

Legislative Link

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BUDGETS TAKE CENTER STAGE

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This week the House passed its \$48.5 billion proposed 2002-2003 state budget (HB 1943) by an 80-34 vote. The Senate is expected to take up its \$48.8 billion proposal (SB 2500) on March 13. After both budgets are passed out of their respective chambers, a conference committee is usually immediately appointed to work out the differences between them. However, it is questionable when the House and Senate will be ready to develop a compromise budget. A major issue that remains is the opposition of the Governor and House to the Senate's proposal for a one-year elimination of some tax exemptions to provide additional dollars for education. Additionally, reapportionment and significant budget issues that are not reflected in the "mere" \$251 million difference between the House and Senate Health and Human Services budgets persist.

Meanwhile, as this *Legislative Link* went to press, the Revenue Estimating Conference was meeting to calculate how much money the state will collect next fiscal year. The total projected by the Conference will form the basis for the final budget that is passed by the Legislature. Rumors are that the Conference will estimate that the state will collect between \$400 and \$600 million more next year than originally projected. If true, this will significantly reduce the pressure felt by many Senators to support the current Senate proposal to eliminate the sales tax exemptions, and may pave the way for some constructive dialogue and progress in resolving some of the larger budget issues.

It is unclear when the Conference process will begin. However, given the significant differences between the two chambers on tax reform, reapportionment, and budget, it is questionable as to whether the session will end on March 22 as scheduled.

Copies of the draft House and Senate Budgets can be accessed on the internet at the following addresses:

House:

www.leg.state.fl.us/data/session/2002/house/appbills/pdf/h1943e1.pdf

Senate:

www.leg.state.fl.us/data/session/2002/senate/appbills/pdf/s2500.pdf

2002 BILL BRIEFS

TO OBTAIN A COPY OF A BILL, STAFF ANALYSIS, LEGISLATIVE CALENDARS
OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION:

House Bills: House Documents, Rm. 325, Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399 ♦ 850/488-7475

Senate Bills: Senate Bill Rm. 303, Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399 ♦ 850/487-5285

Website Address: <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/>

HOUSE BILLS

- [HB 3](#) Sponsor: [Mayfield](#)
License Plate/Florida Boater Plate - Relating to directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Florida Boater license plate; provides for the deposit of the license plate use fee in the General Revenue Fund.
10-12-01 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 9](#) Sponsor: [Slosberg](#)
Cellular Telephone/Motor Vehicle Operation - Relating to prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while using a cellular telephone unless the operator uses a headset or a hands-free cellular telephone device.
02-05-02 H Withdrawn from Further Consideration
- [HB 13](#) Sponsor: [Fasano](#)
Intangible Personal Property Tax - Relating to reducing the rate of the annual intangible personal property tax from 1 mill to .5 mill.
01-18-02 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 21](#) Sponsor: [Slosberg](#)
Red Light Safety Act of 2002 - Relating to defining the term "traffic infraction detector"; creates a pilot project to enable counties to provide for use of such traffic infraction detectors.
01-31-02 H Withdrawn from Further Consideration
- [HB 25](#) Sponsor: [Wishner](#)
Florida Golf License Plate - Relating to directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Florida Golf license plate and provides for the distribution of annual use fees.
11-30-01 H Similar to - see SB 624
- [HB 27](#) Sponsor: [Harper](#)
Sentencing of Juveniles - Relating to authorizing the court to impose a combination of juvenile and adult sanctions against a juvenile who commits a criminal offense.
10-25-01 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 31](#) Sponsor: [Maygarden](#)
FL Healthy Kids Funding - Relating to eliminating provisions re local govt. matching fund req. under the FL Healthy Kids Program; provides for use of voluntary local contributions for obtaining federal matching funds for the program.
01-25-02 H Comparable to - see HB 1137

- [HB 33](#) Sponsor: [Allen, B](#)
Child Safety Booster Seat Act of 2002 - Relating to creating the "Child Safety Booster Seat Act of 2002" to revise requirements with respect to the use of child restraint devices.
11-27-01 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 43](#) Sponsor: [Crow](#)
Autism Spectrum Disorder/Health Insurance - Relating to requiring a health insurer or health maintenance organization include coverage for autism spectrum disorder as part of the major medical expense coverage.
01-10-02 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 51](#) Sponsor: [Farkas](#)
Dianne Steele Mental Illness Ins. Parity Act - Relating to creating the "Dianne Steele Mental Illness Insurance Parity Act"; requires insurers provide coverage for serious mental illness & requires benefits be the same as for physical illness.
10-31-01 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 75](#) Sponsor: [Slosberg](#)
Dori Slosberg Act of 2002 - Relating to creating the "Dori Slosberg Act of 2002"; eliminates the requirement that the law be enforced as a secondary action when the driver has been detained for another violation.
02-07-02 H Reported unfavorably from committee on H-TRANSPORTATION
- [HB 77](#) Sponsor: [Rich](#)
Report of Violence - Relating to adding animal control officers & other agents appointed to the list of those who must report known or suspected child abuse, abandonment or neglect.
12-04-01 H Reported unfavorably from committee on H-AG CONSU
- [HB 79](#) Sponsor: [Kravitz](#)
Sexual Offenders/Supervision - Relating to prohibiting certain sexual offenders subject to conditional release supervision from living within a specified distance of certain places where children congregate.
02-08-02 H Avail. for House Calendar, on second reading
- [HB 81](#) Sponsor: [Garcia](#)
Recreational Shark Feeding - Relating to prohibiting recreational shark feeding within the salt waters of the state; prohibits operation of vessel for hire for purpose of transporting passengers to engage in or observe recreational shark feeding.
01-08-02 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 87](#) Sponsor: [Wallace](#)
JR/Limitation on State Appropriations - Relating to a joint resolution proposing amendments to the State Constitution re a limitation on state appropriations.
03-07-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar
- [HB 89](#) Sponsor: [Wallace](#)
JR/Limitations for Taxes - Proposing a joint resolution to the State Constitution which limits legislative power to impose or increase taxes, fees, penalties, and fines.
03-07-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar
- [HB 95](#) Sponsor: [Trovillion](#)

Obscenity/Public Libraries - Relating to requiring public libraries that provide on-line computer access to persons under 18 years of age install or make available software or other technology that prohibits access to obscene materials.

03-07-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar

[HB 97](#) Sponsor: [Kilmer](#)

Sales Tax Exemption Period - Relating to exempting clothing, wallets and bags selling for \$100 or less from sales tax during the period of July 27 through August 4, 2002; certain restrictions apply.

03-07-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar

[HB 99](#) Sponsor: [Richardson](#)

Public School Surtax - Relating to authorizing school districts to levy a discretionary public school sales surtax of up to 0.5 percent by resolution approved at a referendum; use of proceeds at discretion of school district.

09-14-01 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration

[HB 113](#) Sponsor: [Crow](#)

Treated Wood - Relating to prohibiting the use of wood products treated with chromated copper arsenate in publicly funded playground equipment, and associated groundcovers, constructed or contracted for on or after October 1, 2002.

11-28-01 H Reported unfavorably from committee on H-AG CONSU

[HB 117](#) Sponsor: [Harrell](#)

Taxation/Physical Fitness Facilities - Relating to the exempting of tax on admissions dues and fees paid to private physical fitness facilities; present law exempts only such facilities operated by hospitals.

12-20-01 H Reported favorably from committee on H-BUS REGU

[HB 119](#) Sponsor: [Andrews](#)

Homicide/Unborn Quick Child - Relating to homicide of an unborn quick child; including the death of unborn quick child under DUI manslaughter; making the killing of unborn quick child rather than killing of a viable fetus a "vehicular homicide".

01-31-02 H Withdrawn from Further Consideration

[HB 125](#) Sponsor: [Gannon](#)

Emergency Treatment/Rape Survivors - Relating to specifying requirements for emergency treatment of rape survivors, including counseling, oral and written information about emergency contraception and assistance in receiving such contraception.

