises requirements for report on funds; revises duties of community transportation coordinators, coordinating boards, school boards, & local transit systems; revises provisions for use of funds in Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund; removes limitation on application of specified provisions to Medicaid agency. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/13/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Health Innovation by Healthcare Council

**HB 1197** **Relating to Lead Poisoning Prevention** Cusack  
Lead Poisoning Prevention: Creates Florida Lead-based Paint Reduction Program within DOH; requires certification of individuals & firms performing lead-reduction activities; requires DOH to develop course accreditation & certification standards & requirements & to establish criteria & fee schedule for examinations & certification; provides for such fees to be deposited into Lead Poisoning Prevention Trust Fund; requires person to provide notification of lead-based paint abatement activities to DOH; requires DOH to prepare fact sheet on abatement for distribution to consumers. Effective Date: July 1, 2008, if HB 1199 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law  
3/6/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Health Quality by Healthcare Council

**SB 1200** **Relating to Alzheimer's Disease** Wise  
Alzheimer's Disease [SPCC]; Directs the Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) to develop and implement a public education program relating to screening for memory impairment and the importance of early diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Provides criteria for awarding grants to entities to support the development, expansion, or operation of programs, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/7/2008 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations

**SB 1202** **Relating to Parking Spaces/Disabled Persons** Wise  
Parking Spaces/Disabled Persons [RPCC]; Provides for reservation of accessible parking spaces for persons who require extra space to exit from or enter a motor vehicle. Requires signage and specific markings, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.  
2/7/2008 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; General Government Appropriations

**HB 1229** **Relating to State Economic Development Incentives for the Recreational Marine Industry** Skidmore  
State Economic Development Incentives for the Recreational Marine Industry: Creates Recreational Marine Business Retention Program within EFI; provides goals for program, including recruiting new & supporting existing marine businesses in state & promoting state's recreational marine industry through various venues; requires EFI, with DEP, to submit report to Legislature regarding effect of expedited permitting process on program goals; requires EFI to work with OTTED to provide additional tax incentives for recreational marine industry. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/10/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Economic Development by Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council

**HB 1235** **Relating to Local Government Funding for Elderly Services** Poppell  
Local Government Funding for Elderly Services: Creates Local Elderly Services Act; provides responsibilities of & requirements for DEA for use of certain public revenues as local matching funds & for uses of federal

reimbursements received as result of certification of local matching funds; provides for agreements between DEA, local area agencies on aging, & local private entities; requires DEA & local area agencies on aging to cooperate in modifying state plans & in seeking & implementing any necessary federal waivers; provides for administrative costs; requires annual reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/13/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Healthy Seniors by Healthcare Council

**HB 1275** **Relating to Florida Kidcare Program** Ausley  
Florida Kidcare Program: Expands application of Florida Kidcare program to include all uninsured, low-income children; increases age for eligibility for coverage under program; specifies sources of financing; revises eligibility criteria; expands eligibility for state-funded assistance in paying Florida Healthy Kids premiums; revises duties & responsibilities of Florida Healthy Kids Corporation. Effective Date: July 1, 2008  
3/13/2008 HOUSE Referred to Committee on Healthy Families by Healthcare Council

**SB 1280** **Relating to Criminal Conduct/Child Abuse and Neglect** Aronberg  
Criminal Conduct/Child Abuse and Neglect [SPCC]; Defines "mental injury." Exempts acts protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution or s. 4, Art. I of the State Constitution from prohibitions on child abuse, aggravated child abuse, and neglect. Redefines the term "crime" for purposes of crime victims compensation to include felonies or misdemeanors committed by an adult or juvenile which result in psychiatric or psychological injury to a person of less than 18 years of age, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/14/2008 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice

