

Florida Department of Corrections
Office of Legislative Affairs



2020 Regular Session
Legislative Wrap-Up Report

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Substantive Bills

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**[HB 43](#) – Relating to Child Welfare
[Ch. 2020-40](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 18, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Court Educational Council to establish certain standards for instruction of circuit and county court judges for dependency cases;
- Requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to provide certain information to law enforcement officers relating to specified individuals;
- Requiring Child Protection Teams to be capable of providing certain training relating to head trauma and brain injuries in children younger than a specified age;
- Requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to establish standards for the instruction of law enforcement officers in a specified subject, etc.

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**[HB 131](#) – Relating to Security in Trial Court Facilities
[Ch. 2020-100](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 27, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring sheriffs to coordinate with specified entities to develop a comprehensive plan for security of trial court facilities;
- Specifying sheriffs and chief judges retain certain authority;



- Specifying sheriffs and their deputies, employees, and contractors are officers of court under specified circumstances.

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**[HB 163](#) Relating to Homelessness
[Ch. 2020-44](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 18, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing requirements for continuum of care catchment areas and lead agencies;
- Requiring continuums of care to create continuum of care plans;
- Revising requirements for certain grants;
- Establishing grant-in-aid program to help continuums of care prevent and end homelessness;
- Providing program requirements.

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**[HB 333](#) – Relating to Bail Pending Appellate Review
[Ch. 2020-83](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 23, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting bail to specified offenders pending review following conviction for offense requiring sexual offender or sexual predator registration if victim was minor.

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**[SB 344](#) – Relating to Courts
[Ch. 2020-73](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 23, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Specifying that certain exemptions from court-related fees and charges apply to certain entities;
- Requiring the court to waive any court costs or filing fees for certain proceedings involving public guardians;
- Providing that a certain examination report related to annual guardianship plans may be prepared by a physician assistant or an advanced practice registered nurse under certain circumstances, etc.

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**[SB 538](#) - Relating to Emergency Reporting
[Ch. 2020-53](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 20, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Division of Emergency Management to create a list of reportable incidents;
- Requiring such list to include certain events;
- Requiring a political subdivision to report incidents contained on the list to the State Watch Office;
- Authorizing the Division of Emergency Management to establish guidelines a political subdivision must follow to report an incident, etc.

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**[HB 573](#) - Relating to First Responders and Correctional Officers
[Ch. 2020-104](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 27, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain persons who participate in peer support communication with a first responder from testifying or divulging specified information under certain circumstances;
- Specifying that an allegation or complaint of misconduct against a law enforcement officer or a correctional officer may originate from any source;
- Authorizing law enforcement and correctional agencies to request a separate agency to conduct an investigation of a complaint under certain circumstances, etc.

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**SB 664 - Relating to Verification of Employment Eligibility
Ch. 2020-149 Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 30, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the approval of certain economic development incentive applications after a specified date;
- Requiring public employers, contractors, and subcontractors to register with and use the E-Verify system;
- Prohibiting such entities from entering into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system;
- Requiring private employers to verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees beginning on a specified date, etc.

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**SB 1050 - Relating to Disaster Volunteer Leave for State Employees
Ch. 2020-36 Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 18, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Reordering, revising, and providing definitions;
- Revising conditions under which an employee may be granted leave under the Florida Disaster Volunteer Leave Act;
- Specifying requirements and limitations, etc.

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**SB 1060 - Relating to Public Records and Meetings/911, E911, or Public Safety Radio Communication System
Ch. 2020-13 Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on April 8, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain documents which depict the structural elements of certain 911, E911, or public safety radio communication system infrastructure, structures, or facilities;



- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for geographical maps indicating the actual or proposed locations of certain 911, E911, or public safety radio communication system infrastructure, structures, or facilities;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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**[SB 1116](#) - Relating to Trust Funds/State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund/Department of Corrections
[Ch. 2020-97](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 27, 2020
SB 1116 was an FDC Priority Bill**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections; providing the purpose of the trust fund;
- Providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund, etc.

