

Florida Department of Corrections

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2023 Regular Session
Legislative Wrap-Up Report

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[HB 95](#) - Relating to Rights of Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers

[Ch. 2023-230](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 13, 2023



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing rights of law enforcement officers & correctional officers relating to Brady identification systems;
- Providing that prosecuting agency is not required to maintain such system;
- Providing requirements for employing agency of officer;
- Providing requirements for prosecuting agency including minimum written policies,
- Removing officer's name under certain circumstances, & providing certain notice;
- Authorizes officer to request reconsideration of inclusion of his or her name & information in such system;
- Authorizing officer to petition for writ of mandamus.

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HB 119 - Relating to Visiting County and Municipal Detention Facilities

Ch. 2023-232 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 13, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing specified persons to visit county & municipal detention facilities.

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HB 139 - Relating to Benefits, Training, and Employment for Veterans and Their Spouses

Ch. 2023-161 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring analysis of VETS Program;
- Revising duties of the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) & Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to include assistance to veterans' spouses;
- Revising purpose & duties of VETS Program to include assistance to veterans' spouses;
- Requiring Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to assist veterans or their spouses in accessing employment & licensure in health care professions;
- Requiring the Department of Health (DOH) to waive certain fees for veterans & their spouses;



- Requiring appropriate board or DOH to expedite health care licensure applications submitted by veterans;
- Establishing Office of Veteran Licensure Services; provides appropriations & authorizes positions.

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**[SB 162](#) - Relating to Water and Wastewater Facility Operators
[Ch. 2023-204](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising legislative findings and intent; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to issue water treatment plant operator licenses, water distribution system operator licenses, and domestic wastewater treatment plant operator licenses by reciprocity to certain applicants;
- Providing licensure requirements;
- Authorizing the department to issue temporary operator licenses during a declared state of emergency, etc.

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**[SB 164](#) - Relating to Controlled Substance Testing
[Ch. 2023-297](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 27, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the definition of the term “drug paraphernalia” to exclude certain narcotic-drug-testing products used for a specified purpose, etc.

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**[SB 210](#) - Relating to Substance Abuse Services
[Ch. 2023-298](#) Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on June 27, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising application requirements for licensure as a substance abuse service provider;
- Requiring the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to establish, by a specified date, a mechanism to impose and collect fines for certain violations of law;
- Revising credentialing requirements for recovery residences;
- Prohibiting service providers from referring patients to, or accepting referrals from, specified recovery residences, etc.

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**[SB 242](#) - Relating to Fiscal Accountability
[Ch. 2023-214](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring state entities to post any documents submitted on the contract tracking system which indicate the use of state funds as remuneration under certain contracts, beginning on a specified date;
- Deleting a provision requiring state entities to publish payments on the contract tracking system;
- Requiring that contracts for services executed, amended, or extended beginning on a specified date require contractors to provide specified documentation to be included in the contract tracking system and posted to the contractor's website, if applicable, etc.

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**[SB 254](#) - Relating to Treatments for Sex Reassignment
[Ch. 2023-90](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Granting courts of this state temporary emergency jurisdiction over a child present in this state if the child has been subjected to or is threatened with being subjected to sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures;



- Providing that, for purposes of warrants to take physical custody of a child in certain child custody enforcement proceedings, serious physical harm to the child includes, but is not limited to, being subjected to sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures;
- Prohibiting certain public entities from expending state funds for the provision of sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures;
- Prohibiting sex-reassignment prescriptions and procedures for patients younger than 18 years of age;
- Requiring the department to immediately suspend the license of a health care practitioner who is arrested for committing or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit specified violations related to sex-reassignment prescriptions or procedures for a patient younger than 18 years of age, etc.

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**[SB 258](#) - Relating to Prohibited Applications on Government-issued Devices
[Ch. 2023-32](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 8, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring public employers to take certain actions relating to prohibited applications;
- Prohibiting employees and officers of public employers from downloading or accessing prohibited applications on government-issued devices;
- Providing exceptions;
- Providing a deadline by which specified employees must remove, delete, or uninstall a prohibited application;
- Requiring the Department of Management Services (DMS) to compile a specified list and establish procedures for a specified waiver, etc.

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**[SB 262](#) - Relating to Technology Transparency
[Ch. 2023-201](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 6, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting officers or salaried employees of governmental entities from using their positions or state resources to make certain requests of social media platforms;



- Designating the "Florida Digital Bill of Rights";
- Providing that a consumer may submit requests to controllers to exercise specified rights;
- Requiring controllers to limit the collection of personal data according to certain parameters;
- Authorizing controllers and processors to collect, use, or retain data for specified purposes;
- Preempting the collection, processing, sharing, and sale of consumer personal data to the state, etc.

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**[HB 265](#) - Relating to High School Equivalency Diplomas
[Ch. 2023-98](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting district school boards from requiring certain students to take course before taking high school equivalency examination unless student failed to earn passing score on specified practice test.

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**[HB 267](#) - Relating to Telehealth Practice Standards
[Ch. 2023-63](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising definition of term "telehealth."

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**[SB 284](#) - Relating to Energy
Vetoed by the Governor on June 28, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Revising the selection criteria for purchasing or leasing vehicles for state agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local governments under a state purchasing plan;
- Requiring the Department of Management Services (DMS), before a specified date, to make recommendations to state agencies, state universities, community colleges, and local governments relating to the procurement and integration of electric and natural gas fuel vehicles and other vehicles powered by renewable energy, etc.

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[HB 299](#) - Relating to Education and Training For Alzheimer's Disease and Related Forms of Dementia

[Ch. 2023-278](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 22, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs (DEA) to offer education about Alzheimer's disease & related forms of dementia to general public;
- Requiring employees of covered providers, health agency or nurse registry or companion or homemaker service provider, or nursing home, assisted living facility, adult family-care home, or adult day care center to complete specified training;
- Authorizing completed training hours to count toward preservice orientation, other required training, or continuing education hours.

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[SB 300](#) - Relating to Pregnancy and Parenting Support

[Ch. 2023-21](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on April 13, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the "Heartbeat Protection Act";
- Requiring the Department of Health (DOH) to contract for the management and delivery of parenting support services, in addition to pregnancy support services;



- Prohibiting physicians from knowingly performing or inducing a termination of pregnancy after the gestational age of the fetus is determined to be more than 6 weeks, rather than 15 weeks, with exceptions;
- Providing an exception if the woman obtaining the abortion is doing so because she is a victim of rape, incest, or human trafficking, subject to certain conditions;
- Requiring that medications intended for use in a medical abortion be dispensed in person by a physician, etc.

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**[HB 327](#) - Relating to Fire Sprinkler System Projects
[Ch. 2023-224](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing requirements for simplified permitting process for certain fire sprinkler system projects.

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**[HB 329](#) - Relating to Electronic Monitoring of Persons Charged with or Convicted of Offenses Involving Schools or Students
[Ch. 2023-225](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring court to consider electronic monitoring & location restrictions as conditions of pretrial release, probation, or community control for persons charged with certain offenses against schools or students.

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**[HB 385](#) - Relating to Professional Counselors Licensure Compact
Vetoed by the Governor on June 2, 2023**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing member states of Professional Counselors Licensure Compact to charge individuals fee for privilege to practice under compact.

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**[SB 450](#) - Relating to Death Penalty
[Ch. 2023-23](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 20, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring a determination of a specified number of jurors, rather than jury unanimity, for a sentencing recommendation of death to the court;
- Requiring a determination of a specified number of jurors, rather than jury unanimity, for a sentencing recommendation of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole to the court;
- Requiring the court to impose the recommended sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole if fewer than eight jurors recommend a sentence of death;
- Requiring the court to include in its written order the reasons for not accepting the jury's recommended sentence, if applicable, etc.