**HB 1291** **Relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder** Porth  
Autism Spectrum Disorder: Includes autism spectrum disorder within training requirements for personnel of child care facilities; requires health insurance plans to provide coverage for screening, diagnosis, intervention, & treatment of autism spectrum disorder in children; requires treatment plan; prohibits insurers from denying or refusing coverage or refusing to renew or reissue or terminate coverage based on diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder; provides coverage limitations; provides treatment plan requirements; limits frequency of requests for updating treatment plan; provides maximum benefits limitation; requires public institutions of higher education to incorporate into educator certificate course curricula recommendations of Commissioner of Education relating to autism awareness & teaching students who have autism spectrum disorder; requires commissioner to develop recommendations for instruction & course curricula relating to autism spectrum disorder & requires commissioner to submit such recommendations to SBE & BOG; requires DOH, in conjunction with DOE, DCFS, AHCA, & APD to establish statewide system of early autism spectrum disorder intervention services for infants & toddlers; requires DOH to establish Internet website for disseminating information. Effective Date: January 1, 2009, and applies to health insurance policies or plans issued, renewed, entered into, or delivered on or after that date  
3/18/2008 HOUSE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Health Innovation; 4 Yeas, 3 Nays

**SB 1336** **Relating to Juvenile Proceedings/Use of Restraints** Siplin  
Juvenile Proceedings/Use of Restraints [LPCC]; Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to adopt rules governing the procedures that may be used to restrain a child upon his or her arrival at the courthouse. Prohibits the use of restraints such as handcuffs, chains, irons, or straitjackets. Provides exemptions if the child is likely to attempt to escape during a transfer or a hearing, if the child is charged with a capital offense, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary

**SB 1344** **Relating to Health Care for Children** Siplin  
Health Care for Children [SPCC]; Creates the Universal Health Access Plan for Children to be administered by the Department of Health. Establishes a single, publicly funded statewide program to provide comprehensive health care services for all medically necessary health services for all children of the state without cost to the child or his or her family, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations

**SB 1352** **Relating to Agency for Early Learning** Rich  
Agency for Early Learning [SPCC]; Creates the Agency for Early Learning to administer the state's school readiness system, the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, and child care facility licensing. Provides for type two transfer of the Office of Early Learning in the Agency for Workforce Innovation, the Office of Early Learning in the Department of Education, child care facility licensing responsibilities of the Department of Children and Family Services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Operations; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Education Pre-K - 12

Appropriations

- SB 1362** **Relating to Affordable Housing Preservation** Fasano  
Affordable Housing Preservation [RPCC]; Creates the Florida Housing Preservation Program. Directs the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to use state funds for loans and financing to preserve and rehabilitate affordable multifamily rental housing properties that are 15 years old or older, and mobile home parks, for low-income, very-low-income, and extremely-low-income persons and families, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$50,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- SB 1404** **Relating to Child Care/Early Learning Programs/Pre-K Education** Rich  
Child Care/Early Learning Programs/Pre-K Education [SPCC]; Creates Florida's Sunshine State Stars Quality Rating System within the Agency for Workforce Innovation to provide a voluntary, statewide standard rating system for licensed early learning programs, child care facilities, and facilities participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. Provides a 5 tier rating system to communicate the level of quality to parents, consumers, and the participating early learning programs, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Commerce; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- SB 1410** **Relating to Physician & Dental Services/Medicaid Reimbursement** Deutch  
Physician & Dental Services/Medicaid Reimbursement [SPCC]; Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide reimbursement for Medicaid providers of physician and dental services based on certain levels and rates. Requires that the reimbursement level for physician and dental services provided to children younger than 21 years of age be at least the level provided by federal law for physician reimbursement under Medicare, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- HB 1445** **Relating to City of Tallahassee, Leon County** Ausley  
City of Tallahassee, Leon County: Authorizes Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco of DBPR to issue temporary permits to nonprofit civic organizations for sale of alcohol for consumption on premises at outdoor events on public right-of-way in downtown Tallahassee, subject to statutory requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
3/12/2008 HOUSE Favorable by Urban & Local Affairs; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Government Efficiency & Accountability Council
- HB 1457** **Relating to Florida Kidcare Program** Garcia (R)  
Florida Kidcare Program: Requires AHCA to assign family members to same managed care plan or MediPass provider; revises provisions relating to funding for increased enrollment in Florida Kidcare program; provides for continuation of Florida Kidcare program eligibility; revises time limit for eligibility of children whose coverage was voluntarily canceled; requires notice to health plans & providers when child is no longer eligible for certain coverage; provides for electronic transmission of certain eligibility information; requires DCFS to develop standardized Florida Kidcare program eligibility application form by specified date; revises timeframe for redetermination or reverification of eligibility; requires DCFS, in consultation with Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, to design plan for nonduplicative application process for coverage. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
3/27/2008 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Council
- SB 1458** **Relating to School Breakfast Programs** Wise  
School Breakfast Programs [SPCC]; Requires the expansion of school district breakfast programs to middle and high schools by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. Provides that universal free school breakfasts be available to schools in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Requires that information be communicated to students and parents through school announcements and written notices, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 04/01/08, 3:30 pm, 110 S
- SB 1472** **Relating to Emergency Preparedness** Dean  
Emergency Preparedness [LPCC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to emergency preparedness. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Community Affairs; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Rules