02-08-02 H Reported from committee as CS H-HLTH REG

[HB 127](#) Sponsor: [Barreiro](#)

Immigrant Children/Federal Programs - Relating to providing for Florida Kidcare program enrollment of legal immigrant children not eligible for Medicaid or state child health insurance funding.

01-18-02 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration

[HB 137](#) Sponsor: [Hogan](#)

Elderly Persons/Disabled Adults - Relating to defining the term "position of trust and confidence" with respect to an elderly person or disabled adult; prescribes civil remedies for theft or certain other offenses against elderly or disabled persons.

02-26-02 H Voted favorably from committee

- [HB 139](#) Sponsor: [McGriff](#)
Laser Pointer/Law Enforcement Officers - Relating to providing that it is a second degree misdemeanor to knowingly & willfully shine the beam of a laser pointer at a law enforcement officer to cause him/her to believe it is a firearm.
02-15-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading
- [HB 141](#) Sponsor: [Greenstein](#)
Transportation Disadvantaged TF - Relating to revising fees for the registration of certain trucks, trailers, and motorcycles and for tag transfers & temporary tags, which fees are to be deposited into the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.
01-24-02 H Reported favorably from committee as amended H-TRANSPOR
- [HB 145](#) Sponsor: [Wishner](#)
Florida Golf License Plate - Relating to providing for said license plate & use fee; directs HSMV to develop plate; requires Florida Sports Foundation to establish youth golf program; and provides for advisory committee.
03-04-02 S Referred to Senate Committee
- [HB 149](#) Sponsor: [Littlefield](#)
Protect the Second Amendment License Plate - Relating to creating a Protect the Second Amendment license plate & provides for distribution of annual use fees to Dept. of Education to provide gun safety courses & to treat certain spinal cord injuries.
10-18-01 H Referred to House Committee on H-RDY INFR
- [HB 157](#) Sponsor: [Gottlieb](#)
Florida Dignity for All Students Act - Relating to creating the Act to prevent harassment, discrimination, and violence in Florida schools; prohibits harassment of and discrimination and violence against certain students.
12-18-01 H Referred to House Committee on H-LL LEARN
- [HB 161](#) Sponsor: [Garcia](#)
Children/Relative Caregiver Program - Relating to revising eligibility guidelines for said program; amends provision re workforce development postsecondary student fees; exempts certain specified fees.
03-07-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar
- [HB 171](#) Sponsor: [Weissman](#)
Nursing Home Facility Whistleblower's Act - relating to establishing protections prohibiting retaliatory action by a nursing home or assisted living facility against an employee who discloses certain information concerning the facility.
10-30-01 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 175](#) Sponsor: [Lynn](#)
Child Care Facility License - Relating to requiring validation of certain information provided by applicant for child care facility license; requires Dept. of Children & Family Services regulate child care facilities.
02-22-02 H Reported favorably from committee as amended
- [HB 219](#) Sponsor: [Ball](#)

Open House Parties/Alcohol & Drugs/Minors - Relating to prohibiting persons 18 or older from allowing open house parties at any residence if alcoholic beverages or drugs are possessed or consumed by a minor.

03-06-02 H Set on House Calendar on Third Reading

[HB 245](#) Sponsor: [Detert](#)

Road to Independence Act of 2002 - Relating to creating the Act; directs the Dept. of Children & Family Services or its agent to administer system of independent living transition services for older children in foster care.

03-07-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar

[HB 255](#) Sponsor: [Carassas](#)

Governor's Panel/Excellence in Long-Term Care - Relating to revising membership on the Panel; revises provisions which prohibit rebates for referral of residents to assisted living facilities.

02-26-02 H Reported favorably from committee

[HB 271](#) Sponsor: [Harrell](#)

Learning Gateway - Relating to authorizing a 3-year demonstration program, designated as Learning Gateway, which is aimed at the prevention and amelioration of learning disabilities in young children.

11-27-01 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration

[HB 295](#) Sponsor: [Littlefield](#)

Personal Care Attendants/Spinal Cord Injuries - Relating to directing the development & implementation of a four-county pilot program to provide personal care attendants to persons with spinal cord injuries.

03-05-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading

[HB 297](#) Sponsor: [Littlefield](#)

Florida Healthy Kids Corporation - Relating to authorizing the Corporation to establish & manage an operating fund; provides a limitation on the accumulation and maintenance of the fund's cash balance.

02-21-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading

[HB 303](#) Sponsor: [Rich](#)

Gun-Show/Sale or Transfer of Firearms - Relating to requiring gun-show vendors to conduct background checks & obtain approval from FDLE prior to sale or transfer of a firearm at a gunshow.

11-06-01 H Referred to House Committee on H-SMT GOVT

[HB 313](#) Sponsor: [Gibson, III](#)

Homestead Property Assessment/Ad Val Tax - Relating to providing reduction in assessment of homestead property re ad valorem taxation for constructed or reconstructed living quarters of parents/grandparents of property owners or their spouses.

03-04-02 S Referred to Senate Committee

[HB 335](#) Sponsor: [Baxley](#)

Mental Health Estimating Conference - Relating to creating the Mental Health Estimating Conference and provides its duties and principals.

02-13-02 H Hearing set for 8:30 AM

- [HB 355](#) Sponsor: [Cusack](#)
Volunteer Health Care Practitioner Program - Relating to creating a public school volunteer health care practitioner program as a complementary incentive program to encourage practitioners to provide services in public schools.
03-04-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading
- [HB 367](#) Sponsor: [Justice](#)
Disabled Veterans/License Plate - Relating to providing that described veterans may apply for & receive a license plate with wheelchair symbol upon payment of \$17 use fee & other required fees.
03-01-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading
- [HB 411](#) Sponsor: [Farkas](#)
Mental Health Insurance - Relating to extending for 2 years application of provisions for mental health insurance coverage; requires Office of Leg. Svc. contract for completion of report on proposed health benefit coverage & report req.
12-11-01 H Withdrawn From Further Consideration
- [HB 441](#) Sponsor: [Cantens](#)
Breast Cancer Research License Plate - Relating to directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Breast Cancer Research license plate.
02-18-02 S Referred to Senate Committee
- [HB 479](#) Sponsor: [Slosberg](#)
Elderly/Disabled Adult Exploitation - Relating to specifying a 5-year statute of limitations for exploitation of the funds, assets, or property of an elderly person or disabled adult; tolls the statute for civil causes of action.
03-06-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar
- [HB 491](#) Sponsor: [Goodlette](#)
Florida Access to Civil Legal Assistance Act - Relating to creating the Act; provides for delivery of civil legal services assistance to poor or indigent persons through nonprofit legal aid organizations.
02-26-02 H Voted favorably from committee
- [HB 507](#) Sponsor: [Fasano](#)
Public Health Emergency - Relating to authorizing the State Health Officer to take specified actions to assure the availability of drugs & medical personnel in event of a public health emergency; req. certain licensees receive certain instructions.
03-04-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading
- [HB 519](#) Sponsor: [Murman](#)
Nursing Shortage Solution Act - Relating to creating the Act; replaces Careers for Florida's Future Incentive Grant Program with Careers for Florida's Future Loan Forgiveness Program to provide for loan forgiveness for costs for nursing degrees.
02-28-02 H Voted favorably from committee
- [HB 523](#) Sponsor: [Ball](#)
Community Human Services - Relating to including local state attorney & public defender among those persons who may be added to membership of a county community alliance established to focus local utilization of human services resources.
03-06-02 H Set on House Calendar on Third Reading