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**[HB 485](#) - Relating to Veterans' Services and Recognition
[Ch. 2023-162](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating Division of Long-term Care within the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA);
- Revising qualifications for county & city veteran service officers;
- Creating "Veterans' Adult Day Health Care of Florida Act";
- Providing for appointment, qualifications, duties, & responsibilities of program operator;
- Establishing nondiscrimination policy; provides program admittance eligibility & priority;
- Providing for audits, inspections, & operational standards; designates "Veterans Week."



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**[SB 508](#) - Relating to Problem-solving Courts
[Ch. 2023-191](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 5, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the responsibilities of coordinators of treatment-based drug court programs;
- Requiring such programs to collect specified data and information for certain purposes;
- Requiring such programs to annually report certain information and data to the Office of the State Courts Administrator;
- Authorizing courts to determine how long a person may be admitted into certain programs;
- Revising admission requirements for certain programs;
- Revising eligibility requirements for voluntary admission into certain substance abuse programs, etc.

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**[HB 535](#) - Relating to Funeral Service Benefits for Public Safety Officers
[Ch. 2023-145](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing travel expenses for members of law enforcement agency for specified purpose;
- Increasing amount of money to be paid toward funeral & burial expenses of officers killed in line of duty;
- Authorizing number of hours of administrative leave to be granted to members of law enforcement agency for specified purpose;
- Authorizing head of law enforcement agency to deny such administrative leave;
- Authorizing use of state motor vehicle to attend funeral within state of law enforcement officer who was killed in line of duty.

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**HB 537 - Relating to Custody and Supervision of Specified Offenders
Ch. 2023-146 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Excluding certain offenders from eligibility to receive basic gain-time & incentive gain-time;
- Excluding certain offenders from eligibility for specified reductions to term of supervision;
- Requiring court to impose additional conditions of supervision on specified offenders

Additional Bill Summary

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**HB 645 - Relating to Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act
Ch. 2023-147 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing provision requiring certain persons & governmental entities to apply to FAA to restrict or limit operation of drones in close proximity to certain infrastructure or facilities;
- Removing provision allowing drone operating in transit for commercial purposes to operate over critical infrastructure facility;
- Providing for future sunset of definition of "critical infrastructure facility."

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**SB 676 - Relating to Level 2 Background Screenings
Ch. 2023-220 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring persons with an affiliation to certain qualified entities to undergo security background investigations;
- Authorizing the head of a qualified entity to grant a person with an affiliation an exemption from disqualification under certain circumstances;
- Authorizing certain qualified entities to participate in the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse beginning on a specified date;



- Expanding the agencies and entities which may use the Criminal Justice Information Program;
- Requiring the agency to make certain determinations regarding the eligibility of certain noninstructional contractors beginning on a specified date, etc.

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**[HB 721](#) - Relating to Paid Family Leave Insurance
[Ch. 2023-149](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing life insurers to transact paid family leave insurance;
- Providing circumstances under which paid family leave insurance may be issued & purchased under paid family leave insurance policy;
- Providing circumstances under which family leave insurance benefits may be provided;
- Requiring that paid family leave insurance policies specify details & requirements relating to covered circumstances;
- Specifying requirements for policies relating to benefit periods, waiting periods, benefit amounts, certain offsets, & payment of benefits;
- Providing that eligibility for family leave insurance benefits may be limited, excluded, or reduced, but any such limitation, exclusion, or reduction must be specified in policy;
- Providing circumstances under which limitations, exclusions, & reductions are permissible;
- Providing applicable provisions for calculating rates;
- Providing that paid family leave insurance forms & riders are subject to review by the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR);
- Specifying means by which policy must offer family leave insurance benefits.

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**[SB 914](#) - Relating to Suicide Prevention
[Ch. 2023-252](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing certain diagnoses to be made through telehealth;



- Renaming the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse as the Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder;
- Revising the purposes of the commission to include an assessment of the state's suicide prevention infrastructure;
- Revising the membership and duties of the commission; requiring the commission to submit annual interim reports to the Governor and Legislature for a specified timeframe, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 965](#) - Relating to Driver License, Identification Card, and Motor Vehicle Registration
[Ch. 2023-186](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the parties that may receive confidential crash reports to include law enforcement agencies and their contracted service providers;
- Requiring that motor vehicle registration form and registration renewal form and driver license or ID card application form, respectively, include option to make voluntary contribution to Best Buddies International;
- Defining the terms "control" and "motor vehicle dealer's leasing or rental affiliate", etc.

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**[HB 1045](#) - Relating to Certified Peer Specialist Gateway Pilot Program
[Ch. 2023-286](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 23, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating pilot program within the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC);
- Providing purpose of & requirements for pilot program;
- Requiring FDC to develop criteria for selecting qualified applicants;
- Exempting persons who complete pilot program's requirements from specified background screening requirements for peer specialists;
- Authorizing pilot program to offer funding to potential employers to cover specified costs;
- Requiring persons who have completed pilot program's requirements to provide prospective employers with incarceration records;



- Requiring such persons to receive signed informed consent form from any potential clients.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1047](#) - Relating to Offenses Against Certain Animals
[Ch. 2023-110](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 23, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting offering or doing violence to police horse or police canine in certain circumstances;
- Increasing classification of specified criminal offenses committed against police canines, fire canines, Search and Rescue (SAR) canines, or police horses.

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Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**[HB 1087](#) - Relating to Child Support
[Ch. 2023-152](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing deferral of support payments for obligor's good faith job training efforts;
- Revising & providing child support requirements relating to depository, clerks of circuit court, fees, the Department of Children and Families (DCF), & State Disbursement Unit;
- Removing exceptions relating to incarceration when establishing or modifying support order;
- Authorizing child's caregiver to provide affidavit or written declaration regarding putative father.

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**[HB 1119](#) - Relating to Withholding or Withdrawal of Life-prolonging Procedures
[Ch. 2023-287](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 23, 2023**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing requirements for court to modify or revoke authority of surrogate;
- Requiring guardian to file advance directive for health care with court;
- Revising rights that may be removed from person by order determining incapacity;
- Requiring court approval to withhold or withdraw life-prolonging procedures of incapacitated persons;
- Providing requirements for professional guardian to seek court approval;
- Specifying procedures to be followed by court in acting on petition;
- Providing requirements for initial & annual guardianship plans.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1121](#) - Relating to Florida Retirement System
[Ch. 2023-316](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 30, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing employers to establish volunteer programs;
- Establishing criteria for such programs.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1125](#) - Relating to Interstate Education Compacts
[Ch. 2023-165](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact for the purpose of authorizing teachers licensed in one member state to become licensed in another member state;
- Providing requirements for such compact; & revises cross-references in Interstate compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023



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**HB 1127 - Relating to Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact
Ch. 2023-166 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing exemptions from public meetings & records requirements for Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission & its executive committee;
- Providing for future legislative review & repeal of exemptions;
- Providing statements of public necessity.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: On the same date that HB 1125 or similar legislation takes effect

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**HB 1133 - Relating to Physician Assistant Licensure
Ch. 2023-274 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising requirements for applicant for licensure as physician assistant.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**SB 1188 - Relating to Contract Liability
Vetoed by the Governor on June 30, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring that certain procurement agreements include a specified provision, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 1190](#) - Relating to Step into Success Workforce Education and Internship Pilot Program
[Ch. 2023-255](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the "Step into Success Act";
- Requiring the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to establish the pilot program;
- Requiring the independent living professionalism and workforce education component of the pilot program to culminate in a specified certificate;
- Providing that completion of that component allows former foster youth to participate in the onsite workforce and training internship component;
- Specifying conditions for participation in the onsite workforce internship component, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1207](#) - Relating to Operation New Hope
[Ch. 2023-276](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) to contract with Operation New Hope for specified services.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1275](#) - Relating to Persons with Disabilities Registry
[Ch. 2023-312](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing local law enforcement agencies to develop & maintain database for specified purposes;
- Providing for enrollment in & removal from registry;
- Specifying information registry may include;
- Authorizing local law enforcement agencies to provide access to registry & relevant information from registry to law enforcement officers under certain circumstances.