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**[SB 1118](#) - Relating to Inmate Welfare Trust Funds
[Ch. 2020-98](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 27, 2020
SB 1118 was an FDC Priority Bill**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring that certain amounts in inmate trust fund accounts be deposited into the trust fund;
- Requiring that specified proceeds and funds be deposited into the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund;
- Providing that the trust fund is a trust held by the Department of Corrections for the benefit and welfare of certain inmates;
- Requiring that funds of the trust fund be used exclusively for specified purposes at correctional facilities operated by the department; etc.

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**[SB 1120](#) - Relating to Substance Abuse Services
[Ch. 2020-38](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 18, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring, rather than authorizing, an exemption from disqualification from employment for certain substance abuse service provider personnel under certain circumstances;
- Providing that certain persons may be granted such exemption without a waiting period under certain circumstances;
- Removing the authority of the Department of Children and Families to grant exemptions from disqualification under Ch. 397, F.S., under certain circumstances;
- Providing criminal penalties for violations relating to recovery residence patient referrals, etc.

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**[HB 1259](#) - Relating to Incarcerated Pregnant Women
[Ch. 2020-89](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 23, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the involuntary placement of pregnant prisoners in restrictive housing;
- Providing exceptions;
- Requiring corrections officials to write a specified report if circumstances necessitate placing a pregnant prisoner in restrictive housing;
- Providing requirements for the treatment of pregnant prisoners placed in restrictive housing;
- Requiring pregnant prisoners to be placed in a designated medical housing unit or admitted to the infirmary under certain circumstances;
- Expanding enforcement provisions to provide for grievances for violations relating to restrictive housing of pregnant prisoners, etc.

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**[SB 1286](#) - Relating to Contraband in Specified Facilities
[Ch. 2020-59](#) Laws of Florida**



Signed by the Governor on June 20, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the introduction of certain cannabis related substances, cellular telephones and other portable communication devices, and vapor-generating electronic devices inside specified facilities of the Department of Children and Families or of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities;
- Providing criminal penalties;
- Prohibiting the introduction of certain cannabis related substances and vapor-generating electronic devices inside a state correctional institution, etc.

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[SB 1292](#) - Relating to Public Records/Nonjudicial Arrest Record of a Minor**Vetoed by the Governor on June 27, 2020****(SB 1292 was contingent on the passage of SB 700 – Juvenile Justice, which did not pass the Legislature. Therefore, SB 1292 is a nullity.)**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for a nonjudicial record of the arrest of a minor who has successfully completed a diversion program;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act;
- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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[HB 1391](#) - Relating to Technology Innovation**[Ch. 2020-161](#) Laws of Florida****Signed by the Governor on June 30, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing Division of State Technology from, and adding Florida Digital Service and Division of Telecommunications to, Department of Management Services (DMS);
- Requiring Florida Digital Service to develop enterprise architecture; prohibits DMS from retrieving or disclosing data under circumstances;
- Revising certain standards that the Department of Legal Affairs, Department of Financial Services, and Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services must adopt;



- Providing notice requirements if departments adopt alternative standards in lieu of enterprise architecture standards;
- Prohibiting Florida Digital Service from retrieving or disclosing data;
- Creating Financial Technology Sandbox within the Office of Financial Regulation;
- Providing certain exceptions to general law and certain waivers of rule requirements to specified persons;
- Providing Technology Sandbox application requirements;
- Providing that licensees are not immune from civil damages and are subject to criminal and consumer protection laws and certain general laws;
- Authorizing office to issue certain orders and to enforce them;
- Providing appropriation;
- Providing that specified provisions of act are contingent upon passage of other provisions addressing public records.

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**[HB 1393](#) - Relating to Pub. Rec./Financial Technology Sandbox
[Ch. 2020-162](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 30, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing exemptions from public records requirements for certain information made available to the Office of Financial Regulation in Financial Technology Sandbox applications by specified providers of innovative financial products or services, and for certain information relating on such providers;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity.