- [HB 533](#) Sponsor: [Needelman](#)
Rip Current Warning Signs - Relating to providing for a cooperative effort among state agencies & local governments to plan for and assist in the placement of rip current warning signs, under the direction of the Dept. of Community Affair
02-28-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading
- [HB 545](#) Sponsor: [Andrews](#)
Substance Abuse Services - Relating to revising definitions, licensure application requirements, and exemptions from licensure relating to substance abuse service providers.
02-26-02 H Voted favorably from committee as amended H-HLTH COM
- [HB 547](#) Sponsor: [House Local Govt. &](#)
Affordable Housing - Relating to providing that processing of permit applic. for affordable housing projects, re management & storage of surface waters, are expedited; provides for low interest rates for some fishing workers; other provisions.
03-06-02 H Set on House Calendar on Third Reading
- [HB 555](#) Sponsor: [Joyner](#)
Required Reading Instruction - Relating to providing legislative intent re required reading instruction; requires each public elementary school to develop & implement programs for reading & literacy development in kindergarten through grade 5.
02-19-02 H Temporarily postponed in committee
- [HB 557](#) Sponsor: [Peterman](#)
High School Graduation Requirements - Relating to requiring one-half credit course for high school graduation to include elements essential to completing high school with skills that give students competitive advantage in employment skills.
02-05-02 H Temporarily postponed in committee
- [HB 561](#) Sponsor: [Ball](#)
Disabled Parking Permits - Relating to providing that described advanced registered nurse practitioners & physicians working in facility operated by U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs may provide certification of disability for parking permits.
02-21-02 S Ordered Enrolled
- [HB 565](#) Sponsor: [Peterman](#)
Farm Labor Contractors - Relating to prohibiting farm labor contractors from making any charge or deduction from wages for tools, equipment, transportation, or recruiting fees determined under federal Labor Standards Act that benefits employer.
01-09-02 H Reported favorably from committee as amended H-AG CONSU
- [HB 583](#) Sponsor: [Greenstein](#)
Aquifer Storage/Recovery - Relating to providing legislative findings and intent re use of aquifer storage & recovery to augment traditional water supplies; provides for implementation of certain federally authorized pilot projects.
12-17-01 H Referred to House Committee on H-RDY INFR
- [HB 595](#) Sponsor: [Henriquez](#)

Court Costs/Domestic Violence - Relating to requiring the court to impose an additional mandatory court cost upon a person found to have committed an act of domestic violence; provides for waiver of court cost; provides for collection by clerk.

01-28-02 H Reported favorably from committee on H-JUD OVER

[HB 597](#) Sponsor: [Lerner](#)

Pediatric Prescribed Extended Care - Relating to requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to license subacute pediatric prescribed extended alternative care centers that provide care for medically fragile or tech. dependent children.

02-26-02 H Not Considered

[HB 615](#) Sponsor: [Bilirakis](#)

Community Health Center Access Program Act - Relating to creating the Act; provides legislative findings & intent; provides for establishment of program under Dept. of Health to provide financial assistance to federally qualified health centers.

03-02-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar

[HB 629](#) Sponsor: [Lerner](#)

Office of Child Advocate - Relating to providing for creation of Office of Child Advocate within the Justice Administrative Commission; transfers guardian ad litem program in Office of State Court Administration to Office of Child Advocate.

02-27-02 H Not Considered

[HB 653](#) Sponsor: [Wishner](#)

Terrorism/Pranks or Hoaxes - Relating to defining the term "terrorism"; requires the payment of restitution for costs or damages associated with a prank or hoaxact of terrorism as defined by the act.

02-11-02 H Temporarily postponed in committee H-SECURITY

[HB 659](#) Sponsor: [Ausley](#)

Students with Disabilities/FCAT - Relating to providing that a student with disabilities shall be eligible for accommodations in taking the FCAT or High School Competency Test or exempt from taking test under certain circumstances.

02-21-02 H Repored from committee

[HB 663](#) Sponsor: [Wiles](#)

Children's Protection/Violent Video Games - Relating to creating the "Children's Protection from Violent Video Games Act of 2002"; prohibits sale or rental of video games under certain circumstances; restricts public display of certain games.

01-14-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-SMT GOVT

[HB 667](#) Sponsor: [Holloway](#)

Invocation/Benediction/Secondary Schools - Relating to authorizing district school board to adopt a resolution allowing the use of an invocation or benediction at specified secondary school-related events.

02-18-02 S Referred to Senate Committee

[HB 685](#) Sponsor: [Meadows](#)

Florida Infant Crib Safety Act - Relating to creating the Florida Infant Crib Safety Act; prohibits commercial users from manufacturing, retrofitting, selling, or leasing specified cribs determined to be unsafe for use by infants.

01-24-02 H Similar to - see SB 158

- [HB 693](#) Sponsor: [Bucher](#)
Managed Care Ombudsman Committee - Relating to the creation of a managed care ombudsman committee in each district of the Agency for Health Care Administration; eliminates authorization for committee to conduct site visits with the agency.
01-14-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-HLTH COM
- [HB 703](#) Sponsor: [Green](#)
Florida Consumer-Directed Care Act - Relating to creating the FL Consumer-Directed Care Act; provides for consumer choice & control in selection, purchase, & delivery of Medicaid long-term care in-home & community-based services.
02-15-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading
- [HB 751](#) Sponsor: [Murman](#)
Community Mental Health Services - Relating to requiring Dept. of Children & Family Svcs. to expand community mental health services that emphasize treatment, rehabilitation, support & case management services.
03-04-102 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading
- [HB 755](#) Sponsor: [Murman](#)
Residential Group Care - Relating to revising req. for annual report to Legislature by Dept. of Chil. & Fam. Svcs. re placement of children in licensed residential group care; provides for appropriations category.
03-04-02 H Available for House Calendar on second reading
- [HB 767](#) Sponsor: [Bendross-Mindingall](#)
Nursing Homes/Unions/Staffing Standards - Relating to prohibiting including union organizing activities in determinations of nursing home staffing standards; prohibits including salaries paid or expenses incurred as allowable Medicaid costs.
02-22-02 H Reported favorably from committee
- [HB 781](#) Sponsor: [Green](#)
Continuing Care Contracts/Dept. of Insurance - Relating to authorizing the Dept. of Insurance, in administering continuing care contracts, to accept certain documents & information electronically or by facsimile; revises escrow requirements.
03-07-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar
- [HB 793](#) Sponsor: [Baker, C](#)
Child Abuse - Relating to revising requirement for mandatory reporting by specified professionals of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect to provide for such reporting regardless of the suspected perpetrator.
02-26-02 H Voted favorably from committee
- [HB 805](#) Sponsor: [Kallinger](#)
Human Cloning Prohibit. & Respons. Act - Relating to creating the Act; provides that it is unlawful to perform or attempt or assist in performing or attempting human cloning or to ship embryo produced by human cloning; defines penalties.
03-06-02 H Pending business on third reading
- [HB 817](#) Sponsor: [Sobel](#)

Newborn Infant Screening Program - Relating to authorizing the formation of a study group to research expanded newborn infant screening programs currently operating in other states; requires completion by 08/01/02 & report to Leg. by 09/01/02.

03-05-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading

[HB 821](#) Sponsor: [Bean](#)

Local Sub. Abuse/Mental Health Prog. - Relating to removing authority of Dept. of Chil. & Fam. Svcs. to use unit cost methods of payment in contracts for services for local substance abuse & mental health programs; spec. req. for contracts.

02-26-02 H Voted favorably from committee

[HB 835](#) Sponsor: [Gardiner](#)

Theft/Elderly Persons - Relating to providing enhanced criminal penalties for theft from persons age 65 or older; requiring restitution & community service for theft from said persons.

03-06-02 H Set on House Calendar on Third Reading

[HB 839](#) Sponsor: [Lerner](#)

Involuntary Exam/Mental Health - Relating to providing additional criteria for involuntary exam at a mental health receiving facility & for involuntary placement for mental health treatment, under the Baker Act.

01-30-02 H Similar to - see SB 2030

[HB 853](#) Sponsor: [Lerner](#)

Foster Homes - Relating to specifying the circumstances under which the Department of Children and Family Services may remove a child from a foster home after denying the foster parent's application for adoption.

02-27-02 H Second Comm of Ref changed

[HB 885](#) Sponsor: [Melvin](#)

Recitation of Declaration of Independence - Relating to requiring public school students to recite daily a portion of Declaration of Independence to underscore its importance in forming American charter & to reaffirm ideals of individual liberty.