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Effective Date: January 1, 2024

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**[HB 1277](#) - Relating to Pub.Rec./Persons with Disabilities Registry
[Ch. 2023-313](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Exempting from public records requirements all records & personal identifying information relating to enrollment of persons in special persons registry & persons enrolled in special persons registry held by local law enforcement agency;
- Authorizing local law enforcement agencies to disclose confidential & exempt information to certain persons under certain circumstances;
- Providing for exempt status of such information held by those individuals & entities to be maintained.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: On the same date that HB 1275 or similar legislation takes effect

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**[HB 1279](#) - Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
[Ch. 2023-154](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising, creating, & deleting various provisions under jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACCS) relating to Florida farm TEAM cards;
- Purchasing of food commodities by state agencies, state universities, & FCS institutions;
- Selling of food; enforcement duties of DACCS; food permits; bottled water; mislabeled food, food processing equipment, & food areas; milk & milk products; frozen desserts & dairy confections; bulk milk haulers & samplers; bulk milk tankers & hauling services; land acquisition; fertilizer; school food & nutrition programs; beekeepers; aquaculture; & drone use.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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SB 1310 - Relating to Substitution of Work Experience for Postsecondary Education Requirements
Ch. 2023-256 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Designating the "Expanding Public Sector Career Opportunities Act";
- Providing that a postsecondary degree may be a baseline requirement for employment with a public employer only under a certain circumstance;
- Authorizing an agency to substitute certain work experience for postsecondary education requirements for a person seeking to enter into a contract with the agency under certain circumstances, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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HB 1349 - Relating to Mental Health Treatment
Ch. 2023-270 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 20, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to issue conditional designation to facilities for limited period to allow facilities to implement corrective measures;
- Providing forensic clients must receive psychiatric medication therapy before admission to state mental health treatment facility;
- Specifying some possible treatment alternatives appropriate for mental illness of criminal defendant who is incompetent to proceed;
- Revising deadline for report on persons committed for treatment;
- Revising provisions relating to competency hearings.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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SB 1352 - Relating to Sickle Cell Disease Medications, Treatment, and Screening
Ch. 2023-258 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 19, 2023



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring newborn and infant screening providers to notify primary care physicians of newborns and infants of certain screening results and to submit the results to the Department of Health (DOH) for a specified purpose;
- Requiring DOH to contract with a certain center to establish and maintain a sickle cell registry;
- Authorizing parents and guardians of children in the registry to request to have them removed from the registry;
- Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), in consultation with certain entities, to review sickle cell disease medications, treatments, and services for Medicaid recipients and develop a written report, post the report on its website, and submit a copy of the report to the Governor, the Legislature, and certain entities by a specified date and every 2 years thereafter, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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[HB 1387](#) - Relating to Department of Health

[Ch. 2023-71](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain research relating to enhanced potential pandemic pathogens;
- Providing requirement for researchers applying for state or local funding;
- Prohibiting medical marijuana treatment centers from producing certain marijuana products;
- Providing requirements for marijuana packaging & labeling, medical marijuana treatment center advertising, & medical marijuana testing laboratories & employee background screening;
- Providing requirements for live birth, death, & fetal death records & marriage licenses & certain dissolution-of-marriage records;
- Revising requirements for applicants for certification or recertification as EMT or paramedic;
- Exempting certain applicants for certification as certified nursing assistant from portion of competency examination;
- Revising scope of practice for audiologists & hearing aid specialists;
- Revising membership requirements for members of Board of Hearing Aid Specialists.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**HB 1471 - Relating to Health Care Provider Accountability
Ch. 2023-307 Laws of Florida
Approved by Governor on June 28, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising rights of licensed nursing home facility residents; creates cause of action for ex parte temporary injunction against continued unlicensed activity;
- Authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA) to provide records to local law enforcement & state attorneys' offices;
- Providing standard of care requirements for office surgeries;
- Prohibiting certain office surgeries;
- Providing physician, office, & procedure requirements.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**SB 1478 - Relating to Criminal Sentencing
Vetoed by the Governor on June 27, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting points from being assessed for violations of community sanctions which are resolved under an alternative sanctioning program for purposes of calculations under the Criminal Punishment Code (CPC);
- Providing for the resolution of low-risk violations of probation through an alternative sanctioning program in certain circumstances;
- Requiring the court to release the probationer or offender without bail under certain conditions;
- Authorizing the court to impose nonmonetary conditions of release under certain conditions, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**HB 1521 - Relating to Facility Requirements Based on Sex
Ch. 2023-106 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing requirements for exclusive use of restrooms & changing facilities by gender;
- Prohibiting willfully entering restroom or changing facility designated for opposite sex & refusing to depart when asked to do so;
- Providing requirements for exclusive use of domestic violence centers by gender;
- Providing requirements for correctional institutions;
- Requiring entities that receive state licenses to submit compliance documentation;
- Authorizing the Attorney General to bring enforcement actions provides exception for individuals born with certain genetically or biochemically verifiable disorder of sex development.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 1540](#) - Relating to Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Fatality Review Teams
[Ch. 2023-260](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 19, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the establishment of elder and vulnerable adult abuse fatality review teams for certain purposes;
- Authorizing a review team to determine the number and types of incidents to review;
- Modifying the prohibition from contacting, interviewing, or obtaining information from the family of a victim;
- Providing that communications, information, and records produced or acquired by a review team are not subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in certain proceedings under certain circumstances, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 1542](#) - Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Elder Abuse or Vulnerable Adult Abuse Fatality Review Team
[Ch. 2023-261](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 19, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Specifying that information obtained by an elder abuse or vulnerable adult abuse fatality review team which is exempt or confidential and exempt from public records requirements retains its protected status;
- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of an abuse victim and other specified information contained in records held by a review team;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing statements of public necessity, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: On the same date that SB 1540 or similar legislation takes effect if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

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**[HB 1571](#) - Relating to Juvenile Court Proceedings
[Ch. 2023-302](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 27, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing person to attend certain proceedings through audio or audio-video communication technology;
- Requiring parties to provide their primary e-mail address to court for notice purposes;
- Providing exceptions;
- Requiring notices & summons to include instructions for parties to attend hearings through audio or audio-video communication technology;
- Requiring notices that failure to appear at hearings either in person or through audio or audio-video communication technology constitutes consent to adjudicating child as dependent or termination of parental rights.

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Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 1577](#) - Relating to Crime Victim Compensation Claims
[Ch. 2023-303](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 27, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing for waiver of deadlines for filing for victim compensation claims if delay occurred because of delay in testing of DNA or DNA profile matching from material collected as evidence related to sexual offense.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 1580](#) - Relating to Protections of Medical Conscience
[Ch. 2023-57](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that health care providers and health care payors have the right to opt out of participation in or payment for certain health care services on the basis of conscience-based objections;
- Providing requirements for a health care provider’s notice and documentation of such objection;
- Providing whistle-blower protections for health care providers and health care payors that take certain actions or disclose certain information relating to the reporting of certain violations;
- Prohibiting boards, or the Department of Health (DOH) if there is no board, from taking disciplinary action against or denying a license to an individual based solely on specified conduct, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 1718](#) - Relating to Immigration
[Ch. 2023-40](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 10, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from providing funds to any person, entity, or organization to issue identification documents to an individual who does not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States;
- Specifying that certain driver licenses and permits issued by other states exclusively to unauthorized immigrants are not valid in this state;
- Requiring certain hospitals to collect patient immigration status data information on admission or registration forms;



- Requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to enter a certain order and require repayment of certain economic development incentives if the department finds or is notified that an employer has knowingly employed an unauthorized alien without verifying the employment eligibility of such person, etc.

