

Legislative Link

A legislative update provided by the United Way of Florida, Inc.

FINAL WEEK REVIEW

Once they got the budget done, they flew.

This has been a moribund session. It started very slowly, as legislators spent the first couple of weeks trying to figure out how to cut about \$500 million out of this year's budget. Few bills were heard. After getting over that hump, attention turned to cutting more than \$3 billion out of next year's budget. The pace of bills being heard limped along at a pace slower than we've seen in recent years. Last week, as House and Senate Conferees came to consensus on the issues, and the Speaker and the President tied up the loose ends on the budget, it seemed as if legislators had broken free. Yes, the budget situation still remained as a pall over the session, but during the final week, hundreds of bills have been heard.

While the pace quickened and legislators tried to get bills through the process, advocates, funders, and service providers scrambled to try to figure out what the budget means for them and the people they serve. Although the Legislature ended up sweeping more trust funds and raiding more reserves than originally anticipated to fund such important programs as Healthy Start and Hospice, among others, Healthy Families, child welfare services and adoption subsidies, nursing homes, Medicaid recipients, services for the elderly and disabled, school readiness, juvenile justice and education sustained heavy, even crippling hits.

One of the major victories of the session was realized this week as the Senate refused to accept the House's proposal to expand the Medicaid Reform Pilot Project into Miami-Dade, Monroe, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Manatee, Polk, Highlands, and Hardee counties by September 1, 2010. The Legislature also is parlaying over the "Window of Opportunity Act". The House morphed a relatively simple Senate bill which basically would mandate insurance coverage for children with autism into a package that requires insurers to figure out how they will provide the coverage, and includes VPK options and coverage of children with autism/disabilities by the Florida KidCare program. Some suggested the House was attempting to "love the bill to death" as its provisions would be more costly and perhaps less effective than the simpler Senate version. However, it does now contain important KidCare streamlining provisions. In a potentially devastating move, last night the House and Senate agreed to sunset the Medically Needy program (except for pregnant women and children) and the Medicaid Aged and Disabled program next July. This means a potential death sentence for many of the 40,000 people with chronic and severe health care problems covered by these programs. The 2009 Legislature will have to reinstate these programs in order for them to continue.

Among others, last minute efforts are being made to authorize the Governor to expend funding to offset cuts in the child welfare system, particularly the \$13.8 million in adoption subsidies that parents must have in order to enable them to adopt children out of the foster care system.

Your final 2008 wrap-up edition of the Legislative Link will detail the outcome on these efforts, bills passed and killed this session, and the 2008-2009 budget in a few weeks after the dust has settled.

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UNITED WAY OF FLORIDA 2008 BILL BRIEFS

Below are the United Way of Florida's *Bill Briefs*. They are descriptions of bills that the United Way of Florida is monitoring, supporting or opposing, working on, or playing a lead advocacy role on. They are bills of interest to United Ways, United Way agencies, and to people interested in the spectrum of human services.

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[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, Jacksonville Children's Zone, & Orlando Children's Zone pilot projects; requires DCFS to contract with certain private not-for-profit corporations. Effective Date: July 1, 2008, subject to a specific appropriation to provide a grant for a 3-year period for the purpose of implementing this act, which includes contracting with a not-for-profit corporation for the development of a business plan and for the evaluation, fiscal management, and oversight of the Magic City Children's Zone, Inc., and Jacksonville Children's Zone pilot projects

5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

[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.

4/25/2008 HOUSE Read Second Time; Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading

[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 and Nervous Disorders

Homan

Coverage for Mental and Nervous Disorders: Revises requirements for optional coverage for mental & nervous disorders; revises certain benefits limitations; provides definitions; limits applicability; permits benefits to be provided by exclusive provider or group of exclusive providers & through contract with exclusive providers; provides for care management; provides exemption. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
4/22/2008 SENATE In Messages

[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.
4/30/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 1 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

[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.
4/30/2008 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 119 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled; Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

[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. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
4/2/2008 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0276; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0276
- 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.
4/2/2008 SENATE Read Second time; Adopted
- HB 0111** **Relating to Hurricane Preparedness** Nehr