02-28-02 H Voted favorably from committee

[HB 895](#) Sponsor: [Sobel](#)

Equal Pay Commission Act - Relating to creating the Act; provides for the Sec. of Labor & Employment Security to appoint the commission; requires the commission to conduct a study and specifies the subject of the study.

01-21-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-SMT GOVT

[HB 901](#) Sponsor: [Machek](#)

Elderly/Disabled Adult Exploitation - Relating to specifying a 5-year statute of limitations for exploitation of the funds, assets, or property of an elderly person or disabled adult; tolls the statute for civil causes of action.

01-21-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-SMT GOVT

[HB 911](#) Sponsor: [Farkas](#)

Mandated Health Insurance Benefits - Relating to requiring the Office of Leg. Svcs. to contract for completion of a report on existing mandated health ins. benefit coverages & proposed health benefit coverages & specifies report requirements.

03-04-02 H Voted favorably from committee

[HB 915](#) Sponsor: [Hogan](#)

Schools/In God We Trust Motto - Relating to directing superintendent of schools in each school district to provide for the display of the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" in classrooms and other areas in public school buildings.

02-20-02 H Temporarily postponed

[HB 1097](#) Sponsor: [Smith, C](#)

Firearms Storage - Relating to providing that it is a second-degree misdemeanor to fail to store a firearm that is accessible to a minor in a locked box or container in location that is secure and to secure the firearm with a trigger lock.

01-29-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-SMT GOVT

[HB 1113](#) Sponsor: [Kosmas](#)

Wildflower Council - Relating to creating the Wildflower Council within the Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc.; provides for the Wildflower Account to be established & provides for distribution of wildflower license plate annual use fees.

02-14-02 H Reported favorably from committee on H-TOURISM

[HB 1117](#) Sponsor: [Bucher](#)

Infant Eye Care - Relating to requiring each infant born in a hospital in the state to receive an eye exam for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities; requires insurances to include such coverage.

02-25-02 H Reported favorably from committee as amended

[HB 1135](#) Sponsor: [Rich](#)

School Readiness - Relating to providing that certain school age children who meet specified requirements shall be given priority for participation in school readiness programs administered by school readiness coalitions.

01-29-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-LL LEARN

[HB 1137](#) Sponsor: [Rich](#)

Florida Healthy Kids - Relating to eliminating local matching fund requirements under the Program; provides legislative intent that voluntary local contributions may be used to provide services to children not eligible under Title XXI.

02-21-02 H Reported favorably from committee

[HB 1165](#) Sponsor: [Harper](#)

Transfer of Child - Relating to authorizing the sentencing judge rather than Sec. of Juvenile Justice to transfer a child from Dept. of Corrections to Dept. of Juvenile Justice.

01-30-03 H Referred to House Committee

[HB 1169](#) Sponsor: [Frankel](#)

Displaced Low-Income Workers - Relating to providing for enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates, authorized DCFS to provide Medicaid eligibility by rules persons who became/become unemployed after 09/11/01 & are ineligible for COBRA coverage.

02-12-02 H Temporarily postponed in committee

[HB 1203](#) Sponsor: [Kravitz](#)

Development Disabilities - Relating to defining the term "familial dysautonomia" and adds this genetic disease to the list of developmental disabilities covered under ch. 393, F.S.

02-05-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-COMP COM

[HB 1207](#) Sponsor: [Gibson, III](#)

Florida Alzheimer's Training Act - Relating to requiring employees of home health agencies/adult day cares/adult family-care homes/hospices that provide care for residents with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders to complete training.

03-07-02 H Set on House Special Order Calendar

[HB 1211](#) Sponsor: [Flanagan](#)

Infants Born Alive Protection Act - Relating to creating the Act; clarifies the definition of "live birth" under the Florida Vital Statistics law as it applies in situations or natural or induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion.

02-22-02 H Reported unfavorably from committee

[HB 1223](#) Sponsor: [Bean](#)

Termination of Pregnancies - Relating to revising info req. from physician or facility medical director reporting terminations of pregnancies; req. report to be filed after each procedure, rather than monthly.

02-26-02 H Voted favorably from committee

[HB 1317](#) Sponsor: [Cusack](#)

Offenses Against Children/Convicted Offenders - Relating to prohibiting previously convicted offenders from intentionally luring or enticing a child under age 15 into a structure, dwelling or conveyance without parental consent.

03-05-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading

[HB 1321](#) Sponsor: [Greenstein](#)

Children's Summer Nutrition Act - Relating to creating said act which requires the DOE to develop a plan to ensure that eligible children have access to the federal Summer Food Service Program; requires specified elementary schools to participate.

02-21-02 H Reported favorably from committee

[HB 1331](#) Sponsor: [Bucher](#)

Physically Disabled - Relating to extending to persons who have epilepsy or other seizure disorders the right to be accompanied by a trained service dog in public facilities.

02-05-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-SMT GOVT

[HB 1351](#) Sponsor: [Meadows](#)

Tobacco/Minors - Relating to requiring retailers to keep specified smoking-related products where they are inaccessible to minors.

02-05-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-SMT GOVT

[HB 1371](#) Sponsor: [Bullard](#)

Youthful Offender - Relating to authorizing court to sentence an offender to a youthful-offender facility of Dept. of Corrections until age 24 or serves 10 year sentence if offender is 15 years of age or younger for certain offenses.

02-21-02 H Discussed in committee

[HB 1379](#) Sponsor: [Romeo](#)

Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund - Relating to a joint resolution proposing creation of Constitutional amendment, re miscellaneous matters, to prescribe use of moneys in the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund.

02-06-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-SMT GOVT

[HB 1403](#) Sponsor: [Trovillion](#)

Substance Abuse Assessment - Relating to providing for a child/parent, caregiver, or legal custodian before court in shelter hearing, petition for dependency, or other hearing to be subject to assessment and treatment for substance abuse.

02-21-02 H Reported favorably from committee

[HB 1411](#) Sponsor: [Haridopolos](#)

District School Boards - Relating to authorizing district school board policies to provide for advertising on school buses, administration of advertising procedures and revenues received, and guidelines for acceptable advertisements.

02-20-02 H Reported favorably from committee on H-ED INNOV

[HB 1417](#) Sponsor: [McGriff](#)

FL Birth Defects Registry - Relating to requiring the Department of Health or a contractual designee to maintain and expand the Florida Birth Defects Registry; provide confidentiality of certain information held by the department.

02-06-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-HLTH COM

[HB 1433](#) Sponsor: [Kosmas](#)

School Readiness Programs - Relating to revising minimum standards and provisions that must be included in school readiness coalition plans for implementation of school readiness programs.

02-06-02 H Referred to House Committee on H-LL LEARN

[HB 1435](#) Sponsor: [Harrell](#)

Learning Gateway - Relating to authorizing a demonstration program to be called the Learning Gateway to provide parents access to information, referral, and services to lessen the effects of learning disabilities in children from birth to age 9.

02-15-02 H Reported unfavorably from committee

[HB 1443](#) Sponsor: [Barreiro](#)

Children's Services - Relating to providing for the creation, in any county having a home rule charter, of a 33-member council on children's services; specifies council membership and terms of office.

02-22-02 H Reported favorably from committee

[HB 1455](#) Sponsor: [Murman](#)

Family Court - Relating to providing legislative intent to continue the initiative to reform the family courts and create a unified family court model; authorizes Supreme Court to create system for identifying individuals & families.

02-25-02 H Reported favorably from committee as amended

[HB 1467](#) Sponsor: [Waters](#)

Shaken Baby Syndrome - Relating to requiring hospitals that offer maternity & newborn services to give new parents informational brochures concerning the dangers of shaking babies & young children; brochures to be prepared by Dept. of Health.