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**[SB 7006](#) - Relating to OGSR/Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network
[Ch. 2023-119](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending a provision which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by an agency relating to the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network;
- Removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption, etc.

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**[SB 7008](#) - Relating to OGSR/Building Plans, Blueprints, Schematic Drawings, and Diagrams
[Ch. 2023-264](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 19, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending a provision which provides an exemption from public records for building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout or structural elements of an attractions and recreation facility, entertainment or resort complex, industrial complex, retail and service development, office development, health care facility, or hotel or motel development;
- Removing a provision authorizing disclosure of exempt information under certain circumstances;
- Removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption, etc.

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**[SB 7016](#) - Relating to Department of Corrections
[Ch. 2023-268](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 19, 2023
SB 7016 was an FDC Priority Bill**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the terms “private correctional facility” and “volunteer”;
- Providing criminal penalties for any volunteer or employee of a contractor or subcontractor of the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) who engages in sexual misconduct with specified inmates or offenders;
- Providing for a type two transfer of private correctional facilities from the Department of Management Services (DMS) to FDC etc.

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**[SB 7018](#) - Relating to Inmate Welfare Trust Fund
[Ch. 2023-244](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 15, 2023
SB 7018 was an FDC Priority Bill**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Adding additional funding sources from which all proceeds must be deposited into the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund or the General Revenue Fund;
- Requiring that the proceeds from nonemergency health care visit copayments be deposited into the State-Operated Institutions Inmate Welfare Trust Fund or into the General Revenue Fund, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 7024](#) - Relating to Retirement
[Ch. 2023-193](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 5, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing that eligible retirees of the Florida Retirement System (FRS) pension plan must receive a certain monthly retiree health insurance subsidy payment, beginning on a specified date;
- Providing that eligible members of the FRS investment plan must receive a certain monthly retiree health insurance subsidy payment;
- Requiring the employer of members of a state-administered retirement plan to contribute a certain percentage of gross compensation each pay period, beginning on a specified date;
- Revising the employer contribution rates for the retiree health insurance subsidy, etc.

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[HB 7031](#) - Relating to OGSR/Address of a Victim of an Incident of Mass Violence

[Ch. 2023-107](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for address of victim of incident of mass violence.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

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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 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

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SB 2500 - Relating to General Appropriations Act

[Ch. 2023-239](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 15, 2023

Major funding highlights include:

The funding for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is approximately \$3.27 billion including \$3.18 billion in General Revenue, \$96.5 million in Trust Funds, and 23,677 authorized positions. The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and conforming bills include the following for FDC:



Employee and Officer Compensation

- **Statewide Pay Adjustment** - Effective July 1, 2023, funds are provided to increase each eligible employee's June 30, 2023, base rate of pay by 5.0% to address elevated inflation and provide a competitive pay adjustment. This pay adjustment shall apply to each eligible employee in the Career Service, the Selected Exempt Service, the Senior Management Service. This inflation pay adjustment shall be made before any other adjustments are made.
- **Comprehensive Pay Plan** — Effective July 1, 2023, the Department shall adjust the minimum annual base rate of pay for each employee in the following position classifications:

Correctional Officer	\$45,760 (8.5-hour shift \$48,620)
Correctional Officer Sergeant	\$50,336 (8.5-hour shift \$53,482)
Correctional Officer Lieutenant	\$57,887
Correctional Officer Captain	\$63,675
Correctional Officer Major	\$76,409
Correctional Officer Colonel	\$84,050
Assistant Warden	\$92,456
Warden	\$110,946
Assistant Regional Director	\$122,041
Regional Director Institutions	\$134,245
Classification Supervisor	\$76,409
Correctional Service Administrator	\$84,050

Correctional Probation Officer	\$45,760
Correctional Probation Senior Officer	\$52,624
Correctional Probation Specialist	\$52,624
Correctional Probation Supervisor	\$57,887
Correctional Probation Senior Supervisor	\$63,675
Deputy Circuit Administrator	\$92,456
Circuit Administrator	\$110,946
Assistant Regional Director of CC	\$122,041
Regional Director of CC	\$134,245

Inspector	\$52,800
Senior Inspector	\$60,500
Inspector Supervisor	\$73,700
Assistant Chief of Investigations	\$84,365
Chief Internal Auditor	\$109,069
Chief of Investigations	\$109,069
Deputy Inspector General	\$122,183

- **Pay Compression Agency Discretionary Pay Plan - \$7M**
Effective October 1, 2023, funds are provided for agencies to grant special pay adjustments to address pay plan compression, recruitment, and retention issues for eligible employees or cohorts of employees after the statewide pay adjustment.



- **Targeted Retention — \$3.4M**

Continue implementing a targeted retention pay plan for the Correctional Officer series, Correctional Probation Officer series, and the Inspector series. Staff will be eligible to receive this increase based on continuous years of service with the department on June 30, 2023. The maximum amount an officer can receive is \$2,500 as follows: \$1000 - 2 YRs continuous employment mark, \$500 – 5YRs continuous employment mark, and \$1000 - 8 YRs continuous employment mark.

- **Pay Parity for Maintenance Staff –** Effective July 1, 2023, an additional 5% pay adjustment for selected maintenance staff salaries after the statewide pay adjustment to address recruitment and retention: Vocational Instructor III - F/C (1315); Engineering Technician IV (4612); Construction Projects Consultant I (4691); Construction Projects Consultant II (4692); Maintenance & Construction Superintendent (6387); Plumber (6441); Master Electrician (6446); Senior Refrigeration Mechanic (6454); Maintenance Mechanic - F/C (6469); and Electronic Technician II (7234).

- **Educational Staff Pay Increase– \$4.6M**

Effective July 1, 2023, funds are provided to grant special pay adjustments to selected “educational staff” classes, after the statewide pay adjustment to address recruitment and retention:

Vocational Teacher	\$50,000
Academic Teacher	\$50,000
Special Education Teacher	\$50,000
Wellness Education Specialist I	\$48,000
Placement & Transition Specialist	\$54,500
Education Supervisor I-SES	\$60,000
Education Supervisor II-SES	\$65,000
Chaplain	\$41,000
Senior Chaplain	\$43,000
Correctional Chaplaincy Services Specialist	\$53,365

- **Targeted Hiring and Retention Bonus — \$38M**

Effective July 1, 2023, funds are provided to grant one-time \$5,000 hiring and retention bonus for correctional officers at 15 targeted high vacancy correctional facilities. Also, includes \$19M in recurring funds.

Improvements to Retirement

- **DROP was extended to 8 years for all employees**
- Employees in the investment plan will see a **2% increase** in what the state contributes to employee’s retirement. This applies to the new hires and younger employees who did not go into the pension.
- Any age for **DROP**, if years of service is met or age and vesting requirements are met.
- Special risk **DROP** requirement went from 30 to 25 years for the years of service, and from 60 to 55 years of age.



- 1.3% to 4% interest rate increase in the **DROP** investment.
- Health insurance subsidy increase after retirement went from \$150 per month to \$225 a month, for those that worked 30 years.

