

**Florida Department of Corrections**  
*Office of Legislative Affairs*



*2019 Regular Session*  
*Legislative Wrap-Up Report*

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**[HB 49](#) – Relating to Incarcerated Women  
[Ch. 2019-65](#) Laws of Florida  
 Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring state correctional facilities to provide incarcerated women with certain healthcare products;
- Providing requirements for male correctional employees in certain circumstances;
- Requiring documentation of certain incidents involving male correctional employees.

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**[SB 96](#) – Relating to Police, Fire, and Search and Rescue Dogs and Police Horses  
[Ch. 2019-9](#) Laws of Florida  
 Approved by the Governor on April 26, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing the penalty for intentionally and knowingly causing great bodily harm, permanent disability, or death to, or using a deadly weapon upon, police canines or horses, fire canines, or search and rescue canines, etc.



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**[HB 107](#) – Relating to Communications While Driving  
[Ch. 2019-44](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring a law enforcement officer to inform a motor vehicle operator of certain rights;
- Requiring such officer to record the race and ethnicity of a violator when issuing a citation;
- Requiring law enforcement agencies to report such information to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV);
- Prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone;
- Authorizing a law enforcement officer during a specified period to stop motor vehicles to issue warnings to persons who are driving while using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone;
- Requiring all law enforcement agencies to maintain such information and report it to the (DHSMV) in a form and manner determined by the department, etc.

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**[SB 124](#) – Relating to Dependent Children  
[Ch. 2019-10](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on April 26, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying the venue in proceedings for the appointment of a guardian for a child or young adult who has been adjudicated dependent; authorizing a court to receive and consider any information provided by the Guardian Ad Litem Program and the child’s attorney ad litem if a child is under the jurisdiction of a dependency court, etc.

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**SB 168 – Relating to Federal Immigration Enforcement  
Ch. 2019-102 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 14, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting sanctuary policies;
- Requiring state entities, local governmental entities, and law enforcement agencies to use best efforts to support the enforcement of federal immigration law;
- Authorizing a law enforcement agency to transport an alien unlawfully present in the United States under certain circumstances;
- Prohibiting discrimination on specified grounds, etc.

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**SB 182 – Relating to Medical Use of Marijuana  
Ch. 2019-1 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on March 18, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Redefining the term “marijuana delivery device” to provide an exception to the requirement that such devices must be purchased from a medical marijuana treatment center for devices that are intended for the medical use of marijuana by smoking;
- Redefining the term “medical use” to include the possession, use, or administration of marijuana in a form for smoking;
- Restricting the smoking of marijuana in enclosed indoor workplaces;
- Requiring a qualified physician to submit specified documentation to the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine upon determining that smoking is an appropriate route of administration for a qualified patient, other than a patient diagnosed with a terminal condition, etc.

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**SB 262 – Relating to Child Welfare  
Ch. 2019-128 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 25, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing for the name of a child’s guardian ad litem or attorney ad litem to be entered on court orders in dependency proceedings;
- Requiring cooperation between certain parties and the court to achieve permanency for a child as soon as possible;
- Requiring the court during an adjudicatory hearing to advise parents in plain language of certain requirements to achieve permanency with their child, etc.

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**[HB 487](#) – Relating to Carrying of Firearms by Tactical Medical Professionals  
[Ch. 2019-77](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Exempting certain licensed medical professionals from specified provisions concerning the carrying of firearms;
- Requiring certain policies and procedures for law enforcement agencies;
- Providing such professionals have no duty to retreat in certain circumstances;
- Providing immunities and privileges for such professionals; providing construction;
- Requiring the appointing law enforcement agency to issue to tactical medical professionals any firearm or ammunition, etc.

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**[HB 595](#) – Relating to Alcohol or Drug Overdose Prosecutions  
[Ch. 2019-81](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the arrest or penalty under specified provisions of a person seeking medical assistance for an individual experiencing alcohol-related or drug-related overdose or for himself or herself;
- Prohibiting this protection from being grounds for suppression of evidence in other prosecutions.