02-27-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading

[HB 1469](#) Sponsor: [Littlefield](#)
Arthritis Prevention and Control Act - Relating to creating the Act; provides legislative findings & purposes; directs Dept. of Health to establish an arthritis prevention & control program & to conduct a needs assessment.
02-22-02 H Reported favorably from committee as amended

[HB 1567](#) Sponsor: [Ausley](#)
Child Care Course Requirements – Relating to increasing from 40 to 45 clock hours the introductory training course requirement for operators of large family child care homes & for child care personnel & operators of family day care homes
03-05-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading

[HB 1761](#) Sponsor: [House Health & Human](#)
Access to Health & Human Services – Relating to creating the Florida Health and Human Services Access Actp req. Agency for Health Care Admin. to establish a comprehensive health & human services eligibility access system.
02-25-02 H Available for House Calendar, on second reading

[HB 1821](#) Sponsor: [Lynn](#)
Commission on Florida Families – Relating to creating the Commission within Dept. of Children & Family Services; provides purpose & responsibilities; abolishes Commission on Responsible Fatherhood.
03-05-02 H Available for House Calendar on second reading

[HB 9001](#) Sponsor: [Baxley](#)
Resolution/National Day of Prayer - A resolution acknowledging May 2, 2002, as the National Day of Prayer in Florida.
02-27-02 H Withdrawn from Committee

[HB 9007](#) Sponsor: [Bullard](#)
Resolution/Mothers - A resolution expressing gratitude and affection to all mothers.
02-27-02 H Withdrawn from Committee

[HB 9009](#) Sponsor: [Bullard](#)
Resolution/Fathers - A resolution expressing affection for and gratitude to all fathers.
02-27-02 H Withdrawn from Committee

SENATE BILLS

[SB 86](#) Sponsor: [Pruitt](#)
Public Records/Learning Gateway Programs - Relating to providing an exemption from the public records law for individual records of children enrolled in Learning Gateway programs.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Calendar on Third Reading

[SB 88](#) Sponsor: [Pruitt](#)
Learning Gateway Program - Relating to authorizing a 3-year demonstration program to be called Learning Gateway, which is intended to prevent and ameliorate learning problems and learning disabilities in young children.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Calendar on Third Reading

- [SB 92](#) Sponsor: [Geller](#)
Youthful Offender - Relating to authorizing courts to sentence offender to youthful-offender facility of Dept. of Corrections until offender is 24 years old or serves a 10-year sentence if offender is 15 years old or younger at time of offense.
09-13-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR
- [SB 94](#) Sponsor: [Miller, L](#)
Required Reading Instruction - Relating to providing legislative intent re required reading instruction; requires each public elementary school to develop & implement reading/literacy development programs in kindergarten through grade 4.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar
- [SB 100](#) Sponsor: [Mitchell](#)
Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund - Relating to revising fees for registration of certain trucks/trailers/motorcycles & tag transfers/temporary tags, which fees are to be deposited in the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.
02-27-02 S Available for Senate Calendar, on second reading
- [SB 110](#) Sponsor: [Geller](#)
Autism Spectrum Disorder/Health Insurance - Relating to requiring a health insurer or health maintenance organization include coverage for autism spectrum disorder as part of the major medical expense coverage.
09-13-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR
- [SB 112](#) Sponsor: [Geller](#)
JR/Tax Exclusion/Disaster Preparedness - Relating to proposing a Constitutional Amendment to allow Legislature to exclude from assessed value for ad val tax purposes value attributable to improvements made for purposes of disaster preparedness.
01-29-02 S Reported favorably from committee on S-COMP PLA
- [SB 116](#) Sponsor: [Geller](#)
Stalking/Cyberstalking - Relating to revising provisions re stalking; defines term "cyberstalk" to mean communication, by means of electronic mail, or which causes substantial emotional distress and does not serve a legitimate purpose.
01-29-02 S Reported from committee as CS S-CRIM JUS
- [SB 124](#) Sponsor: [Holzendorf](#)
Firearms/Minors - Relating to providing that it is a second-degree misdemeanor to fail to store a firearm that is accessible to a minor in a locked box or container in a location that is secure and to also secure the firearm with a trigger lock.
01-23-02 S Identical to - see HB 1097
- [SB 126](#) Sponsor: [Pruitt](#)
Corporate Income Tax - Relating to revising the conditions for determining when sales of tangible personal property occur in this state, for purposes of apportionment of federal income for corporate income tax, for industries in SIC No. 2037.
09-13-01 S Identical to - see HB 121
- [SB 132](#) Sponsor: [Laurent](#)

Tobacco Products/Retailers - Relating to requiring retailers to keep specified smoking-related products where they are inaccessible to minors.

02-21-02 S In Messages to the House

[SB 142](#) Sponsor: [Saunders](#)

Florida Healthy Kids Corporation - Relating that local-matching funds are not required by the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation if replacement funds are appropriated by the Legislature; allows the acceptance of voluntary contributions.

01-25-02 S Comparable to - see HB 1137

[SB 150](#) Sponsor: [Cowin](#)

United States Flag - Relating to prohibiting interference with the display of the flag of the United States; provides a misdemeanor penalty.

02-28-02 S In Messages to the House

[SB 152](#) Sponsor: [Silver](#)

Taxation/Physical Fitness Facilities - Relating to providing that dues & fees paid to private physical fitness facilities are not subject to tax on sales, use & other transactions except contracts entered into & financed before act effective date.

10-04-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL

[SB 158](#) Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz](#)

Florida Infant Crib Safety Act - Relating to creating the Florida Infant Crib Safety Act; prohibits commercial users from manufacturing, retrofitting, selling, or leasing specified cribs determined to be unsafe for use by infants.

02-13-02 S Reported favorably from committee on S-JUD

[SB 162](#) Sponsor: [Cowin](#)

JR/Court Justice Selection - A joint resolution proposing amendments & creation of article to provide method for selection/terms of office of Supreme Court justices & district court of appeal judges & req. Jud. Nom. Comm. proceedings be public.

03-05-02 S Voted favorably from committee

[SB 168](#) Sponsor: [Miller, L](#)

Farm Labor Contractors - Relating to prohibiting farm labor contractors from charging certain fees to farm laborers.

01-21-02 S Avail. for Senate Calendar, on second reading

[SB 200](#) Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz](#)

Motorized Scooter Safety - Relating to applying certain bicycle-safety laws to operation of motorized scooters; requires certain riders to wear helmets.

10-23-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-COMP PLA

[SB 210](#) Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz](#)

Treated Wood - Relating to prohibiting the use of wood products treated with chromated copper arsenate in publicly funded playground equipment, and associated groundcovers, constructed or contracted for on or after October 1, 2002.

10-23-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 214](#) Sponsor: [Cowin](#)

Sales Tax Exemption Period - Relating to exempting clothing, similar items, and school supplies, as defined, during the period of July 27 through August 4, 2002.

10-23-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 216](#) Sponsor: [Cowin](#)

Nurse Recruitment/Retention - Relating to appropriating \$1 million to Dept. of Health to make grants to local hospital having the greatest difficulty in retaining nurses to be used for nurse recruitment and retention.

01-09-02 S Reported favorably from committee on S-FIN TAX

[SB 218](#) Sponsor: [Cowin](#)

Seizure Disorder/Trained Service Dogs - Relating to extending to people who have seizure disorders such as epilepsy the right to be accompanied by a trained service dog in specified circumstances.

02-27-02 S In Messages to the House

[SB 262](#) Sponsor: [Constantine, L](#)

Homelessness - Relating to declaring the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to homelessness.

10-23-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL

[SB 268](#) Sponsor: [Carlton](#)

Elderly & Disabled/Public Guardians - Relating to defining term "position of trust & confidence"; prescribes civil remedies for theft & other offenses in which victim is elderly person or disabled adult.

02-20-02 S Availble for Senate Calendar, on second reading

[SB 276](#) Sponsor: [Crist](#)

Governor's Panel/Excellence in Long-Term Care - Relating to revising membership on the Panel; provides conditions under which the prohibition against payment of referral fees by assisted living facilities does not apply.