Recruitment

- **Statewide Recruitment Staffing — \$1M and 12 FTE**
To hire statewide recruitment staffing as well as contract with a marketing firm to develop and implement a marketing campaign to broaden the reach of FDC's recruitment efforts.
- **Correctional Officer Academy Modernization and Support — \$2.29M**
To replace outdated technology and address a lack of efficient materials and equipment at the Florida Corrections Academy (FCA).

Education Programs

- **Education Programs Expansions -\$20.6M and 207 FTE**
- **Library Techs OPS Conversion - \$1.26M and 68 FTE (\$34,320)**
To address recruitment and retention of library technical assistance by converting OPS staff to full time employee status.

State Operated Inmate Welfare Trust Fund Expansion

- **Inmate Programs and Substance Abuse – 20.76M and 8FTE (Program Technical Support)**
- **Residential Substance Abuse Programs - \$2M**
- **FCO-New and Expanded Administrative and Support Facilities (E&P modular) — \$3M**
- **FCO-Major Repairs and Renovations - \$2.5M**
- **Phone Call Pilot for Inmates' Families - \$1M**

Safer Correctional Operations

- **Critical Security Equipment — \$9.9M**
To continue investing in security equipment such as drone support for K-9 operations, thermal fence cameras, drone detection systems, Dart-Fired Electronic Immobilization Devices (DEFIED), and molded holsters for chemical agents.
- **Certified Officer and Public Safety Initiative —\$2.6M**
To provide certified staff in Security a department issue uniform(s) due to the increased wear and tear on staff's allocated uniforms.

Improving Inmate Health and Well-Being

- **Behavioral Risk Management Team (BRMT) — \$1.35M**
To create two additional Behavioral Risk Management Teams to assess clinical risk and patient safety at all mental health inpatient units. Currently one team performs these duties for eight mental health inpatient units.



Enhancing Information Technology Infrastructure and Security

- **Offender Based Information System -\$5M**
Reappropriated to continue funding the modernization of OBIS at this stage.
- **Officer Station Network Connectivity - \$3.39M**
To establish statewide network connectivity and wireless access at reception centers.
- **Desktop Life Cycle Management - \$1M**
To continue replacing approximately 3,000 out of 15,000 computers that have not been refreshed in eight to 10 years.
- **Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure — \$200K**
To continue engagement with service provider to complete the equipment installation on infrastructure improvements and perform triannual security risk assessments.

Additional Priorities

- **Inflationary Adjustment - \$3M**
To address the significant strain of the department's resources due to the impact of inflated prices for various goods and services.
- **Replacement of Motor Vehicles – \$3.3M**
To continue replacing the department's motor vehicles. This funding will enable the department to continue bringing a portion of the Department's aged fleet up to state standards.

Improving Infrastructure

- **FCO-Mental Health Facility Renovations – \$3.5M**
Funds repairs and renovations of the department's mental health facilities at Santa Rosa and Wakulla.

New Issues

- **Food Service Contract – \$8.9M** Inflationary adjustment
- **Inmate Health Services- \$107M** - New contract additional funding
- **Century CI Micro Home Manufacturing Program - \$141K and 2 FTE**
- **Search and Analytics Technology - \$2.5M**
- **Private Prison Operations - \$18M**
- **DMS Private Prison Monitoring Transfer to FDC– Effective October 1, 2023**

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SB 2502 - Relating to Implementing the 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act
[Ch. 2023-240](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 15, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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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 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

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[HB 1](#) - Relating to School Choice
[Ch. 2023-16](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 27, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, part-time enrollment in public schools, transportation of students, graduations requirements, Commissioner of Education duties, & educator certifications.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

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[HB 3](#) - Relating to Government and Corporate Activism
[Ch. 2023-28](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 2, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to deposits & investments of state money, retirement system & trust fund assets, & public funds; defined contribution plans; bonds; government contracts;
- Financial institutions; consumer finance;



- Money services businesses; & unfair & deceptive trade practices.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 19](#) - Relating to Individual Education Plans
[Ch. 2023-96](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) for certain students to contain information on legal rights & responsibilities that transfer to students at age 18;
- Requiring information to include ways in which student may provide informed consent to allow his or her parent to continue to participate in educational decisions.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 31](#) - Relating to Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards
Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Proposing amendments to State Constitution to require members of district school board to be elected in partisan election.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: TBD

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**[SB 32](#) - Relating to Florida Statutes
[Ch. 2023-8](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2023**

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;
- Improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect July 1, 2023, this act shall take effect on the 60th day after adjournment sine die of the session of the Legislature in which enacted

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**SB 34 - Relating to Florida Statutes
Ch. 2023-9 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Deleting provisions which have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), F.S., may be omitted from the 2023 Florida Statutes only through a reviser’s bill duly enacted by the Legislature, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: On the 60th day after adjournment sine die of the session of the Legislature in which enacted

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**SB 50 - Relating to Public Records/Judicial Assistants
Ch. 2023- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Adding current judicial assistants and their spouses and children to the list of specified agency personnel and family members to whom an exemption from public records requirements for identification and location information applies;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.



[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 67](#) - Relating to Protection of Specified Personnel
[Ch. 2023-194](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 5, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring violation to be committed with specified intent;
- Prohibiting specified threats against justice, judicial assistant, clerk of court, or clerk personnel or family member of such person;
- Prohibiting specified harassment of certain personnel with intent to intimidate or coerce such person to perform or refrain from performing lawful duty.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**[SB 102](#) - Relating to Housing
[Ch. 2023-17](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 29, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the "Live Local Act";
- Deleting the authority of local governments to adopt or maintain laws, ordinances, rules, or other measures that would have the effect of imposing controls on rents;
- Providing an exemption from ad valorem taxation for land that meets certain criteria;
- Authorizing local governments to adopt ordinances to provide an ad valorem tax exemption for portions of property used to provide affordable housing meeting certain requirements;
- Suspending, for a specified period, the General Revenue Fund service charge on documentary stamp tax collections;
- Authorizing the Governor, under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, to approve state or local public infrastructure projects to facilitate the development or construction of affordable housing, etc.

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**[SB 106](#) - Relating to Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network
[Ch. 2023-20](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to establish a program to recognize specified local communities as trail towns;
- Revising the composition of the board of directors of the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation;
- Extending the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network to lands of the Florida wildlife corridor;
- Increasing the amount the Department of Transportation (DOT) is required to allocate for purposes of funding and maintaining projects within the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 109](#) - Relating to State Park Campsite Reservations
[Ch. 2023-62](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) Division of Recreation & Parks to allow residents & nonresidents to make state park cabin & campsite reservations within specified timeframes;
- Requiring residents to provide specified information for advance reservations.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

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**[HB 121](#) - Relating to Florida Kidcare Program Eligibility
[Ch. 2023-277](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 22, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Increasing income eligibility threshold for coverage under Medikids program component;
- Increasing income eligibility threshold for coverage under Florida Kidcare program;
- Requiring applicant seeking coverage under program to provide certain documentation if eligibility cannot be verified using reliable data sources;
- Requiring that premiums for certain enrollees under Florida Kidcare program be based on tiered system of uniform premiums.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 130](#) - Relating to Domestic Violence
[Ch. 2023-112](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as "Greyson's Law";
- Requiring the court with jurisdiction over the proceeding to consider certain factors in deciding whether shared parental responsibility is detrimental to the child;
- Providing additional conduct regarding domestic violence which the court must consider when ordering a parenting plan;
- Providing an additional factor that the court must consider in determining whether a petitioner of a domestic violence injunction is in imminent danger, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 180](#) - Relating to Regulation of Securities
[Ch. 2023-205](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Financial Services Commission (FSC) to define the term "accredited investor" by rule;
- Revising requirements for the registration of securities;
- Revising grounds on which the office may revoke, suspend, or deny the registration of securities;
- Specifying continuing education requirements for associated persons of investment advisers and federal covered advisers;