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**[SB 2506](#) - Relating to Correctional Medical Authority
[Ch. 2020-113](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 29, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Transferring the State of Florida Correctional Medical Authority from the Executive Office of the Governor to the Department of Health by a type two transfer, etc.



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HB 7001 - Relating to OGSR/E-mail Addresses/Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Ch. 2020-48 Laws of Florida

Signed by the Governor on June 18, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing scheduled repeal of public records exemption for certain e-mail addresses collected by FLHSMV.

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HB 7005 - Relating to OGSR/RICO Act Investigations

Ch. 2020-90 TBD Laws of Florida

Signed by the Governor on June 23, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for certain documents and information held by investigative agency pursuant to investigation relating to activity prohibited under Florida RICO Act.

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SB 7012 - Relating to Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Ch. 2020-39 Laws of Florida

Signed by the Governor on June 18, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing additional duties for the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention;
- Requiring the Department of Transportation to work with the office in developing a plan relating to evidence-based suicide deterrents in certain locations;
- Requiring that certain information be provided to the guardian or representative of a minor patient released from involuntary examination;
- Requiring the maintenance of psychotropic medications to specified defendants under certain circumstances, etc.



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**[HB 7015](#) - Relating to OGSR/Body Camera Recordings
Ch. - TBD Laws of Florida
Pending Action by the Governor**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings.

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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 2020 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[HB 5001](#) – Relating to Appropriations
[Ch. 2020-111](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor with Vetoes on June 29, 2020**

Major funding highlights include:

The funding for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is approximately \$2.76 billion including \$2.7 billion in General Revenue, \$61 million in Trust Funds, and 25,154 authorized positions.

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and conforming bills include the following for FDC:

Improve Operations and Create Safer Correctional Facilities

- **Pay Raise (Oct. 1)** – All state employees will receive a pay raise of 3% (eligible employees in Career Service, Selected Exempt Service and Senior Management Service), based on their September 30, 2020, base rate of pay.
- **Targeted Retention Incentives to Improve Staffing** – In addition to the 3% increase detailed above, all Correctional Officers (through the rank of Colonel), Correctional



Probation Officers (through the rank of Correctional Probation Senior Supervisor) and Office of Inspector General Inspectors (through the rank of Inspector Supervisor) will receive a retention pay increase starting in October. The retention increase is:

- \$500 for fewer than two years of service,
 - \$1,500 for two to five years of service, and
 - \$2,500 for five years or more of service.
- **8.5-Hour Shift Pilot Program to Create Safer Conditions – \$17.3 Million and 220 FTE (Full-Time Equivalent positions).** Implement a pilot program to convert approximately one-fourth of FDC institutions to an 8.5-hour shift (includes compensation for pre- and post-shift briefings). Prior to implementation of the current 12-hour schedule, the Department's institutions and security staff worked an 8-hour schedule. After moving to a 12-hour schedule, FDC has experienced numerous issues directly related to extended shifts, including increases in separations of staff, overtime, staff fatigue, contraband, and more.
 - **Security Threat Group Sergeants – \$2.2 Million and 34 FTE.** Provide increased management of Security Threat Group members (gangs) by placing a new Correctional Officer Sergeant position at various facilities statewide.
 - **Office of Inspector General Inspectors – \$736,000 and 10 FTE.** Transparency and accountability remain priorities for the Department, and these additional positions will reduce the average criminal and administrative investigation caseload to meet investigative demand.
 - **Security Enhancement Equipment – \$3 Million.** Funding needed to purchase, replace, and upgrade critically needed equipment such as netting systems for throw overs, metal detectors, radios, location tracking systems, cell phone detectors, perimeter security systems, ID verification systems, and biometric hand scanners.