- [SB 1486](#)** **Relating to State Tortoise** Saunders (B)  
State Tortoise [RPCC]; Designates the Gopher Tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) as the official state tortoise, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/7/2008 SENATE Now in Governmental Operations
- [SB 1490](#)** **Relating to Property Tax Exemption/Affordable Housing** Bennett  
Property Tax Exemptions/Affordable Housing [RPCC]; Provides additional criteria for determining whether property owned by an exempt organization qualified as charitable under the Internal Revenue Code is entitled to charitable affordable housing property tax exemptions. Provides that property is used for a charitable purpose if the organization has taken affirmative steps to prepare the property to provide affordable housing to persons or families, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
3/27/2008 SENATE Favorable with CS by Community Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
- [SB 1496](#)** **Relating to Service Animals for Individuals with Disabilities** Bennett  
Service Animals for Individuals with Disabilities [RPCC]; Redefines the term "individual with a disability." Provides that any person, including a volunteer, who is raising a puppy for the purpose of future training as a service animal has the same rights and privileges with respect to access to public facilities and the same liability for damage as is provided for persons accompanied by service animals if certain conditions are met, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/14/2008 SENATE Committee Substitute (C1) Filed; Now in Governmental Operations
- [SB 1508](#)** **Relating to Medicaid Managed Care Programs** Saunders (B)  
Medicaid Managed Care Programs [SPCC]; Revises criteria that the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) is required to consider when assigning a Medicaid recipient to a managed care plan or MediPass provider. Requires the AHCA to consider a managed care plan's performance and compliance with network adequacy requirements and whether it has sufficient network capacity to meet the urgent, emergency, acute, and chronic needs of its members, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE Now in Health Regulation
- [SB 1532](#)** **Relating to Embryonic Stem Cell Research** Geller  
Embryonic Stem Cell Research [SPCC]; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to appropriate \$20 million annually for 10 fiscal years for grants by the Department of Health to Florida nonprofit institutions to conduct embryonic stem cell research using, or using derivatives of, human embryos that, before or after formation, have been donated to medicine under donor instructions forbidding intrauterine embryo transfer, etc.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Commerce; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Rules
- [SB 1558](#)** **Relating to Official State Song** Hill  
Official State Song [RPCC]; Designates the song "Where the Sawgrass Meets the Sky," music and lyrics written by Jan Hinton, as the official song of the State of Florida, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/14/2008 SENATE Now in Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- [SB 1568](#)** **Relating to Contributions to Relieve Homelessness** Lynn  
Contributions to Relieve Homelessness [EPCC]; Requires the motor vehicle registration form and renewal form, and the driver license application form, the renewal issuance, and renewal extension to include an option for a voluntary contribution of \$1.00 to aid the homeless, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- [SB 1570](#)** **Relating to Medicaid Managed Care Pilot Program** Lynn  
Medicaid Managed Care Pilot Program [SPCC]; Provides exceptions to mandatory enrollment in the Medicaid managed care pilot program and provides for expiration of such exceptions. Imposes upon the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) certain additional powers, duties, and responsibilities with respect to the pilot program. Requires that the AHCA provide Medicaid recipients with certain information, such as, plan standards for granting services in excess of the plan's service caps, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/20/2008 SENATE Now in Health Regulation
- [SB 1576](#)** **Relating to Public Employees' Charitable Campaigns** Storms