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**[HB 741](#) – Relating to Anti-Semitism  
[Ch. 2019-59](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on May 31, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defines "anti-Semitism";
- Prohibiting discrimination in Florida K-20 public education system based on religion;
- Requiring public K-20 educational institutions to consider anti-Semitism under certain instances of discrimination.

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**[HB 851](#) – Relating to Human Trafficking  
[Ch. 2019-152](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 26, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Legal Affairs to establish certain direct-support organization;
- Providing for future review and repeal;
- Providing for instruction on human trafficking;
- Requiring specified licensees or certificate holders to post human trafficking public awareness signs in place of work;
- Providing penalties;
- Requiring specified continuing education for certain persons;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to establish continued employment training component relating to human trafficking;
- Providing appropriation.

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**[SB 1656](#) – Relating to Criminal Statutes  
[Ch. 2019-63](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019**





The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying that the reenactment or amendment of a criminal statute operates prospectively and does not affect or abate specified circumstances;
- Providing that a reference to any other chapter, part, section, or subdivision of the Florida Statutes in a criminal statute or a reference within a criminal statute constitutes a general reference under the doctrine of incorporation by reference, etc.

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**[SB 7012](#) – Relating to Vaping  
[Ch. 2019-14](#) Laws of Florida  
**Approved by the Governor on April 26, 2019****

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Implementing s. 20, Art. X of the State Constitution, as amended by Amendment 9 (2018);
- Prohibiting vaping in an enclosed indoor workplace, except as otherwise provided;
- Providing exceptions to the prohibition against vaping and smoking in an enclosed indoor workplace;
- Requiring the proprietor or other person in charge of an enclosed indoor workplace to develop and implement a policy regarding specified smoking and vaping prohibitions, etc.

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**[SB 7030](#) – Relating to Implementation of Legislative Recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission  
[Ch. 2019-22](#) Laws of Florida  
**Approved by the Governor on May 8, 2019****

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring sheriffs to establish a school guardian program or contract with another sheriff's office that has established a program under a certain condition;
- Requiring the Office of Safe Schools to annually provide training for specified personnel;
- Requiring district school boards and school district superintendents to partner with security agencies to establish or assign safe-school officers;
- Revising requirements for school district zero-tolerance policies;
- Requiring the Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool to be the primary site security assessment tool for school districts, etc.



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**[HB 7057](#) – Relating to Corrections  
[Ch. 2019-113](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 18, 2019  
[HB 7057 was an FDC Priority Bill](#)**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending the definition of critical infrastructure facilities in s. 330.41 F.S., to include certain detention centers and correctional facilities in provisions restricting operation of unmanned aircraft;
- Authorizing the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) to hire an individual at 18 years of age or older instead of 19 years of age or older to work as full-time, part-time, or auxiliary correctional officers.

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**[SB 7066](#) – Relating to Election Administration  
[Ch. 2019-162](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 28, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Secretary of State to provide signature matching training to certain persons;
- Revising the voter threshold necessary to require the reporting of certain precinct-level results by ballot;
- Requiring the supervisor of elections of the county in which an ineligible voter is registered to notify the voter of instructions for seeking restoration of voting rights pursuant to s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution, in addition to restoration of civil rights pursuant to s. 8, Art. IV of the State Constitution;
- Requiring the supervisor of elections to make a final determination of whether a person who has been convicted of a felony offense is eligible to register to vote, including if he or she has completed all the terms of his or her sentence, etc.

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**HB 7071 – Relating to Workforce Education  
Ch. 2019-119 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, secondary and postsecondary workforce education, high school graduation requirements, and postsecondary education provisions, and school grades;
- Creating SAIL to 60 Initiative;
- Renaming the Higher Education Coordinating Council as Florida Talent Development Council and revises councils membership duties.