03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar

[SB 284](#) Sponsor: [Campbell](#)

Office of Counsel for Children - Relating to creating the Office of Counsel for Children in the tenth regional district of the Department of Children and Family Services to represent legal interests of children in out-of-home care.

10-23-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 288](#) Sponsor: [Campbell](#)

Out-of-Home Placement of Children - Relating to amending various sections of law relating to procedures for out-of-home placement of a child.

02-21-02 S Reported from committee

[SB 302](#) Sponsor: [Burt](#)

Detention of Juveniles - Relating to providing that the court may continue to hold a juvenile in detention pursuant to written order if court finds that the juvenile is a clear and present danger to him/herself or the community.

01-29-02 S Identical to - see HB 1249

[SB 310](#) Sponsor: [Dawson](#)

Equal Pay Commission Act - Relating to creating the Act; provides for the Sec. of Labor & Employment Security to appoint the commission; requires the commission to conduct a study and specifies the subject of the study.

03-05-02 S Voted favorably from committee with 1 Amendment

[SB 316](#) Sponsor: [Saunders](#)

Domestic Violence - Relating to revising definitions; provides specific information re injunctions; increases fee for dissolution of marriage petition which funds domestic violence centers.

02-08-02 S Voted favorably from committee as CS S-FIN TAX

[SB 328](#) Sponsor: [Geller](#)

Sentencing of Juveniles - Relating to authorizing the court to impose a combination of juvenile and adult sanctions against a juvenile who commits a criminal offense.

11-02-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 338](#) Sponsor: [Wise](#)

Mental Health Estimating Conference - Relating to creating the Mental Health Estimating Conference and provides its duties and principals.

11-02-01 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL

[SB 360](#) Sponsor: [Dawson](#)

Children/Relative Caregiver Program - Relating to revising eligibility guidelines for said program; amends provision re workforce development postsecondary student fees; exempts certain specified fees.

12-07-01 S Comparable to - see HB 161

[SB 364](#) Sponsor: [Peaden](#)

Developmental Disabilities - Relating to revising the standard used for determining retardation; limits number of persons who may live in a single housing unit that provides services for supported living for persons with said disabilities.

12-05-01 S Reported from committee as CS S-CHIL FAM

[SB 436](#) Sponsor: [Brown-Waite](#)

Terrorism - Relating to defining the term "terrorism" for purposes of the Florida Criminal Code; prohibits court from releasing a defendant before trial without setting bail if charge is aircraft piracy, home-invasion robbery or act of terrorism.

01-22-02 S Withdrawn From Further Consideration

[SB 440](#) Sponsor: [Brown-Waite](#)

Sentencing/Terrorism - Relating to providing for reclassification of a felony or misdemeanor to next higher degree if the trier of fact finds the offense facilitated or furthered the commission of an act of terrorism.

01-22-02 S Withdrawn From Further Consideration

[SB 444](#) Sponsor: [Brown-Waite](#)

Poisoning - Relating to providing that it is a first degree felony to introduce any bacterium, virus, or chemical compound into food, drink, medicine, or a water system.

01-22-02 S Withdrawn From Further Consideration

[SB 450](#) Sponsor: [Crist](#)

Domestic Security - Relating to specifying duties of Dept. of Law Enforcement re counter-terrorism efforts, responses to acts of terrorism, and other domestic security matters related to terrorism.
01-22-02 S Withdrawn From Further Consideration

[SB 482](#) Sponsor: [Mitchell](#)
Correctional Privatization Commission - Relating to abolishing the Commission and transferring the duties, personnel, and unexpended balances of funds of the Correctional Privatization Commission to the Department of Corrections.
01-09-02 S Identical to - see HB 797

[SB 484](#) Sponsor: Silver
Pediatric Prescribed Extended Care – Relating to requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to license subacute pediatric prescribed extended alternative care centers that provide care for medically fragile or tech. dependent children
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar

[SB 504](#) Sponsor: [Brown-Waite](#)
JR/Homestead Exemption/Over Age 62 - Relating to proposing amendment to State Constitution to allow counties to provide a reduction in assessed value of prop. equal to increase in value from constructing living quarters for person over 62 years.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar

[SB 506](#) Sponsor: [Brown-Waite](#)
Homestead Property Assessment/Ad Val Tax - Relating to providing reduction in assessment of homestead property re ad valorem taxation for constructed or reconstructed living quarters of parents/grandparents of property owners or their spouses.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar

[SB 536](#) Sponsor: [Sullivan](#)
Child Care Facility Licenses - Relating to requiring validation of certain info. provided by applicant for child care facility license; specifies which membership org. are not considered child care facilities.
01-08-02 S Temporarily postponed in committee S-CHIL FAM

[SB 540](#) Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz](#)
Dori Slosberg Act of 2002 - Relating to creating the Act; eliminates req. that law be enforced as secondary action when driver has been detained for another violation; provides restrictions on authority to search based on safety belt violation.
02-28-02 S Reported from committee

[SB 568](#) Sponsor: [Sebesta](#)
Purple Heart/Pearl Harbor Survivor License - Relating to providing for certain disabled veterans to be issued a Purple Heart license plate or a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate without paying the required license tax.
03-05-02 S Reported from committee

[SB 572](#) Sponsor: [Clary](#)
Inspirational Message/Noncompulsory HS Events - Relating to authorizing district school boards to allow the delivery of an inspirational message at noncompulsory high school events.
12-18-01 S Similar to - see HB 667

- [SB 576](#) Sponsor: [Wise](#)
Personal Care Attendants/Spinal Cord Injuries - Relating to directing the development & implementation of a four-county pilot program to provide personal care attendants to persons with spinal cord injuries.
03-05-02 S Reported favorable from committee as amended
- [SB 592](#) Sponsor: [Peaden](#)
Interstate Compact/Adoption/Medical Assist - Relating the creating the Interstate Compact on Adoption & Medical Assistance to provide for agreements between this & other states for payment of adoption/medical assist. for special needs children.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar
- [SB 596](#) Sponsor: [Senate Health, Aging](#)
Long-Term Care - Relating to providing legislative findings and intent re needs of the state's elderly population; requiring the submission of a plan for reducing nursing-home-bed days funded under Medicaid Program.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar
- [SB 598](#) Sponsor: [Peaden](#)
Community Mental Health Services - Relating to requiring Dept. of Children & Family Svcs. to expand community mental health services that emphasize treatment, rehabilitation, support & case management services.
02-28-02 S In Messages to the House
- [SB 614](#) Sponsor: [Klein](#)
Disabled Veterans/License Plate - Relating to providing that described veterans may apply for & receive a license plate with wheelchair symbol upon payment of \$17 use fee & other required fees.
02-21-02 S Reported favorably from committee
- [SB 616](#) Sponsor: [Dawson](#)
Medically Needy/Electric - Relating to requiring municipalities that provide electric utility service to furnish medically essential service to customers on same guidelines that public utilities use; requires utilities to set up payment schedules.
02-27-02 S Reported favorably from committee
- [SB 624](#) Sponsor: [Silver](#)
Florida Golf License Plate - Relating to providing for said license plate & use fee; directs HSMV to develop plate; requires Florida Sports Foundation to establish youth golf program; and provides for advisory committee.
03-05-02 S Voted favorably from committee
- [SB 632](#) Sponsor: [Peaden](#)
Residential Group Care - Relating to revising rqmts. for annual report to the Legislature made by DCFS concerning placement of children in licensed residential group care; provides for residential group care appro. category in General Appr.Act
02-27-02 S In Messages to the House
- [SB 682](#) Sponsor: [Peaden](#)

Substance Abuse "Licensed Service Provider" - Relating to amending definition of "licensed service provider"; requires licensure standards to apply to certain housing locations.

02-21-02 S In Messages to the House

[SB 686](#) Sponsor: [Senate Judiciary](#)

Minor Children/Legal Proceedings - Relating to revising various provisions re legal proceedings involving minor children; including circuit offices of public advocacy as recipients of moneys from Family Courts TF.