- Authorizing the commission to establish rules of conduct and prohibited business practices for intermediaries, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**[SB 190](#) - Relating to Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities
[Ch. 2023-113](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing charter school students and Florida Virtual School (FVS) full-time students to participate in extracurricular activities at a private school under certain circumstances;
- Authorizing charter school students to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at a private school under certain circumstances;
- Authorizing charter school students and Florida Virtual School full-time program students to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at a private school under certain circumstances, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 196](#) - Relating to Guidance Services on Academic and Career Planning
[Ch. 2023-89](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring district school boards to inform students and parents of certain acceleration, academic, and career planning options;
- Requiring certain information to be included in such notification;
- Requiring that certain information be included in a personalized academic and career plan, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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[SB 214](#) - Relating to Sales of Firearms and Ammunition



Ch. 2023-79 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting payment settlement entities, merchant acquiring entities, or third party settlement organizations from assigning merchant category codes or otherwise classifying merchants of firearms or ammunition separately from general merchandise or sporting goods retailers;
- Prohibiting entities involved in facilitating or processing payment card transactions from assigning to or requiring a merchant to use certain merchant category codes;
- Authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to investigate certain alleged violations and bring administrative actions, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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SB 226 - Relating to Support for Dependent Adult Children
Ch. 2023-213 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that civil suits to establish support for dependent adult children may be filed only in a certain court by specified individuals;
- Requiring such support to be paid to the dependent adult child or other specified persons;
- Specifying that a child support order does not terminate on the child's 18th birthday in certain circumstances;
- Requiring the court to consider certain factors when determining the amount of support for a dependent adult child;
- Providing an additional circumstance under which a guardian advocate must be represented by an attorney in guardianship proceedings, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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HB 233 - Relating to Family and Household Members of Homicide Victims and Deceased Minors
Ch. 2023-109 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 22, 2023



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining "next of kin";
- Requiring law enforcement agencies to provide certain information during investigation of death of minor.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 234](#) - Relating to Statutorily Required Reports
[Ch. 2023-41](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the procedure for filing statutorily required or authorized reports;
- Requiring state entities to redact exempt or confidential and exempt information from reports before filing;
- Providing that the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State (DOS) or the department, or any contractor thereof, is not responsible for redaction and may not be held liable for the failure of a state entity to redact exempt or confidential and exempt information from its reports;
- Requiring the division to compile and annually update a list of all statutorily required reports and their submission dates, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 238](#) - Relating to Public Records/Protection from Discrimination Based on Health Care Choices
[Ch. 2023-42](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) or the Department of Health (DOH) relating to complaints or investigations regarding violations of provisions protecting from discrimination based on health care choices;
- Authorizing the disclosure of such information under certain circumstances;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;



- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 240](#) - Relating to Education
[Ch. 2023-81](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 15, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help to develop certain criteria and display public information;
- Providing a tax credit for eligible businesses that employ an apprentice or preapprentice under certain conditions;
- Authorizing specified employers to apply to the Department of Financial Services (DFS) for reimbursement of workers' compensation premiums paid for students participating in work-based learning opportunities;
- Encouraging the district school board to adopt policies and procedures to consult with certain entities to determine how to expose students to industries, businesses, and careers;
- Providing admissions policies for career centers that offer certain science degree programs;
- Revising requirements for the Florida Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 252](#) - Relating to Protection from Discrimination Based on Health Care Choices
[Ch. 2023-43](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting business entities and governmental entities from requiring a person to provide certain documentation or requiring a COVID-19 test to gain access to, entry upon, or service from such entities or as a condition of contracting, hiring, promotion, or continued employment;
- Prohibiting business and governmental entities from refusing to hire persons, discharging persons, depriving or attempting to deprive persons of employment opportunities,



adversely affecting persons with respect to employment, or otherwise discriminating against any person based on knowledge or belief of a person's vaccination or COVID-19 postinfection recovery status or failure to take a COVID-19 test;

- Requiring such entities to provide exemptions and reasonable accommodations for religious and medical reasons, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 264](#) - Relating to Interests of Foreign Countries
[Ch. 2023-33](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 8, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting governmental entities from knowingly entering into certain contracts;
- Authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action;
- Providing penalties;
- Requiring government entities to require an affidavit from applicants before providing any economic incentive;
- Prohibiting foreign principals from purchasing agricultural land, or having more than a de minimus indirect interest in such land, and certain real property in this state, respectively;
- Authorizing foreign principals to continue to own or hold such land or property under certain circumstances, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 266](#) - Relating to Higher Education
[Ch. 2023-82](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 15, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the duties of the Board of Governors relating to the mission of each state university;
- Requiring the Board of Governors Accountability Plan to annually report certain research expenditures of a specified amount;
- Prohibiting specified educational institutions from expending funds for certain purposes;
- Revising how general education core courses are established;



- Specifying a one-time limit on the requirement to change accrediting agencies, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 272](#) - Relating to Children and Young Adults in Out-of-home Care
[Ch. 2023-248](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the “Nancy C. Detert Champion for Children Act”;
- Requiring a case manager or other staff to provide a child with verbal and written information about certain topics;
- Deleting limitations on the type of questions a child may ask;
- Establishing the Office of the Children’s Ombudsman within the Department of Children and Families (DCF);
- Requiring the department to consult with specified children and young adults when creating or revising certain print or digital written information, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 274](#) - Relating to Nursing Education Pathway for Military Combat Medics
[Ch. 2023-158](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising a primary goal of the Florida Center for Nursing to provide that development of a statewide plan for nursing manpower must include the encouragement and coordination of the development of partnerships with hospitals which provide opportunities for nursing students to obtain clinical experience;
- Requiring that the Articulation Coordinating Committee convene a workgroup to establish a process for determining postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded in accredited nursing education programs for military training and education required for service in specified positions;
- Authorizing the award of additional postsecondary credit or career education clock hours, etc.



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Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 331](#) - Relating to Liens and Bonds
[Ch. 2023-226](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising liens & bonds laws, including provisions relating to when notices must be served;
- Notarizing forms; alternative forms of security; direct contracts; computation of time; extent of certain liens; requirements for notice of commencement, notice of termination, & notice of contest of lien;
- Transferring lien to security; service of documents; immunity to issuing authority; & release of liens;
- Authorizes attorney fees in certain actions.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**[HB 339](#) - Relating to Education of Dependents of Deceased or Disabled Servicemembers, Prisoners of War, and Persons Missing in Action
[Ch. 2023-279](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 22, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising eligibility requirements for educational benefits provided by state to spouse or dependent child of deceased or disabled servicemember;
- Revising eligibility requirements for educational benefits provided by state to dependent child of prisoner of war, person missing in action, or deceased or disabled servicemember who participated in certain military operations.

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**[SB 376](#) - Relating to Automatic Sealing of Criminal History Records and Making Confidential and Exempt Related Court Records
[Ch. 2023-189](#) Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on June 5, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring a clerk of the court to automatically keep confidential and exempt court records related to certain criminal history records that meet specified criteria, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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[HB 379](#) - Relating to Technology in K-12 Public Schools

[Ch. 2023-36](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 9, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the use of certain platforms on district-owned devices and through Internet access provided by the school district;
- Authorizing teachers and other instructional personnel to designate an area for wireless communications during instructional time; requiring public schools to provide instruction on the social, emotional, and physical effects of social media, etc.