Public Employees' Charitable Campaigns [RPCC]; Creates the Public Employees' Charitable Campaign for local public employers other than state or federal employees. Authorizes a public employer to conduct a charitable campaign as the sole fundraising drive conducted during work hours, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

2/21/2008 SENATE Referred to Governmental Operations; Community Affairs; General Government Appropriations

**SB 1582** **Relating to Guardians Ad Litem** Joyner  
Guardians Ad Litem [SPCC]; Authorizes a citizen affiliated with a not-for-profit legal aid organization to serve as a guardian ad litem. Requires that such an individual undergo background screening, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/26/2008 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

**SB 1608** **Relating to Home Care Consumer and Worker Act** Alexander  
Home Care Consumer and Worker Act [SPCC]; Requires each organization licensed under nurse registries provisions or registered under provisions for companion services or homemaker services and that provides skilled or unskilled care, and which provides home care services, to provide a consumer with a notice regarding the responsibilities, obligations, and legal liabilities of the organization to the home care services worker and to the consumer, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/27/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Commerce; Health and Human Services Appropriations

**SB 1670** **Relating to Early Learning** Gaetz  
Early Learning [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Success in Early Learning Act." Authorizes the use of telecommunication methods in conducting early learning coalition board meetings. Provides additional criminal offenses for screening child care personnel. Requires the DOE to assist school districts, charter schools, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and certain private schools and providers in developing policies and procedures, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/26/2008 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

**SB 1704** **Relating to Surrendered Newborn Infants/Safe Haven Protection** Storms  
Surrendered Newborn Infants/Safe Haven Protection [SPCC] ; Provides that a parent who surrenders a newborn infant in accordance with statutory provisions is presumed to have consented to termination of parental rights, and express consent is not required. Provides that a licensed child-placing agency may not attempt to search for and notify the parent as required by law. Redefines the term "newborn infant" to raise the age at which an infant may be left anonymously from 3 to 7 days old, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE Now in Judiciary

**SB 1708** **Relating to Child Nutrition** Margolis  
Child Nutrition[SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Florida Healthier Child Care and School Nutrition Act." Provides requirements for foods served in child care facilities and school food service programs. Requires a school district's health education curriculum to include nutrition education. Requires a study by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Department of Education of the fiscal impact of establishing a statewide Farm-to-School Program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/27/2008 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health Policy; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

**SB 1712** **Relating to Ethics in Education Act** Education Pre-K - 12  
Ethics in Education Act [SPCC]; Specifies certain additional offenses that constitute a breach of the public trust. Requires the Department of Education to assist school districts, charter schools, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and certain private schools and providers in developing policies and procedures governing educator ethics and employment. Requires each district school board to adopt ethical standards for all employees, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$153,872. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)

**SB 1852** **Relating to Medicaid Providers/Reimbursement** Peaden, Jr.  
Medicaid Providers/Reimbursement [FPCC]; Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to limit the reimbursement rate for certain specified providers notwithstanding certain provisions and rules to the contrary. Provides that the limitations apply to prepaid health plans and nursing home diversion programs. Provides for application, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
3/6/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 27 Yeas / 13 Nays); Immediately Certified; Requested House to concur, or failing to concur, appoint conference committee; In House

messages; Received, referred to Calendar; Read Second Time; Amendment(s) Adopted (430129); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 116 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately Certified; Requested Senate to concur, or failing to concur, appoint conference committee; In Senate messages