Hurricane Preparedness: Provides exemption from sales & use tax for sales of specified tangible personal property during June 1-7, 2008; provides exceptions for sales within public lodging establishments, theme parks, entertainment complexes, or airports; provides appropriation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 4/16/2008 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

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 4/23/2008 HOUSE Council Substitute (C2) Filed

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.
 4/29/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0035; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0035
- 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: Requires the motor vehicle registration form and registration renewal form to include an option to make a voluntary contribution to aid the homeless. Establishes homelessness prevention grant program; requires grant applicants to be ranked competitively & provides preference for certain applicants; requires lead agencies for local homeless assistance continuum of care to track, monitor, & report on assisted families for specified time period, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
 4/22/2008 SENATE In Messages
- 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.
 4/22/2008 ----- Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2008-25
- 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 each organization, association, business, & institution operating in state & receiving state funds, & each public airport, to collect aluminum beverage cans & recyclable plastic & glass from its place of business, or from entities doing business at airport, & to offer such materials for recycling; provides legislative intent; encourages public school districts to recycle certain materials. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
 4/25/2008 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment(s) Withdrawn (211789, 378227, 547967, 565305, 681551); Amendment(s) Adopted (741013); Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
- 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.
 4/10/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Finance and Tax; Now in Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- SB 0318** **Relating to Exceptional Students with Disabilities** Constantine
 Exceptional Students with Disabilities [SPCC]; Requires the Department of Children and Family Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and residential facilities licensed by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to notify a school district under certain circumstances. Requires the review of a student's individual educational plan. Requires the DOE, in consultation with specified agencies, to develop procedures for the placement of students in residential care facilities, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
 4/29/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House messages
- HB 0333** **Relating to Developmental Disabilities Institutions** Nehr

Developmental Disabilities Institutions: Requires APD to submit plan to Governor & Legislature if agency proposes to close or reduce resident population of specified developmental disabilities institution by certain percentage; provides for content of plan; requires Governor to forward the Legislature's comments on plan to director of agency after he or she considers such comments; requires agency to provide quarterly reports; provides for content of reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
4/22/2008 SENATE In Messages

[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.
4/30/2008 SENATE Read second time; Adopted by Publication

[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.
4/2/2008 SENATE Now in Rules

[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.
4/17/2008 HOUSE In Messages

[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 by a certain date 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.
4/29/2008 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled

[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.

4/17/2008 SENATE Now in Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

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.

4/16/2008 SENATE Now in General Government Appropriations

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. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/24/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0003; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0003

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

[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 Violations of Injunctions for Protection

Long

Violations of Injunctions for Protection: Adds circumstances that violate injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

4/21/2008 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

[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: October 1, 2008

4/9/2008 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

[HB 0605](#)

Relating to Exploited Children

Rivera

Exploited Children: Permits use of pseudonym for victim of crime involving child pornography; extends provisions to use of victim pseudonyms to civil & criminal proceedings; provides additional prohibition on selling minors; relocates specified provisions relating to online lewd & lascivious exhibitions; requires law enforcement officers to provide certain information to specified center; requires law enforcement officers submitting child pornography case to provide specified information; requires prosecutors to pursue prosecutions regarding images or movies of child pornography when identified victim is in state; requires prosecutors to enter specified information in database; provides civil remedy for certain victims of certain sexual abuse crimes when portion of abuse was used in production of child pornography; specifies damages; provides for limitation of actions; provides for pseudonyms for 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; authorizes victim compensation awards to certain persons suffering psychiatric or psychological injury from specified crimes; conforms provisions. Effective Date: October 1, 2008

4/28/2008 HOUSE Read Third Time; Substituted for SB 1442; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 1442;

[SB 0610](#)

Relating to Physical Education/Grades 6-8

Constantine

Physical Education/Grades 6-8 [SPCC]; Cites this act as the "Don Davis Physical Education Act." Requires physical education for students in grade 6 through grade 8. Provides for waivers under certain circumstances. Requires school districts to notify parents of the waiver options, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/30/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Referred to Calendar; Substituted for HB 1163; Read Second Time

[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

5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

[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; provides for removal of disabilities of certain minors for purposes of securing utility services. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

4/28/2008 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

[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]; Provides specified child-restraint requirements for children ages 4 through 7. Redefines the term "motor vehicle" so as to exclude certain vehicles for such requirements. Provides a grace period. Provides exceptions to such requirements, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008 except as otherwise provided.