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**HB 7125 – Relating to Administration of Justice  
Ch. 2019-167 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 28, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language in various ways including:

- Increasing the third-degree felony threshold to \$1000, and related misdemeanor thresholds, for certain offenses including:
  - Grand theft;
  - Retail theft;
  - Theft of state funds;
  - Obtaining food or lodging with intent to defraud;
  - Removal of property upon which a lien has accrued;
  - Sale of used motor vehicle goods as new.
- Revising provisions relating to probation violations by:
  - Authorizing a court to sentence an offender to administrative, non-reporting probation;
  - Requiring early termination of probation or conversion to administrative probation for specified offenders who successfully complete at least half of their probation term;
  - Standardizing a graduated incentives program for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) to award compliance;
  - Creating a uniform, statewide alternative sanctioning program to address technical violations;
  - Limiting jail sentences for certain technical violations to 90 days.
- Creating and revising provisions relating to inmate transitional assistance by:



- Authorizing FDC to increase employment assistance positions, services and transitional programs, including the Prison Entrepreneurship Program, subject to funding;
- Increasing the availability of community specific reentry referrals such as a community resource directory;
- Requiring FDC to establish a registration process for nonprofit organizations to provide reentry services.
- Creating and revising provisions relating to expungement and sealing of records;
- Eliminating or reducing the length of driver license revocation for certain offenses;
- Revising provisions relating to crime victim assistance;
- Creating the Task Force on the Criminal Punishment Code to review, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding sentencing and ranking for noncapital felony offenses.

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## **APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE**

*The following is an overview of the budget for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) which was passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2019 Regular Legislative Session.*

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### **SB 2500 – Relating to Appropriations**

#### **Ch. 2019-115 Laws of Florida**

**Approved by the Governor with Vetoes on June 21, 2019**

The funding for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is approximately \$2.7 billion including \$2.6 billion in General Revenue, \$64 million in Trust Funds, and 24,856 authorized positions.

### **Major funding highlights include:**

- Constitutionally Required Health Services – \$86.6 million
  - This funding is provided for medical, mental health and dental services.
- Mental Health Services for Inmates – \$23.1 million
  - This funding will be used to consolidate and renovate mental health facilities and increase medical and security staff to ensure that inmates with mental health needs are provided prompt and effective treatment in a rehabilitative environment.
- Improving Services for Disabled Inmates – \$1.7 million
  - These funds will be used to provide Americans with Disabilities Act modifications to current facilities as well as lighting notification systems, message boards, and sign language interpreters for hearing impaired inmates.
- Hepatitis C Treatment – \$34.6 million



- This funding is provided to treat affected inmates with antiviral drugs.
- Pharmaceuticals – \$13.9 million
  - Evolving standards of care, increasing pharmaceutical costs such as insulin and cancer drugs, continuing increases in the elderly population, and increases in the mentally ill population require this investment in the Department’s pharmaceutical budget.
- Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) – \$9 million
  - This funding is provided to address the most critical maintenance and repair needs of the Department’s correctional facilities along with improvements to security systems such as perimeter security systems, body scanners and personal body alarms for officers.
- Fleet – \$5.5 million
  - These funds will allow the Department to purchase mission critical vehicles for both security and community corrections.
- Electronic Monitoring – \$4 million
  - This funding is necessary to upgrade the Department’s electronic monitoring equipment.
- Substance Abuse Treatment and Expense Funding – \$3 million
  - This funding restores critical substance abuse treatment funds.
- Competitive Pay Increase for Eligible Correctional Probation Officers
  - Pay increase of \$2,500 will be added to the annual salaries of the following Community Corrections staff: Correctional Probation Officer (8036); Correctional Probation Officer - Institution (8037); Correctional Probation Senior Officer (8039); Correctional Probation Officer Specialist (8040); Correctional Probation Senior Officer - Institution (8041); Correctional Probation Supervisor (8045); Correctional Probation Senior Supervisor (8046).