02-27-02 S Available for Senate Calendar, on second reading

[SB 716](#) Sponsor: [Peaden](#)

Domestic Violence Program - Relating to expanding duties & functions of Dept. of Children & Family Services by providing that the department shall operate a domestic violence program; repeals Prevention of Domestic & Sexual Violence Program.

03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar

[SB 722](#) Sponsor: [Sanderson](#)

Breast Cancer Research License Plate - Relating to directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Breast Cancer Research license plate.

03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar

[SB 730](#) Sponsor: [Miller, L](#)

Adult Video Games - Relating to providing it is third-degree felony to sell or rent adult video game to person under 21; provides definition to mean video game that depicts excessive violence, nudity, or sexual conduct or criminal activity.

03-04-02 S Voted favorably from committee

[SB 732](#) Sponsor: [Meek](#)

Court Costs/Domestic Violence - Relating to requiring the court to impose an additional mandatory court cost upon a person found to have committed an act of domestic violence; provides for waiver of court cost; provides for collection by clerk.

03-04-02 S Voted favorably from committee

[SB 734](#) Sponsor: [Senate Children & Fa](#)

Family Services - Relating to redefining terms "domestic violence" & "family or household member" to persons who have a child in common or who do/have resided together; increases service charge for modifying final judgement of marriage dissolution.

01-24-02 S Reported from committee as CS S-CHIL FAM

[SB 920](#) Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz](#)

Health Insurance - Relating to prohibiting ind. & group health ins. policies from excluding cov. if a determination has been made by U.S. E.E.O.C. that exclusion of benefit under employer's health plan violates Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964.

03-05-02 S Voted favorably from committee with 1 Amendment

[SB 926](#) Sponsor: [Wise](#)

Schools/In God We Trust Motto - Relating to directing superintendent of schools in each school district to provide for the display of the motto "IN GOD WE TRUST" in classrooms and other areas in public school buildings.

01-16-02 S Identical to - see HB 915

- [SB 938](#) Sponsor: [Pruitt](#)
JR/Sales & Use Tax Reform - JR/Constitutional Amendment proposing a reduction in the sales tax rate; limiting sales tax revenue; req. extraordinary leg. vote for increase in rate or new exemptions; abolishing intangible and other taxes.
02-20-02 S Not Received by H. Select Comm. of the Whole
- [SB 952](#) Sponsor: [Sanderson](#)
Elderly/Disabled Adult Exploitation - Relating to specifying a 5-year statute of limitations for exploitation of the funds, assets, or property of an elderly person or disabled adult; tolls the statute for civil causes of action.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar
- [SB 956](#) Sponsor: [Laurent](#)
High-Speed Rail - Relating to expressing the legislative intent to revise the laws relating to high-speed rail.
01-14-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL
- [SB 968](#) Sponsor: [Silver](#)
Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Operating Fund - Relating to allowing the Florida Healthy Kids Corp. to establish & manage an operating fund in the amount of 25 percent or less of annualized operating expenses.
02-13-02 S Reported favorably from committee as amended
- [SB 976](#) Sponsor: [Miller, L](#)
Social-Services Benefits - Relating to allowing any court-ordered custodian of minor child to receive food stamps, Aid for Dependent Children, or any other social-services benefit that the custodian qualifies for & needs to properly care for child.
01-14-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR
- [SB 1002](#) Sponsor: [King](#)
Cruelty to Animals - Relating to including deprivation of medical attention or sanitation among acts that constitute cruelty to animals for which a first degree misdemeanor penalty is provided.
03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar
- [SB 1016](#) Sponsor: [Burt](#)
Tobacco Settlement Reports - Relating to requiring Governor & Attorney General to report on status of tobacco settlement agreement & formula for calculating the annual payments; requires notification of any over- or under-payment.
02-21-02 S Reported favorably from committee
- [SB 1018](#) Sponsor: [Burt](#)
Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund - Relating to a joint resolution proposing creation of Constitutional amendment, re miscellaneous matters, to prescribe use of moneys in the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund.
01-29-02 S Voted favorably from committee as CS S-HEALTH
- [SB 1044](#) Sponsor: [Posey](#)
FL Healthy Kids Funding - Relating to eliminating the local-matching funds requirement for the Florida Healthy Kids Program; authorizes the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation to accept contributions.
01-25-02 S Comparable to - see HB 1137

- [SB 1098](#) Sponsor: [Garcia Jr, R](#)
Foster Homes - Relating to specifying the circumstances under which the Department of Children and Family Services may remove a child from a foster home after denying the foster parent's application for adoption.
03-01-02 S Reported from committee
- [SB 1114](#) Sponsor: [Garcia Jr, R](#)
Child Advocacy - Relating to expressing the legislative intent to revise the laws relating to child advocacy.
01-23-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL
- [SB 1148](#) Sponsor: [Saunders](#)
Resolution/Goodwill Industries - Relating to a resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of Goodwill Industries on January 30, 2002.
01-10-02 S Filed
- [SB 1164](#) Sponsor: [Villalobos](#)
Human Cloning Prohibit. & Respons. Act - Relating to creating the Act; provides that it is unlawful to perform or attempt or assist in performing or attempting human cloning or to ship embryo produced by human cloning; defines penalties.
03-05-02 S Reported favorably from committee
- [SB 1178](#) Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz](#)
Temporary Parking Permits/Disabled Persons - Relating to reducing the term of a temporary parking permit for a disabled person from 1 year to 6 months.
02-28-02 S Reported favorably from committee
- [SB 1226](#) Sponsor: [Senate Judiciary](#)
Family Court Reform - Relating to providing legislative intent to continue the initiative to reform the family courts and create a unified family court model.
02-14-02 S Reported from committee
- [SB 1234](#) Sponsor: [Jones, Daryl](#)
Red Light Safety Act of 2002 - Relating to defining the term "traffic infraction detector"; creates a pilot project to enable counties to provide for use of such traffic infraction detectors.
01-23-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR
- [SB 1238](#) Sponsor: [Jones, Daryl](#)
Displaced Low-Income Workers - Relating to authorizing Dept. of Chil. & Fam. Svcs. to provide Medicaid eligibility by rule to persons becoming unemployed after 09/11/01 & are ineligible for COBRA coverage, provided matching federal funds available.
02-07-02 S Reported from committee as CS S-HEALTH
- [SB 1246](#) Sponsor: [Saunders](#)
Continuing Care Contracts/Dept. of Insurance - Relating to authorizing the Dept. of Insurance, in administering continuing care contracts, to accept certain documents & information electronically or by facsimile; revises escrow requirements.
02-28-02 S Passed
- [SB 1250](#) Sponsor: [Miller, L](#)

Volunteer Health Care Practitioner Program - Relating to creating a public school volunteer health care practitioner program as a complementary incentive program to encourage practitioners to provide services in public schools.

03-04-02 S Voted favorably from committee

[SB 1272](#) Sponsor: [Peadar](#)

Child-Support Enforcement - Relating to revising various provisions of law governing determination & enforcement of child-support obligations; defines term "national medical support notice" & provides for health care coverage for minor child.

02-21-02 S Reported from committee

[SB 1276](#) Sponsor: [Silver](#)

Florida Health & Human Services Access Act - Relating to creating the Act; req. Agency for Health Care Adm. to establish Comprehensive Health & Human Services Eligibility Access System; requires a pilot project and phase in implementation.

03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar

[SB 1282](#) Sponsor: [Meek](#)

Wildflower Council - Relating to creating the Wildflower Council within the Florida Wildflower Foundation, Inc.; provides for the Wildflower Account to be established & provides for distribution of wildflower license plate annual use fees.

03-05-02 S Reported from committee

[SB 1314](#) Sponsor: [Wise](#)

Children's Summer Nutrition Act - Relating to creating the Act; requires Dept. of Education to develop plan to ensure that eligible children have access to federal Summer Food Service Program; requires specified elementary schools to participate.

02-27-02 S Reported from committee

[SB 1354](#) Sponsor: [Lawson, A](#)

High School Graduation Requirements - Relating to requiring that the principles and skills of responsible parenting be included in the course on life-management skills which is required for high school graduation.