Expand Reentry Programming and Reduce Recidivism

- **Career and Technical Education – \$3 Million.** Partnerships with local technical/state colleges and industry training expansion for vocational programming. This will help ensure inmates return to their communities with job skills and will increase the readiness and skill of Florida's workforce.
- **Teacher Pay (October 1) –** In addition to the 3% pay increase detailed above, all Academic Teachers, Special Education Teachers, and Education Supervisors I and II will receive a 15% increase based on their September 30, 2020, base rate of pay.

Improve Health Services and Inmate Wellness



- **Wellness Specialists – \$1.9 Million and 34 FTE.** Reestablish wellness programs at major institutions and annexes. Inmate wellness activities decrease health costs and reduce incidents of disciplinary action by reducing inmate idleness.
- **Electronic Medical Record – \$2 Million.** Information technology network infrastructure upgrades that will allow the Department to improve network security, modernize IT systems, and transition to electronic medical records.
- **Mental Health Hospital at Lake Correctional Institution – 13.8 Million.** Investment for the creation of a new mental health facility at Lake CI. This new facility will create staff and building efficiencies and is located near an adequate pool of mental health and security staff.

Address Aging Infrastructure

- **Facility Maintenance and Repairs – \$6 Million.** Address critical repair and renovations at Department facilities statewide.
- **Fleet – \$2.6 Million.** Investment in mission critical vehicles such as transport vans, perimeter security vehicles, or cars used by probation officers for monitoring offenders in the community.

Additionally, SB 1116 and SB 1118 were an FDC priority during the 2020 Regular Legislative Session. These bills reestablish the State-Operated Inmate Welfare Trust Fund and provide an additional \$2.5 million for the benefit and welfare of inmates in state-operated facilities. The trust fund will provide valuable resources that will improve inmate health and well-being, decrease inmate idleness and violence, and reduce recidivism.

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**[HB 5003](#) – Relating to Implementing the 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act
[Ch. 2020-114](#) Laws of Florida
 Signed by the Governor on June 29, 2020**

Major funding highlights:

- Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS

The following is an overview of administrative bills of interest to the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) which were passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.

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SB 28 – Relating to Relief of Clifford Williams by the State of Florida Signed by the Governor on June 9, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for the relief of Clifford Williams;
- Providing an appropriation to compensate him for being wrongfully incarcerated for 43 years;
- Directing the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant payable to an irrevocable trust for the benefit of Clifford Williams;
- Providing that the act does not waive certain defenses or increase the state’s limits of liability; providing that certain benefits are vacated upon specified findings, etc.

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HB 61 - Relating to Adoption Benefits Ch. 2020-22 Laws of Florida Signed by the Governor on June 9, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing eligibility to certain veterans and servicemembers for specified adoption benefits.

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SB 70 - Relating to Alert Systems in Public Schools Ch. 2020-145 Laws of Florida Signed by the Governor on June 30, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as "Alyssa’s Law"; requiring each public school to implement a mobile panic alert system for specified purposes beginning in a specified school year;



- Authorizing public school districts to implement additional strategies and systems for specified purposes;
- Requiring the Department of Education to issue a competitive solicitation to contract for a mobile panic alert system, subject to appropriation, etc.

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**[HB 171](#) - Relating to Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel
[Ch. 2020-80](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 23, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to create a process for the uniform award of postsecondary credit or career education clock hours to certain servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces;
- Requiring specified postsecondary institutions to waive the transcript fee for active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, certain veterans, and their spouses and dependents, etc.

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**[HB 255](#) - Relating to Florida Commission on Human Relations
[Ch. 2020-153](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 30, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing quorum requirements for Commission on Human Relations & its panels;
- Revising number of persons commission may recommend for Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame; provides limitation on time civil action may be filed after alleged violation of Florida Civil Rights Act;
- Revises length of time commission or Attorney General has to resolve complaint of discrimination in club membership;
- Revising timeline relating to complaints alleging prohibited personnel action.