4/30/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on second reading

[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

4/30/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12; Criminal Justice; Substituted for SB 0790; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

[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]; Requires the court to conduct determination of

incapacity of persons with developmental disabilities and appointment of guardian advocates in separate proceedings. Revises conditions relating to venue for appointment of guardian advocates. Provides a process for restoration of rights for the person with a developmental disability. Provides for the petitioner to submit evidentiary support to the court, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/28/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0739; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0739

HB 0691

Relating to Medicaid Provider Service Networks

Zapata

Medicaid Provider Service Networks : Authorizes AHCA to contract with specialty provider service network that exclusively enrolls Medicaid beneficiaries who have psychiatric disabilities; requires specialty provider to offer same physical & behavioral health services that are required from other Medicaid HMOs & provider service networks; requires agency to modify eligibility assignment processes for managed care pilot programs to include specialty plans that specialize in care for beneficiaries who have psychiatric disabilities; requires agency to provide service delivery alternative to provide Medicaid services to persons having psychiatric disabilities; provides additional criterion for agency in making assignments; requires enrollment & choice counseling materials to contain explanation concerning choice of network or plan; provides additional open enrollment period following availability of specialty services. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

4/30/2008 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 105 Yeas / 7 Nays); In Senate messages

HB 0699

Relating to Affordable Housing

Aubuchon

Affordable Housing: Revises & provides provisions relating to affordable housing; provides for assessment of property receiving low-income housing tax credit; defines term "community land trust"; provides for assessment of structural improvements, condominium parcels, & cooperative parcels on land owned by community land trust & used to provide affordable housing; provides for conveyance of structural improvements, condominium parcels, & cooperative parcels subject to certain conditions; specifies criteria to be used in arriving at just valuation of structural improvement, condominium parcel, or cooperative parcel; provides additional criteria for determining whether certain affordable housing property owned by certain exempt organizations is entitled to exemption; provides ad valorem taxation exemption for certain purposes; subjects certain organizations to ad valorem taxation under certain circumstances; ... Effective Date: July 1, 2008

4/23/2008 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (254855, 512179, 454517); Ordered engrossed; Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

SB 0700

Relating to Juvenile Justice

Crist

Juvenile Justice [LPCC]; Revises provisions relating to community service programs. Provides diversion options. Provides that confidential information obtained during an official's service with juvenile delinquents may be shared with authorized personnel of the DCFS. Requires the DJJ to adopt rules to establish procedures to provide ordinary medical care, mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities services to youth within the juvenile justice continuum, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$50,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/28/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 7087; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7087

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 of 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

4/23/2008 HOUSE Withdrawn from Policy & Budget Council; Placed on Calendar, on second reading