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**[SB 2502](#) – Relating to Implementing the 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act**

**[Ch. 2019-116](#) Laws of Florida**

**Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2019**

**Major funding highlights:**

- Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS**

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**[HB 19](#) – Relating to Prescription Drug Importation Programs  
[Ch. 2019-99](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 11, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish the Canadian Prescription Drug Importation Program;
- Authorizing a Canadian supplier to export drugs into this state under the program under certain circumstances; establishing an international export pharmacy permit for participation in the International Prescription Drug Importation Program;
- Authorizing the department to inspect international export pharmacy permittees;
- Providing that the importation of a prescription drug under the International Prescription Drug Importation Program is not a prohibited act under that chapter;
- Requiring the agency, in collaboration with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Department of Health, to negotiate a federal arrangement to operate a pilot program for importing prescription drugs into this state, etc.

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**[HB 21](#) – Relating to Hospital Licensure  
[Ch. 2019-136](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 25, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the Agency for Health Care Administration's rulemaking authority with respect to minimum standards for hospitals;
- Requiring hospitals that provide certain services to meet specified licensure requirements;
- Revising duties and responsibilities of the agency relating to issuance of licenses to health care facilities and health service providers, etc.

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**[SB 184](#) – Relating to Aging Programs  
[Ch. 2019-11](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on April 26, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Transferring the powers, duties, and functions of the Department of Elderly Affairs relating to hospices, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, and adult day care centers to the Agency for Health Care Administration;
- Establishing that the agency is the lead agency responsible for the regulation of hospices, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers, and adult family-care homes, etc.

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**[SB 186](#) – Relating to Public Records/Victim of Mass Violence  
[Ch. 2019-46](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on May 23, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the term “killing of a victim of mass violence”;
- Expanding an existing exemption from public records requirements for a photograph or a video or audio recording held by an agency which depicts or records the killing of a law enforcement officer to include a photograph or a video or audio recording held by an agency which depicts or records the killing of a victim of mass violence;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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**[SB 212](#) – Relating to Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children  
[Ch. 2019-07](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on April 8, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Extending the scheduled repeal of the compact and related provisions, etc.



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**[SB 248](#) – Relating to Public Records/Civilian Personnel Employed by a Law Enforcement Agency**

**[Ch. 2019-12](#) Laws of Florida**

**Approved by the Governor on April 26, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Expanding exemptions from public records requirements for agency personnel information by defining the term “home addresses” for purposes of public records exemptions for personal identifying and location information of certain agency personnel and their family members;
- Exempting personal identifying and location information of active or former civilian personnel employed by a law enforcement agency, and of spouses and children of such personnel, from public records requirements;
- Providing for legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity, etc.

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**[HB 369](#) – Relating to Substance Abuse Services**

**[Ch. 2019-159](#) Laws of Florida**

**Approved by the Governor on June 27, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing DCF and AHCA to grant exemptions from disqualification for service provider personnel to work in certain treatment programs, facilities, or recovery residences;
- Revising background screening requirements and exemptions from disqualification for certain service provider personnel;
- Provides qualifications for peer specialists;
- Authorizing DCF to approve certain credentialing entities to certify peer specialists;
- Providing for review of certain decisions made by department-recognized credentialing entities; provides certain prohibitions and penalties.

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**HB 409 – Relating to Electronic Legal Documents  
Ch. 2019-71 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing online notarizations;
- Specifying requirements and standards for performance of such online notarizations;
- Requiring DOS to adopt rules by specified date.

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**SB 426 – Relating to Firefighters  
Ch. 2019-21 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on May 3, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Granting certain benefits to a firefighter upon receiving a diagnosis of cancer if certain conditions are met;
- Requiring an employer to make certain disability payments to a firefighter in the event of a total and permanent disability;
- Providing for death benefits to a firefighter’s beneficiary if a firefighter dies as a result of cancer or cancer treatments;
- Adjusting the allocation of funds to provide line-of-duty death benefits for members in the investment plan of the Florida Retirement System, etc.

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**HB 451 – Relating to Nonopioid Alternatives  
Ch. 2019-123 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 25, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Health to develop and publish on its website educational pamphlet regarding use of nonopioid alternatives for treatment of pain;
- Providing requirements for health care practitioners.