- SB 1954** **Relating to Developmental Disabilities** Rich  
Developmental Disabilities [SPCC]; Revises the term "developmental disabilities institution" to be known as a "developmental disabilities center." Revises provisions regarding background screening of direct service providers. Provides additional grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking a license, or imposing a fine against a provider serving clients of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/26/2008 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
- SB 2014** **Relating to Affordable Senior Housing** Deutch  
Affordable Senior Housing [RPCC]; Authorizes local governments to include affordable senior housing element in comprehensive plans; specifies element requirements. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/27/2008 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- SB 2032** **Relating to Florida Kidcare Program/Medikids** Fasano  
Florida Kidcare Program/Medikids [SPCC]; Requires the AHCA to assign a Medikids applicant to the same or related managed care plan or same MediPass provider to which other family members are assigned. Requires the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation and the AHCA to establish an assignment process that keeps family members assigned to the same or related plan, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
2/27/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2154** **Relating to Juvenile Justice** Criminal Justice  
Juvenile Justice [LPCC]; Provides that confidential information obtained during an official's service with juvenile delinquents may be shared with authorized personnel of the DCFS. Repeals provisions relating to the early delinquency intervention program. Removes references related to the condition of participation in an early delinquency intervention program when the court considers where to commit a delinquent, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/18/2008 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Criminal Justice
- SB 2188** **Relating to Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services Integration** Bennett  
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services Integration [SPCC]; Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish a pilot program in Manatee County, beginning July 1, 2008, which integrates services provided in an adult mental health crisis stabilization unit with services provided in an addictions receiving facility. Requires licensure and provides eligibility criteria for services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
3/12/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health Policy; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Withdrawn from further consideration
- SB 2192** **Relating to Foster Care/Independent Living Transition Services** Storms  
Foster Care/Independent Living Transition Services [SPCC]; Authorizes group home provider agencies and residential agencies to prepare and implement developmental plans for children in their care. Requires the Independent Living Services Advisory Council to research and advise the Department of Children and Family Services and the Legislature on specific methods to reduce the number of youth in foster care who attain the age of 18 and do not acquire a high school diploma or its equivalent, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE Now in Education Pre-K - 12
- SB 2216** **Relating to Adult Protection and Care/DCFS** Storms  
Adult Protection and Care/DCFS [SPCC]; Authorizes the DCFS to obtain copies of driver's license files maintained by the DHSMV for the purpose of conducting protective investigations. Requires a search of the FDLE's sexual offender database to be conducted on all nursing home residents. Requires contracted workers employed in a nursing home to submit to background screening. Requires the AHCA to establish a fee schedule to cover the cost of a level 1 or level 2 screening, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.  
3/27/2008 SENATE Favorable with CS by Health and Human Services Appropriations; 3 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/02/08 - If received
- SB 2428** **Relating to Services for the Elderly** Haridopolos



Services for the Elderly [SPCC]; Creates the "Elderly Local Services Act." Designates the Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) as the lead agency for designing and establishing mechanisms that maximize the use of certified local match moneys to help fund programs that serve the elderly at the local level, and as the lead entity for drawing down federal matching dollars from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/27/2008 SENATE Now in Health Policy

**SB 2456 Relating to Florida Lead-based Paint Reduction Program Act** Joyner

Florida Lead-based Paint Reduction Program Act [SPCC]; Creates the Florida Lead-based Paint Reduction Program within the Department of Health (DOH). Requires certification of individuals and firms performing lead-reduction activities. Requires the DOH to develop course accreditation and certification standards and requirements. Requires a person to provide notification of lead-based paint abatement activities to the DOH, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent.

3/27/2008 SENATE Now in Environmental Preservation and Conservation

**SB 2472 Relating to Florida Kidcare Program** Rich

Florida Kidcare Program [SPCC]; Expands application of the Florida Kidcare program to include all uninsured, low-income children. Revises provisions relating to enrollment in such program. Removes a restriction on participation in the Florida Healthy Kids program. Revises age and income limitations for Title XXI-funded Florida Kidcare coverage. Requires notice to health plans and providers when a child is no longer eligible for certain coverage, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/13/2008 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Banking and Insurance; Health and Human Services Appropriations

**SB 2534 Relating to Health Insurance** Peaden, Jr.

Health Insurance [EPCC]; Revises the eligibility requirements for participation in the Medikids program or the Florida Healthy Kids program. Creates the Cover Florida Health Care Access Program. Requires the development of guidelines to meet minimum standards for quality care and access to care. Requires insurance policies that provide dependent coverage to provide the policyholder with the option of insuring a child until the age of 30 under certain circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

3/21/2008 SENATE Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations

**SB 2574 Relating to Pub. Rec./Victim of Sexual Violence** Fasano

Pub. Rec./Victim of Sexual Violence [SPCC]; Expands an exemption from public records requirements for certain records and time sheets submitted to an agency to include those submitted by an employee who is a victim of sexual violence. Extends future legislative review and repeal. Revises a statement of public necessity to conform, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent.