01-30-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 1374](#) Sponsor: [Mitchell](#)

Indigent Care Surtax/Small Counties - Relating to allowing counties having a population of fewer than 30,000 residents to levy an indigent care surtax at a rate of no more than 1 percent; provides procedures and uses.

03-05-02 S Voted favorably from committee

[SB 1384](#) Sponsor: [Constantine, L](#)

Smoking in Public Places - Relating to expressing legislative intent to enact legislation relating to smoking in public places.

01-30-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL

[SB 1424](#) Sponsor: [Garcia Jr, R](#)

Prekindergarten Early Intervention Programs - Relating to requiring the Florida Partnership for School Readiness to develop legislation to expand the program to provide access to all 4-year old children at no cost to their parents.

01-30-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 1438](#) Sponsor: [Posey](#)

Commercial Advertising/School Buses - Relating to expressing the legislative intent to enact laws allowing commercial advertising on school buses.

01-30-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL

[SB 1444](#) Sponsor: [Posey](#)

Baker Act/Mental Health - Relating to expressing the legislative intent to revise the Baker Act.

01-30-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL

[SB 1500](#) Sponsor: [Mitchell](#)

Children's Day - Relating to changing the designated day for the celebration of Children's Day to the first Sunday in April.

03-06-02 S Set on Senate Special Order Calendar

[SB 1544](#) Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz](#)

Developmental Disabilities - Relating to defining the term "familial dysautonomia" and adds this genetic disease to list of developmental disabilities covered under ch. 393, F.S.

03-05-02 S Voted favorably from committee

[SB 1550](#) Sponsor: [Silver](#)

Child Care Course Requirements - Relating to increasing from 40 to 45 clock hours the introductory training course requirement for operators of large family child care homes & for child care personnel & operators of family day care homes.

02-13-02 S Reported from committee

[SB 1576](#) Sponsor: [Campbell](#)

Medical Passport/Psychotropic Meds/Children - Relating to requiring that a medical passport be maintained re a child who has been taken into custody and for whom psychotropic medication is prescribed.

03-05-02 S Voted favorably from committee

[SB 1608](#) Sponsor: [Saunders](#)

Florida Alzheimer's Training Act - Relating to creating the Act; requires employees of home health agencies, adult day care centers, adult family-care homes, & hospices complete dementia-specific training.

02-13-02 S Reported favorably from committee

[SB 1634](#) Sponsor: [Brown-Waite](#)

Disaster Preparedness Plans - Relating to revising the process for coordination and approval of disaster preparedness plans; directs each agency to complete a revised plan by a specified date.

02-27-02 S Reported favorably from committee

[SB 1658](#) Sponsor: [Saunders](#)

Mandated Health Insurance Benefits - Relating to requiring Office of Legislative Services to contract for completion of a report on existing mandated health insurance benefit coverages & proposed health benefit coverages.

01-23-02 S Identical to - see HB 911

- [SB 1690](#) Sponsor: [Cowin](#)
Termination of Pregnancies - Relating to revising info req. from physician or facility medical director reporting terminations of pregnancies; req. report to be filed after each procedure, rather than monthly.
02-05-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL
- [SB 1760](#) Sponsor: [Sullivan](#)
Assisted Living Facilities - Relating to expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to assisted living facilities holding a limited mental health license.
02-28-02 S Reported from committee
- [SB 1776](#) Sponsor: [Clary](#)
Recitation of Declaration of Independence - Relating to requiring a portion of the Declaration of Independence be recited daily by public school students to underscore its importance in forming American character & to reaffirm American ideals.
03-04-02 S Voted favorably from committee
- [SB 1790](#) Sponsor: [Villalobos](#)
Corporate Income Tax Credit - Relating to expressing the legislative intent to address the corporate income tax credit for contributions to nonprofit scholarship funding organizations.
02-05-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-RULE CAL
- [SB 1796](#) Sponsor: [Brown-Waite](#)
Insurance/Nursing Homes - Relating to expressing the legislative intent to enact laws providing for appropriate insurance levels for nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
02-05-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR
- [SB 1810](#) Sponsor: [Wasserman Schultz](#)
School Readiness - Relating to providing that certain school age children who meet specified requirements shall be given priority for participation in school readiness programs administered by school readiness coalitions.
02-12-02 S Temporarily postponed in committee S-COM ECON
- [SB 1828](#) Sponsor: [Dawson](#)
Transfer of Child - Relating to authorizing the sentencing judge rather than Sec. of Juvenile Justice to transfer a child from Dept. of Corrections to Dept. of Juvenile Justice.
02-05-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-CHIL FAM
- [SB 1902](#) Sponsor: [Peadar](#)
Local Governments/Minimum Wage - Relating to prohibiting local governments from requiring employers to pay a minimum wage in excess of the federal minimum wage; provides exceptions.
02-20-02 S Available for Senate Calendar, on second reading
- [SB 1908](#) Sponsor: [Sullivan](#)
Nursing Home Facilities - Relating to providing that the AHCA must require a portion of a nursing home facility's Medicaid per diem be earmarked for increases in staff wages or benefits, or both; defines "wage pass-through" and "eligible staff".
02-27-02 S Reported favorably from committee
- [SB 1924](#) Sponsor: [Cowin](#)

Infants Born Alive Protection Act - Relating to creating the Act; clarifies the definition of "live birth" under the Florida Vital Statistics law as it applies in situations or natural or induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion.

02-05-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 1980](#) Sponsor: [Silver](#)

Children's Health Care - Relating to prescribing duties of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation in annually establishing local match requirements for county participation in the Healthy Kids program.

03-05-02 S Temporarily postponed in committee

[SB 2018](#) Sponsor: [Wise](#)

Res/Ham Jam Week/Clay County - Relating to a resolution recognizing October 31 - November 3, 2002, as Ham Jam Week in Clay County.

02-28-02 S Resolution to be considered

[SB 2030](#) Sponsor: [Peaden](#)

Involuntary Exam/Mental Health - Relating to providing additional criteria for involuntary exam at a mental health receiving facility & for involuntary placement for mental health treatment, under the Baker Act.

03-05-02 S Temporarily postponed in committee

[SB 2032](#) Sponsor: [Silver](#)

Dept. of Children & Family Services - Relating to revising various funding & expenditure provisions under the jurisdiction of DCFS; authorizes sale of former W.T. Edwards Hospital complex and provides for use of proceeds.

02-05-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 2040](#) Sponsor: [Clary](#)

Developmental Disabilities Program - Relating to providing for the Program of the Dept. of Chil. & Fam. Svcs. to form task force that will develop policies & procedures for implementing consumer-directed, choice-based system of services.

02-05-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-APPROPR

[SB 2062](#) Sponsor: [Klein](#)

Infant Eye Care - Relating to requiring each infant born in a hospital in the state to receive an eye exam for detection of pediatric congenital and ocular abnormalities; requires insurances to include such coverage.

02-28-02 S Reported from committee

[SB 2086](#) Sponsor: [Silver](#)

Children's Service Council/Home Rule Charter - Relating to providing for the creation, in any county having a home rule charter, of a 33-member council on children's services; specifies council membership and terms of office.

03-06-02 S Hearing set for 9:00 AM

[SB 2116](#) Sponsor: [Garcia Jr, R](#)

Discriminatory Practices - Relating to applying to business establishments serving the public the provisions prohibiting discriminatory practices that apply to clubs that have more than 400 members.

02-11-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-GOV OVER

[SB 2154](#) Sponsor: [Campbell](#)

Noncustodial Parent/School Activities - Relating to providing that a noncustodial parent may not be denied access to his or her minor child's school or extracurricular activities except by court order.

02-11-02 S Referred to Senate Committee on S-JUD

[SB 2172](#) Sponsor: [Brown-Waite](#)

School Advisory Councils - Relating to requiring school advisory councils to adopt bylaws that are subject to approval by the district school board; provides certain requirements.

03-04-02 S Hearing set for 3:15 PM