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**[HB 501](#) – Relating to Alternative Treatment Options for Veterans  
[Ch. 2019-148](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 26, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Department of Veterans Affairs to contract with a state university or Florida College System institution to furnish specified alternative treatment options for veterans; provides university or institution responsibilities;
- Providing requirements for provision of alternative treatment options and related assessment data; provides eligibility requirements;
- Requiring direction and supervision by certain licensed providers; requires annual report to Governor and Legislature.

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**[SB 620](#) – Relating to Military-friendly Initiatives  
[Ch. 2019-144](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 26, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying additional military installations that may exchange certain information with local governments regarding compatibility of land development;
- Providing that an easement for certain military lands continues after a tax sale or deed execution;
- Directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Blue Angels license plate;
- Requiring a student whose parent is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation within a school district to be considered a resident of the district and provided preferential treatment in the controlled open enrollment process under certain circumstances, etc.

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**SB 732 – Relating to Office Surgery  
Ch. 2019-130 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 25, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Health to issue an emergency order suspending or restricting the registration of certain facilities upon specified findings;
- Requiring an office in which a physician performs certain procedures or office surgeries to register with the department;
- Requiring an office and physicians practicing at the office to meet certain financial responsibility requirements, etc.

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**SB 838 – Relating to Public Records/Mental Health Treatment and Services  
Ch. 2019-51 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on May 23, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for petitions for voluntary and involuntary admission for mental health treatment, court orders, related records, and personal identifying information regarding persons seeking mental health treatment and services;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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**HB 1057 – Relating to Motor Vehicles  
Ch. 2019-92 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to motor vehicle lamps, lights, and warning signals; provides requirements and penalties;
- Revising requirements for release statements and pickup notices for damaged or dismantled motor vehicles;



- Authorizing the entity that processes certain transactions or certificates for derelict or salvage motor vehicles to be authorized electronic filing system agent;
- Authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to adopt rules.

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**[HB 1253](#) – Relating to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program  
[Ch. 2019-127](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 25, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Health to develop unique identifier for each patient;
- Authorizing the Attorney General (AG) to introduce as evidence in certain actions specified information from prescription drug monitoring program;
- Authorizing certain individuals to authenticate records;
- Authorizing the AG to have access to records for active investigations or pending civil or criminal litigation in certain cases;
- Providing that certain information may only be released pursuant to discovery request.

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**[HB 5011](#) – Relating to Courts  
[Ch. 2019-95](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing certain Supreme Court justices to have an appropriate facility in their district of residence designated as their official headquarters;
- Providing that a county is not required to provide space for a justice in a county courthouse;
- Prohibiting the Supreme Court from using state funds to lease space in specified facilities to allow a justice to establish an official headquarters;
- Revising the number of county court judges in certain counties, etc.

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**HB 5301 – Relating to Information Technology Reorganization  
Ch. 2019-118 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Transferring powers, duties, functions, records, offices, personnel, pending issues and contracts, administrative authority, administrative rules, and funds from the Agency for State Technology to the Department of Management Services (DMS) by a type two transfer;
- Establishing Division of State Technology within DMS;
- Specifying reporting requirements for executive branch agencies and judicial branch through statewide travel management system;
- Requiring each state agency to adopt formal procedures for cloud-computing options; creates Florida Cybersecurity Task Force.

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**HB 5401 – Relating to Department of Environmental Protection  
Ch. 2019-141 Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 25, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Transferring specified powers and duties of the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) relating to environmental crimes to Division of Law Enforcement within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP);
- Providing for DEP and FWCC memorandum of agreement;
- Providing for reassignment of personnel and retention of benefits;
- Establishing a Division of Law Enforcement within DEP;
- Providing specified authority to DEP and FWCC officers;
- Providing for the deposit of proceeds in specified DEP trust funds;
- Appointing a DEP representative to Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications;
- Authorizing certain use of Inland Protection Trust Fund moneys; provides penalties for false personation and unlawful use of badges and other symbols of DEP officers.