3/27/2008 SENATE Now in Commerce; On Committee agenda - Commerce, 04/01/08, 9:30 am, 401 S

**SB 2606 Relating to Prekindergarten Education Pilot Program** Dean

Prekindergarten Education Pilot Program [SPCC]; Establishes the pilot program to enhance the quality of the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. Specifies counties and provides requirements for individual participants. Provides for voluntary participation by prekindergarten providers. Provides duties of the Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region and community colleges. Authorizes the coalition to apply for and secure grants and funding, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

3/20/2008 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Commerce; Finance and Tax; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

**SB 2654 Relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder** Geller

Autism Spectrum Disorder [EPCC]; Cites this act as the "Window of Opportunity Act." Requires health insurance plans to provide coverage for screening, diagnosis, intervention, and treatment of autism spectrum disorder in certain children. Prohibits an insurer from denying or refusing coverage or refusing to renew or reissue or terminate coverage based on a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2009.

3/27/2008 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 04/01/08, 3:30 pm, 301 S

**SB 7000 Relating to OGSR/Florida Kidcare/Florida Healthy Kids Corp.** Health Policy

OGSR/Florida Kidcare/Florida Healthy Kids Corp.; Amends a provision relating to a public-records exemption for certain records pertaining to the Florida Kidcare program. Provides for the release of certain information to the parent or legal guardian of an enrollee. Saves the exemption from repeal under the OGSR Act. Deletes provisions providing for the repeal of the exemption. Repeals a provision relating to a public-records exemption

for the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.  
1/11/2008 SENATE Committee Bill filed as SB 1090

**SB 7002** **Relating to Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect Reporting** Children, Families, and Elder Affairs  
Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect Reporting; Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to annually report to the Legislature information concerning reports, investigations, and prosecutions involving child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, investigations and fines imposed for false reports, and reports resulting in prosecution, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
1/10/2008 SENATE Committee Bill filed as SB 1044

**SB 7008** **Relating to Child Welfare** Children, Families, and Elder Affairs  
Child Welfare; Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to adopt rules providing for locating and recovering missing children who are involved with the DCFS. Requires that the DCFS, the community-based care provider, or the sheriff's office file a report following a determination that a child involved with the DCFS is missing, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
1/10/2008 SENATE Committee Bill filed as SB 1048

**SB 7010** **Relating to Medicaid Waiver Program/Alzheimer's Patients** Health Policy  
Medicaid Waiver Program/Alzheimer's Patients; Extends the authority to continue the waiver program. Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a comparative study of Medicaid home and community-based-services waiver programs. Requires that the findings and recommendations be submitted to the Legislature by February 1, 2010, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.  
1/11/2008 SENATE Committee Bill filed as SB 1092

**HB 7047** **Relating to Medicaid Waiver Program for Patients Who Have Alzheimer's Disease** Healthcare Council  
Medicaid Waiver Program for Patients Who Have Alzheimer's Disease: Extends authority to continue Alzheimer's disease Medicaid home & community-based services waiver program until close of 2010 Regular Session of Legislature; requires OPPAGA to conduct evaluation of comparable Medicaid home & community-based services waiver programs to determine their comparative cost-effectiveness. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
3/25/2008 HOUSE Favorable by Policy & Budget Council; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays; Placed on Calendar, on second reading

**SB 7050** **Relating to Juvenile Justice** Criminal Justice  
Juvenile Justice; Provides that confidential information obtained during an official's service with juvenile delinquents may be shared with authorized personnel of the Department of Children and Family Services. Transfers the responsibility for the juvenile justice training program from the Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission to the Department of Juvenile Justice, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.  
2/20/2008 SENATE Submitted as Committee Bill by Criminal Justice; Committee Bill filed as S 2154

**HB 8001** **Relating to Equal Rights for Men and Women** Planas  
Equal Rights for Men and Women: Ratifies proposed amendment to U.S. Constitution relating to equal rights for men & women. Effective Date: Not Specified  
2/14/2008 HOUSE Referred to Government Efficiency & Accountability Council; Policy & Budget Council