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[HB 391](#) - Relating to Home Health Aides for Medically Fragile

[Ch. 2023-183](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring home health agencies to ensure tasks delegated to home health aides for medically fragile children meet specified requirements;
- Providing individuals exemption from costs associated with specified training;
- Authorizing home health aides for medically fragile children to perform tasks delegated by registered nurse;
- Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to conduct annual assessment of certified health aide program;
- Requiring agency to submit report to Governor & Legislature;
- Requiring agency to establish a specified fee schedule;



- Providing appropriations.

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Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**SB 404 - Relating to Public Records/Photograph or Video or Audio Recording of the Killing of a Minor/Autopsy Reports of Minors
Ch. 2023-44 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating an exemption from public records requirements for a photograph or video or audio recording of the killing of a minor, with exceptions;
- Creating the "Rex and Brody Act";
- Creating an exemption from public records requirements for autopsy reports of minors whose deaths were related to acts of domestic violence;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: May 11, 2023

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**HB 411 - Relating to District School Board Elections
Ch. 2023-101 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting changes to county commissioner district boundaries during a specified timeframe;
- Prohibiting the consideration of the residential addresses of certain persons during the district-drawing process for boards of county commissioners, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**HB 437 - Relating to Property Owners' Right to Install, Display, and Store Items
Ch. 2023-64 Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing condominium unit owners to display certain flags on Patriot Day;
- Authorizing homeowners to display certain number of specified flags regardless of certain prohibitions in governing documents of homeowners' association;
- Defining "first responder flag";
- Prohibiting homeowners' associations from restricting parcel owners & their tenants from installing, displaying, or storing items on parcels;
- Providing exceptions;
- Prohibiting certain homeowners' association documents from precluding property owners from displaying certain number of specified flags;
- Requiring that such flags be displayed in specified manner.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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[HB 477](#) - Relating to Term Limits for District School Board Members

[Ch. 2023-37](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 9, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising term limits for district school board members.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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[HB 543](#) - Relating to Public Safety

[Ch. 2023-18](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on April 3, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing person to carry concealed weapon or firearm if he or she is licensed to do so or meets specified requirements;
- Requiring person who is carrying concealed weapon or firearm without license to carry identification & display upon demand by law enforcement;
- Prohibiting person who is carrying concealed weapon or firearm without license from carrying such weapon or firearm in specified locations;



- Authorizing nonresident to carry concealed weapon or firearm in this state if he or she meets same requirements as resident;
- Requiring Office of Safe Schools to develop behavioral threat management operational process.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 551](#) - Relating to Required African-American Instruction
[Ch. 2023-103](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring each school district to certify & provide certain evidence to the Department of Education (DOE) regarding certain instruction;
- Authorizing DOE to seek input from & contract with certain educational organizations for specified purposes;
- Requiring each school district to submit implementation plan to Commissioner of Education & post plan on its website;
- Providing requirements for plan; requires commissioner or DOE to provide certain notification;
- Providing timeframe within which school district must submit revisions to its plan;
- Authorizing SBE to take certain actions.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 558](#) - Relating to Certified Nursing Assistants
[Ch. 2023-250](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing nursing home facilities to allow their registered nurses to delegate certain tasks to certified nursing assistants who meet specified criteria;
- Providing for the designation of such certified nursing assistants as qualified medication aides;
- Requiring that medication administration be included in certain performance improvement activities tracked by nursing homes in accordance with federal regulations;



- Providing that the time spent by certified nursing assistants performing the duties of a qualified medication aide may not be included in the computing of certain minimum staffing ratio requirements for direct care provided to residents, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 605](#) - Relating to Expunction of Criminal History Records
Vetoed by the Governor on June 27, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising eligibility criterion under which person is eligible to petition court to expunge criminal history record if charging document was dismissed by court;
- Expanding exception to eligibility requirement for expunction of criminal history record to allow prior expunction of criminal history record granted for an offense committed when person was minor.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 614](#) - Relating to Mammography Reports
[Ch. 2023-45](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Abrogating the repeal of provisions requiring facilities that perform mammography to send patients a certain summary of their mammography report under certain circumstances, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: May 11, 2023

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**[HB 619](#) - Relating to State Estate Tax
[Ch. 2023-207](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing exceptions relating to state estate tax for certain estates.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 621](#) - Relating to Death Benefits for Active Duty Servicemembers
[Ch. 2023-163](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising amount & conditions of payment of death benefits;
- Requiring payment be made to beneficiary through process set out by the Department of Military Affairs (DMA);
- Removing provisions relating to payment when beneficiary is not designated;
- Requiring proof of residency or duty post to be provided to DMA;
- Requiring DMA to request CFO to draw warrant for payment of benefits from General Revenue Fund.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 633](#) - Relating to K-12 Education
[Ch. 2023-104](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing specified reduction calculation for certain school district funding for school districts that fail to meet certain class size requirements;
- Providing that certain dependent children of active duty military personnel must be enrolled in certain programs;
- Authorizing certain students of military personnel to enroll in any school within state.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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[HB 635](#) - Relating to Dental Services for Veterans



Ch. 2023-164 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Establishing Veterans Dental Care Grant Program within the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA);
- Specifying purpose of program;
- Requiring DVA to contract with direct-support organization to administer program;
- Providing program funding is subject to legislative appropriation.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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HB 657 - Relating to Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits
Ch. 2023-174 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 31, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing county or municipality to enforce speed limit in school zone through speed detection system;
- Requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to establish specifications;
- Requiring notice to public;
- Requiring law enforcement agency to administer School Crossing Guard Recruitment & Retention Program;
- Providing for issuance of traffic citations by traffic infraction enforcement officer;
- Providing notification requirements & procedures;
- Providing photographs or video & evidence of speed are admissible in proceedings; Requiring reports;
- Requiring law enforcement agency to maintain log & perform tests of speed detection systems;
- Providing penalty for speed limit violation in school zone;
- Prohibiting points from being imposed against driver license;
- Prohibiting infractions from being used to set insurance rates.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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SB 662 - Relating to Student Online Personal Information Protection
Ch. 2023-170 Laws of Florida



Approved by the Governor on May 31, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the “Student Online Personal Information Protection Act”;
- Prohibiting operators from knowingly engaging in specified activities relating to students’ covered information;
- Providing circumstances under which an operator may disclose students’ covered information;
- Providing construction;
- Providing for enforcement under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act;
- Providing that the Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) is the sole entity authorized to bring specified actions, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 667](#) - Relating to Victims of Crime
[Ch. 2023-148](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring a court to conduct a hearing to determine whether the taking of a deposition of a victim of a sexual offense who is under the age of 16 is appropriate;
- Requiring a victim to be notified that he or she has the right to be informed of specified information when contacted by certain persons acting on behalf of a defendant in a criminal proceeding, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 733](#) - Relating to Middle School and High School Start Times
[Ch. 2023-78](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing requirements for middle school & high school start times;
- Providing district school board requirements;



- Requiring charter schools to meet requirements relating to middle school & high school start times.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**SB 766 - Relating to Enforcement of School Bus Passing Infractions
Ch. 2023-171 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 31, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the term “school bus infraction detection system”;
- Authorizing school districts to install and operate school bus infraction detection systems for a specified purpose;
- Requiring school districts that install a school bus infraction detection system to ensure that each such system meets certain requirements;
- Requiring such school districts to enter into interlocal agreements with law enforcement agencies to enforce violations;
- Providing that certain recorded video and images are admissible in certain proceedings, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**HB 775 - Relating to Shared Parental Responsibility after Establishment of Paternity
Ch. 2023-209 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing parent to request certain determinations & creation of parenting plan & time-sharing schedule;
- Requiring determination of parental responsibility & child support & creation of parenting plan & time-sharing schedule to be done through certain action;
- Specifying mother of child born out of wedlock & father who has established paternity of such child are natural guardians of child & subject to rights & responsibilities of being parents;
- Specifying mother of child born out of wedlock is natural guardian if father has not established paternity