- 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: Requires court to conduct determination of incapacity of persons with developmental disabilities & appointment of guardian advocates in separate proceedings; revises conditions relating to venue for appointment of guardian advocates; provides that guardian advocate need not be represented by attorney unless required by court or guardian advocate is delegated certain rights regarding property; limits applicability to certain proceedings relating to appointment & supervision of guardian advocates; requires petition to include relationship of proposed guardian advocate to certain providers; adds persons to whom notice of filing of petition must be given; removes provision requiring inclusion of certain information relating to right to be represented by counsel in notice of filing of petition; provides conditions for court to appoint attorneys; requires consideration of advance directives for health care & durable powers of attorney in certain orders & proceedings; provides process for restoration of rights for person with developmental disability; provides for petitioner to submit evidentiary support to court; provides for hearing if no evidentiary support is available. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
 5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Amendment(s) Adopted (358051); Concurred with Amendment(s) (939538); Passed (Vote: 106 Yeas / 0 Nays); In Senate returning messages
- 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 & district school board appointment of surrogate parent for educational decisionmaking for certain children who have or are suspected of having disability; provides for joint responsibility of court & district school board; provides access to medical & educational records; provides access to free public education for children known to DCFS; authorizes certain temporary exemptions from requirements for school attendance & school-entry health examinations. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
 4/22/2008 SENATE In Messages
- 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. Provides legislative findings and intent relating to young adults leaving foster care, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
 4/17/2008 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
- SB 0788** **Relating to Transportation Disadvantaged/Services** Fasano
 Transportation Disadvantaged/Services [EPCC]; Authorizes the AHCA to continue to contract for Medicaid nonemergency transportation services in a specified agency service area with managed care plans under certain conditions. Revises the number of members required for a quorum at a meeting of the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Requires the commission to incur expenses for promotional services and items, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
 4/25/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 1175; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 1175
- 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.
 4/30/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0669; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0669
- 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 preadjudicatory conditions. Authorizes the circuit court to set reasonable conditions of preadjudicatory release, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
4/22/2008 SENATE Now in Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

[HB 0793](#)

Relating to Transitional Services for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities Davis

Transitional Services for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities: Creates Health Care Transition Services Task Force for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities within DOH to assess need for health care transition services for youth and young adults with disabilities, develop strategies to ensure successful transition from pediatric to adult health care system, & identify existing & potential funding sources; provides for expiration of task force. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
4/17/2008 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading

[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
4/1/2008 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. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
4/25/2008 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

[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.
4/8/2008 SENATE Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations

- 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 plan to the Governor and the legislature if the agency proposes to close or reduce by a certain percentage the resident population of a developmental disabilities institution. Requires the Governor to forward the Legislature's comments on the plan to the head of the agency after he or she considers such comments, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.
 4/21/2008 SENATE Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations
- HB 0879** **Relating to Early Learning** Kelly
 Early Learning: Revises provisions relating to membership of early learning coalitions; 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. Effective Date: July 1, 2008
 5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled
- 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.
 4/30/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 1 Nays); In House messages
- SB 0888** **Relating to Florida Kidcare Program** Dawson
 Florida Kidcare Program [SPCC]; Redesignates the Division of Children's Medical Services Network within the

DOH as the "Division of Children's Medical Services Network and Specialty Programs." Creates the Division of Children's Health Insurance and the Office of Child Health Coordination within the DOH. Redesignates ch. 391, F.S., as the "Children's Health Act." Revises the components of the Children's Health program. Requires the DOH to administer the Florida Kidcare program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/14/2008 SENATE Reference to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, Governmental Operations added; Reference to Banking and Insurance, Rules removed; Remaining references: Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, Governmental Operations; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

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.

4/2/2008 SENATE Read Second time; Adopted

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.

4/30/2008 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled; Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

- 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.
4/25/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 0489; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0489
- 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 providers to make available product or service enabling subscriber to regulate minor's Internet access; requires that interactive computer services take necessary steps to preserve records & evidence upon request of law enforcement agencies investigating specified crimes involving minor victims; requires retention of such records & information for specified periods; provides for compliance without compulsory legal process in investigations of certain offenses involving minor victims involving immediate danger of death or serious bodily harm; requires interactive computer services to report violations of child pornography laws; authorizes FDLE to provide interactive computer services certain information; provides that interactive computers services are not liable for taking or failing to take certain actions based on registered user's association with electronic mail address or instant message name contained in certain sex offender registries. Effective Date: October 1, 2008
4/4/2008 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading
- 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.
4/22/2008 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading
- 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.
4/23/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Withdrawn (185752, 754524); Substituted for HB 7077; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7077
- 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]; Amends a provision relating to a public-records exemption for certain records pertaining to the Florida Kidcare program. Clarifies provisions authorizing the release of certain information to the legal guardian of an enrollee. Saves the exemption from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act. Repeals a provision relating to a public-records exemption for the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.
4/28/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 7053; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7053
- 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.
4/22/2008 SENATE Ordered enrolled
- 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.
4/8/2008 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Health Policy
- 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 Services for the Transportation Disadvantaged** Robaina
Transportation Services for the Transportation Disadvantaged: Authorizes AHCA to continue to contract for Medicaid nonemergency transportation services in specified agency service area with managed care plans under certain conditions; revises number of members required for quorum at meeting of Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged; revises responsibilities of commission; removes provision for functioning & oversight of quality assurance & management review program; requires commission to incur expenses for promotional services & items; revises & creates duties & responsibilities for agencies that purchase transportation service for transportation disadvantaged; provides requirements for payment of rates; requires agencies to negotiate with commission before procuring transportation disadvantaged services; requires that agency identify its allocation for transportation disadvantaged services in its legislative budget request; revises provisions relating to function of metropolitan planning organization or designated official planning agency; revises duties of community transportation coordinators, coordinating boards, & transportation coordinators; revises provisions relating to Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund. Effective Date: July 1, 2008