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**HB 7009** – Relating to OGSR/Identification and Location Information/Department of Health  
**Ch. 2019-28** Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on May 14, 2019

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removes scheduled repeal of exemption from public record requirements for certain personal identifying and location information of specified personnel of the Department of Health, spouses and children thereof.

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**SB 7014** – Relating to Government Accountability  
**Ch. 2019-15** Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on April 26, 2019

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the commissioner, may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity's failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; Specifying that any person who willfully fails or refuses to provide access to an employee, officer, or agent of an entity under audit is subject to a penalty;
- Revising the definition of the term "financial audit";
- Requiring each school district, Florida College System institution, and state university to establish and maintain certain internal controls, etc.

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**SB 7016** – Relating to State-administered Retirement Systems  
**Ch. 2019-8** Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on April 15, 2019

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc.

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**HB 7081 – Relating to State Court System Administration**

**Ch. 2019-98 Laws of Florida**

**Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring security background investigations for foreign language court interpreters and mediators;
- Providing disqualification factors for parenting coordinators;
- Authorizing disclosure of certain testimony or evidence in certain circumstances;
- Providing immunity for certain persons; revises provisions relating to judicial retirement to conform to revisions to the mandatory retirement age; authorizes electronic records of criminal judgments.

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**SB 7098 – Relating to Death Benefits**

**Ch. 2019-24 Laws of Florida**

**Approved by the Governor on May 10, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending provisions relating to death benefits for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers and for firefighters, respectively;
- Revising the payment amounts of death benefits;
- Establishing a death benefit for emergency medical technicians and paramedics to conform to s. 31, Art. X of the State Constitution;
- Specifying eligibility and payment amounts for such death benefits, etc.

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**HB 7123 – Relating to Taxation**

**Ch. 2019-42 Laws of Florida**

**Approved by the Governor on May 15, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Requiring that all of the proceeds from filing fees for trial and appellate proceedings be deposited into the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund;
- Creating Tax Exemptions for Hurricane Michael Recovery;
- Reducing tax rates on rental or licensee fees for the use of real property;
- Revising an insurer's authority to reduce certain tax installment payments for purposes of determining if a certain tax penalty is imposed, etc.
- Establishing the 2019 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday;
- Establishing the 2019 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday;

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### **Penalty Bills**

*The following is an overview of penalty bills of interest to the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) which were passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2019 Regular Legislative Session.*

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**[SB 160](#) – Relating to Prohibited Acts in Connection with Obscene or Lewd Materials  
[Ch. 2019-45](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on May 23, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting a person from knowingly selling, lending, giving away, distributing, transmitting, showing, or transmuting;
- Offering to commit such actions; having in his or her possession, custody, or control with the intent to commit such actions;
- Advertising in any manner an obscene, child-like sex doll; providing criminal penalties, etc.

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**[HB 611](#) – Relating to Motor Vehicle Racing  
[Ch. 2019-125](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 25, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:





- Authorizing law enforcement officer to arrest person without warrant upon probable cause that person committed criminal racing violation.

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**[SB 828](#) – Relating to Lewd or Lascivious Exhibition  
[Ch. 2019-50](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on May 23, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain lewd or lascivious acts in the presence of county correctional personnel;
- Providing criminal penalties, etc.

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**[SB 1080](#) – Relating to Hazing  
[Ch. 2019-133](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 25, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Expanding the crime of hazing, a third-degree felony, to include when a person solicits others to commit or is actively involved in the planning of hazing;
- Expanding the crime of hazing, a first-degree misdemeanor, to include when a person solicits others to commit or is actively involved in the planning of hazing;
- Providing that a person may not be prosecuted if certain conditions are met, etc.

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**[HB 7107](#) – Relating to Controlled Substances  
[Ch. 2019-166](#) Laws of Florida  
Approved by the Governor on June 28, 2019**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Schedules certain drug product containing cannabidiol to Schedule V.



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More information about the bills referenced in this document and the legislative process can be found through these resources:

Florida Department of State, Laws of Florida:

<http://laws.flrules.org/node>

Florida House of Representatives:

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

Florida Senate:

<http://www.flsenate.gov/>

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