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**SB 476 - Relating to Law Enforcement Vehicles
Ch. 2020-5 Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor February 21, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that condominium, cooperative, and homeowners' associations, respectively, may not prohibit a law enforcement officer from parking his or her assigned law enforcement vehicle in certain areas, etc.

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**SB 596 - Relating to Florida Statutes
Ch. 2020-2 Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on February 21, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded;
- Replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors;
- Removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes, etc.

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**SB 738 - Relating to Jury Service
Ch. 2020-57 Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 20, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring that full-time students who meet specified criteria be excused from jury service upon request, etc.

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**SB 936 - Relating to Disability Retirement Benefits
Ch. 2020-19 Laws of Florida**



Signed by the Governor on June 9, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Allowing members receiving care at federal Veterans Health Administration facilities to use certification by a specified number of physicians working at such facilities as proof of total and permanent disability for purposes of establishing eligibility for benefits, etc.

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**[HB 969](#) - Relating to Broadband Internet Service
[Ch. 2020-26](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 9, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing certain funds within State Transportation Trust Fund to be used for certain broadband infrastructure projects within or adjacent to multiuse corridors;
- Requiring the Department of Transportation to give priority to certain projects;
- Designating the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) as lead state agency to facilitate expansion of broadband Internet service;
- Requires DEO to work with certain entities; creates Florida Office of Broadband in DEO;
- Provides purpose and duties of office.

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**[HB 1105](#) - Relating to Child Welfare
[Ch. 2020-138](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 29, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring certain training for judges;
- Authorizing and providing requirements for early childhood court programs;
- Authorizing the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to file petitions;
- Requiring the court to consider specified factors when determining change of legal custody or placement;
- Revising and providing requirements for case plans;
- Providing requirements for court jurisdiction, information disclosure, and caregiver recommendations; provides timeframes for certain studies and licensing;
- Providing requirements and processes for adoption of certain children;



- Providing responsibilities for foster parents, birth or legal parents, DCF, and community-based care lead agency;
- Requiring employees of residential group homes to meet specified requirements;
- Authorizing community-based care lead agency to provide more than 35 percent of all child welfare services under certain conditions.

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**[HB 1179](#) - Relating to Nondiscrimination in Organ Transplants
[Ch. 2020-139](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor June 29, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain entities from making certain determinations or engaging in certain actions related to organ transplants solely on basis of individual's disability;
- Providing exceptions; provides cause of action for injunctive and other relief;
- Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health care service plans, and HMOs that provide coverage for organ transplants from denying coverage solely on basis of individual's disability.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[HB 1189](#) - Relating to Genetic Information for Insurance Purposes
[Ch. 2020-159](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 30, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting life insurers and long-term care insurers from canceling, limiting, or denying coverage, or establishing differentials in premium rates based on genetic information;
- Prohibiting such insurers from taking certain actions relating to genetic information for any insurance purpose.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[SB 1326](#) - Relating to Child Welfare
[Ch. 2020-152](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 30, 2020**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish performance metrics;
- Requiring sheriffs providing certain services to adopt the child welfare practice model;
- Requiring the department to establish an Office of Quality;
- Adding responsibilities to the department of contracts regarding care for children in the child welfare system;
- Requiring the Florida Institute for Child Welfare and the Florida State University College of Social Work to design and implement a specified curriculum, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[SB 1794](#) - Relating to Constitutional Amendments
[Ch. 2020-15](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on April 8, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing the signature threshold at which the Secretary of State must transmit initiative petitions to the Attorney General for review;
- Providing that a citizen may challenge in circuit court a petition circulator's registration with the Secretary of State;
- Authorizing the Division of Elections or a supervisor of elections to provide petition forms in a certain electronic format;
- Requiring that ballots containing constitutional amendments proposed by initiative include certain disclosures and statements, in a specified order, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[HB 5007](#) - Relating to State-administered Retirement Systems
[Ch. 2020-116](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 29, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System;
- Providing declaration of important state interest.