5/1/2008 HOUSE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment(s); Called Up For Reconsideration; Concurred with Amendment(s); Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

[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.

4/17/2008 SENATE Now in Judiciary

[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
4/2/2008 HOUSE Now in Healthcare Council

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.

4/15/2008 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Health Policy

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

4/30/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); House Ordered enrolled

[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 school breakfast programs in middle and high schools. Specifies requirements for setting prices of breakfast meals. Requires district school boards to consider policies for the provision of universal-free school breakfast meals in certain schools. Requires the information to be communicated to students and parents. Clarifies the allocation of funds for school breakfast programs, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/28/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (633468); Substituted for HB 0623; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0623

[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.

4/28/2008 HOUSE In Messages

[SB 1490](#)

Relating to Affordable Housing

Bennett

Affordable Housing [RPCC]; Provides for the assessment of structural improvements, condominium parcels, or cooperative parcels on land owned by a community land trust and used to provide affordable housing. Provides that property owned by certain nonprofit entities or Florida-based limited partnerships and used or held for the purpose of providing affordable housing to certain income-qualified persons is exempt from ad valorem taxation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/1/2008 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 05/02/08

[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.

4/18/2008 SENATE Now in Judiciary

[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.

4/9/2008 SENATE Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations

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 Anthem and Official State Song

Hill

Official State Anthem and Official State Song [RPCC]; Designates the song "Florida, Where the Sawgrass Meets the Sky" as the official state anthem. Designates the song "Old Folks at Home," revised lyrics, as adopted by the Center for American Music, Stephen Foster Memorial, at the University of Pittsburgh, as the official state song, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/1/2008 HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 83 Yeas / 38 Nays); Senate Ordered enrolled

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 person affiliated with a not-for-profit legal aid organization to serve as a guardian ad litem under certain circumstances. Requires that such person undergo a security background investigation. Requires not-for-profit legal aid organizations to provide training developed by The Florida Bar before a person is certified as a guardian ad litem. Provides for interim training developed by a curriculum committee, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/28/2008 HOUSE In Messages

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.

4/29/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (790928, 695336, 137466); Substituted for HB 0879; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0879

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.

4/23/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 7007; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7007

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; Specifies certain additional offenses that constitute a breach of 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.

4/30/2008 HOUSE Read Third Time; Amendment(s) Withdrawn (856615, 757409); Amendment(s) Adopted (870489, 397079, 675585); Passed (Vote: 118 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 1854

Relating to Medicaid Program Peaden, Jr.

Medicaid Program [FPCC]; Authorizes the AHCA to transfer fees used to repay nursing home Medicaid overpayments to the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the AHCA. Discontinues optional Medicaid payments for certain persons age 65 or over or who are blind or disabled. Revises certain eligibility criteria for pregnant women and children younger than 21. Discontinues adult dental services and adult hearing services on a certain date, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/10/2008 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

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.