[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[HB 7097](#) - Relating to Taxation
[Ch. 2020-10](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on April 8, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing a population limit on counties that may use tourist development tax revenues for certain uses;
- Extending the timeframe within which certain changes to property damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Michael must commence to prevent the assessed value of the property from increasing;
- Revising the deadlines for applying for additional ad valorem tax exemptions for certain servicemembers for a specified tax year;
- Authorizing a property appraiser in a county for which the Governor has declared a state of emergency to post notices of proposed property taxes on its website if mailing the notice is not possible;
- Providing sales tax exemptions for certain clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, personal computers, and personal computer-related accessories during a certain timeframe;
- Providing sales tax exemptions for certain disaster preparedness supplies during a certain timeframe, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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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 2020 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[SB 140](#) – Relating to Fireworks
[Ch. 2020-11](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on April 8, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Defining the term “designated holiday”;
- Providing an exemption for the use of fireworks solely and exclusively during a designated holiday;
- Prohibiting homeowners’ associations from promulgating certain rules or regulations, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 199](#) - Relating to Sexual Battery Prosecution Time Limitation
[Ch. 2020-81](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 23, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as "Donna's Law";
- Creating exception to general time limitations allowing prosecution to be commenced at any time for specified sexual battery offenses against victims younger than a certain age.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[HB 205](#) - Relating to Unlawful Use of Uniforms, Medals, or Insignia
[Ch. 2020-82](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 23, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain misrepresentations concerning military service when made for specified purposes.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2020

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**[SB 294](#) - Relating to Crimes Against Veterans
Ch. - TBD Laws of Florida
Pending Action by the Governor**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the "Florida Veterans Protection Act";



- Providing an enhanced sentence for any person who commits aggravated white collar crimes against a certain number of veterans by obtaining or attempting to obtain a specified amount of money;
- Providing criminal penalties, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2020

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**[HB 327](#) - Relating to Illegal Taking, Possession, and Sale of Bears
[Ch. 2020-66](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 20, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that person commits specified violations for illegal taking, possession, and sale of bears;
- Prohibiting illegal taking, possession, and sale of bears; provides penalties.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[HB 659](#) - Relating to Drones
[Ch. 2020-131](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 29, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Adding an exception to prohibited uses of drones for managing and eradicating invasive exotic plants or animals on public lands and suppressing and mitigating wildfire threats.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[HB 675](#) - Relating to Exposure of Sexual Organs
[Ch. 2020-84](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 23, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing criminal penalties for exposure of sexual organs for second or subsequent offense;



- Authorizing warrantless arrests when law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that person has unlawfully exposures sexual organs.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2020

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**[SB 698](#) - Relating to Reproductive Health
[Ch. 2020-31](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 18, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Health to immediately suspend the license of certain health care practitioners under certain circumstances;
- Defining the term “pelvic examination”;
- Prohibiting health care practitioners and certain students from performing a pelvic examination on a patient without first obtaining the written consent of the patient or the patient’s legal representative;
- Establishing the criminal offense of reproductive battery, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

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**[SB 810](#) - Relating to Use of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Products
Vetoed by the Governor on September 8, 2020**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring permits to be issued to persons or corporations whose officers are not less than 21 years of age;
- Specifying that fees for a retail tobacco products dealer permit only apply to retailers dealing in certain tobacco products;
- Revising prohibitions on the sale of tobacco products from vending machines;
- Prohibiting a person from selling, delivering, bartering, furnishing, or giving flavored liquid nicotine products to any other person, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

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[SB 1508](#) - Relating to Police Vehicles



Ch. 2020-62 Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on June 20, 2020

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting a person from knowingly selling, exchanging, or transferring a police vehicle without removing any police markings from the vehicle;
- Requiring law enforcement agencies to provide an official letter of notification that the police markings have been removed;
- Exempting sales, exchanges, or transfers of police vehicles to members of the public for the purposes of collection or display from specified requirements, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

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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/>

Governor of Florida:

<http://www.flgov.com/>

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<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>