4/29/2008 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (102020); Substituted for HB 7075; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 7075

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 2156** **Relating to Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund** Banking and Insurance
 Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund [EPCC]; Creates the Division of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund as a division of the State Board of Administration. Requires that the division enter into a contract with each insurer writing covered policies in this state to provide to the insurer reimbursement as prescribed by state law. Extends for an additional year the offer of reimbursement coverage of up to \$10 million for specified insurers, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/01/2008.
 4/10/2008 SENATE Committee Substitute (C3) Filed; Placed on Calendar, on second reading
- 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.
 4/24/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0625; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0625
- 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 HSMV 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. APPROPRIATION: \$391,768. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2008.
 5/1/2008 SENATE Received from Messages; Amendment Failed (720682); Amendment Adopted (806500); Concurred with Amendment as Amended (820601); Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays); In House returning messages
- 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.

4/3/2008 SENATE Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays; Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations

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]; Specifies that coverage provided through the Cover Florida Health Care Access Program is considered health insurance coverage for the purposes of determining eligibility for the state retiree health insurance subsidy. Creates the Cover Florida Health Care Access Program. Requires the development of guidelines to meet minimum standards for quality care and access to care, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

4/22/2008 SENATE In returning messages

SB 2564

Relating to Suicide Prevention Education/School Boards

Fasano

Suicide Prevention Education/School Boards [SPCC]; Requires that, beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, each school district provide access to suicide prevention education for all instructional and administrative staff using resources approved by the Statewide Office of Suicide Prevention, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/23/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on second reading

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.

4/28/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (489316); Substituted for HB 1141; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 1141

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 2626

Relating to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

Storms

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services [SPCC]; Specifies roles and responsibilities of the DCFS. Creates community-based systems of care. Authorizes the implementation of managing entities by the DCFS. Establishes a process for contracting with managing entities. Specifies qualifying criteria for managing entities. Provides for evaluations and reports. Provides for a monitoring process, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/30/2008 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 1429; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 1429

SB 2638

Relating to Credit Enhancement Loans

Baker

Credit Enhancement Loans [EPCC]; Provides for the licensure of lenders by the Department of Financial Services (DFS). Requires that the licensee maintain a minimum net worth. Provides for enforcement of loan agreements. Provides for reports to credit bureaus. Requires that a licensee maintain records for a specified period and allow the department to examine its records. Authorizes the DFS to issue subpoenas and compel testimony, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/15/2008 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Banking & Insurance

SB 2644

Relating to Care of Children

Storms

Care of Children [SPCC]; Creates the "Zahid Jones, Jr., Give Grandparents and Other Relatives a Voice Act." Provides for the DCFS to analyze certain unaccepted reports to the central abuse hotline. Expands access to certain confidential reports of child abuse or neglect to include physicians, psychologists, and mental health professionals. Requires notification of certain relatives in an order for placement of a child in shelter care, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/28/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Governmental Operations; Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 2654

Relating to Autism Spectrum Disorder

Geller

Autism Spectrum Disorder [EPCC]; Cites this act as the "Steven A. Geller Autism Coverage 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.

5/1/2008 SENATE In returning messages

SB 2750

Relating to Shelter or Foster Care/Children/Education

Storms

Shelter or Foster Care/Children/Education [SPCC]; Provides conditions for court appointment of a surrogate parent for educational decisionmaking for a child who has or is suspected of having a disability. Provides for access to certain records to liaisons between school districts and the Department of Children and Family Services or the court. Provides access to free public education for certain children in foster care and authorizes a temporary exemption relating thereto, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

5/1/2008 SENATE Withdrawn from Judiciary; Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations

SB 2790

Relating to Cigarette User Fees

Deutch

Cigarette User Fees [SPCC] ; Replaces all references to the term tax with user fees. Increases the amount of the cigarette user fee. Requires the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco to certify to the Chief Financial Officer the amount of net collections derived from the user fee on a monthly basis. Provides legislative intent to use the cigarette user fee collections to increase enrollment in the Florida Kidcare program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2008.

4/17/2008 SENATE Committee Substitute (C1) Filed; Now in Higher Education

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

4/16/2008 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 1092; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 1092

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



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