[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 783](#) - Relating to Opioid Abatement
[Ch. 2023-184](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Establishing Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement within the Department of Children and Families (DCF);
- Providing for purpose, membership, organization & support, & duties of the council.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 892](#) - Relating to State Minimum Wage
[Ch. 2023-222](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying that individuals entitled to receive the federal minimum wage under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, are eligible to receive the state minimum wage, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 919](#) - Relating to Homeowners' Associations
[Ch. 2023-228](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to homeowners' associations including official records, fines & suspensions, attorney fees & costs, liens, & removing & reinstating certain officers & directors from office;



- Prohibiting certain funds from being commingled with association funds & requires certain accounting and remittance of funds within specified timeframe;
- Providing criminal & civil penalties for actions by officers, directors, or managers of association & requires disclosures;
- Providing criminal penalties for fraudulent voting activities.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**[HB 949](#) - Relating to Operation of a Golf Cart
[Ch. 2023-67](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing a water control district to designate certain roads for use by golf carts;
- Requiring county approval before making such a designation;
- Prohibiting a person under 18 years of age from operating a golf cart on certain roadways unless he or she possesses a valid learner's driver license or valid driver license;
- Prohibiting a person 18 years of age or older from operating a golf cart on certain roadways unless he or she possesses a valid form of government-issued photographic identification;
- Providing a penalty, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**[HB 967](#) - Relating to Medicaid Coverage of Continuous Glucose Monitors
[Ch. 2023-283](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 22, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), subject to availability of funds & certain limitations & directions, to provide coverage for continuous glucose monitors for certain Medicaid recipients;
- Providing requirements for Medicaid recipients to continue receiving coverage for their continuous glucose monitors;
- Requiring agency to seek federal approval for implementation of act, if needed;
- Requiring agency to include rate impact of act in certain rates that become effective on specified date.



[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**[SB 1068](#) - Relating to Drone Delivery Services
[Ch. 2023-137](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting a political subdivision from taking certain actions against a drone delivery service based on the location of its drone port;
- Authorizing a political subdivision to enforce certain regulations relating to setback and landscaping;
- Exempting drone ports from the Florida Building Code;
- Exempting drone ports from certain provisions of the Florida Fire Prevention Code, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1069](#) - Relating to Education
[Ch. 2023-105](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining "sex" for Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code;
- Providing requirements relating to titles & pronouns;
- Revising provisions relating to instruction & materials for specified instruction relating to reproductive health;
- Providing additional requirements for instruction regarding human sexuality;
- Providing district school boards are responsible for materials used in classroom libraries;
- Revising provisions relating to objections of certain materials & process related to such objections;
- Revising school principal, school district & district school board duties & responsibilities relating to certain materials & processes.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**HB 1105 - Relating to Rapid DNA Grant Program
Ch. 2023-234 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 14, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating Rapid DNA Grant Program within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for county jails or sheriffs' offices;
- Requiring the department to annually award grant funds to county jails or sheriffs' offices;
- Providing funding requirements;
- Authorizing the department to establish criteria & set specific time periods for acceptance of applications & selection process for awarding grant funds.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**HB 1209 - Relating to Economic Development
Ch. 2023-202 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 6, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring certain agency agreements to include a provision authorizing the agency to provide for the payment of specified invoices to certain counties or municipalities for certain verified and eligible performance;
- Revising the percentages of total infrastructure project cost which the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) may award through grants from the Rural Infrastructure Fund; revising authorized uses of eligible funds;
- Authorizing the department to award grants up to a specified amount for specified planning and preparation activities;
- Revising a provision that requires that awarded funds for specified surveys or other activities be matched with a specified amount of local funds, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**SB 1210 - Relating to Public Records/Human Trafficking Victims
Ch. 2023-84 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 16, 2023**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that a petition for human trafficking victim expunction and all pleadings and documents related to the petition are confidential and exempt from public records requirements;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act;
- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1267](#) - Relating to Consumer Finance Loans
Vetoed by the Governor on June 26, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting person from operating branch of business making consumer finance loans before authorized to do so & obtaining license from the Office of Financial Regulation (OFR);
- Revising maximum interest rate on consumer finance loans;
- Revising minimum amount of time before which delinquency charge for each payment in default may be imposed;
- Requiring licensees offering assistance program to borrowers after federally declared major disaster to send notice to office;
- Requiring licensees to file annual reports;
- Requiring licensees to suspend specified actions for after federally declared disaster.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 1272](#) - Relating to Educational Grants
**[Ch. 2023-93](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023****

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing education grants under the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program to certain students who were eligible as of a specified date to receive grants under the former Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program;



- Providing education grants to eligible students at for-profit colleges or universities under certain conditions;
- Requiring that institutions that wish to participate provide notice to the Department of Education (DOE) by a certain date, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: May 17, 2023

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**[HB 1285](#) - Relating to Florida State Guard
[Ch. 2023-167](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to the Florida State Guard (FSG) creation & authorization;
- Providing number of volunteer personnel;
- Establishing Division of State Guard within the Department of Military Affairs (DMA);
- Providing head of division is director appointed by Governor;
- Removing provisions establishing authority of department & Adjutant General with respect to FSG;
- Providing additional duties of division & director;
- Revising qualifications for FSG applicants; requires specialized unit within FSG;
- Revising criteria for FSG activation; repeals provisions relating to Florida State Defense Force.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1301](#) - Relating to Parenting and Time-sharing of Minor Children
[Ch. 2023-301](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 27, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing requirement for unanticipated change in circumstances in order to modify parenting plan or time-sharing schedule;
- Creating rebuttable presumption that equal time-sharing is in best interests of child;
- Providing standard of evidence to rebut such presumption;
- Requiring court to evaluate certain factors & make specific written findings of fact when creating or modifying time-sharing schedule;



- Authorizing modification of time-sharing schedule.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 1322](#) - Relating to Adoption
[Ch. 2023-257](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 19, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying that certain adoption consents are valid, binding, and enforceable by the court;
- Deleting a provision regarding the sufficiency of the home study provided by the adoption entity;
- Requiring the court to order the transfer of custody of the child to the prospective adoptive parents under certain circumstances and in accordance with a certain transition plan;
- Requiring the adoption entity to provide monthly supervision reports for a specified time;
- Providing that a person contemplating adoption of a child may make specified payments to the mother of the child for a specified period of time regardless of whether the medical needs of the mother require such support, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 1418](#) - Relating to Emergency Communications
[Ch. 2023-55](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Renaming the E911 Board as the Emergency Communications Board;
- Authorizing the board to establish schedules for implementing certain NG911 systems and improvements;
- Revising the composition of a committee that reviews requests for proposals from the board regarding independent accounting firm selections;
- Extending the date by which the Division of Telecommunications within the Department of Management Services (DMS) must develop a plan to upgrade 911 public safety answering points, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023



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**SB 1438 - Relating to Protection of Children
Ch. 2023-94 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting a governmental entity from issuing a permit or otherwise authorizing a person to conduct a performance in violation of specified provisions;
- Providing criminal penalties;
- Authorizing the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to fine, suspend, or revoke the license of any public lodging establishment or public food service establishment if the establishment admits a child to an adult live performance;
- Specifying that the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation is given full power and authority to revoke or suspend the license of any person issued under the Beverage Law when it is determined or found by the division upon sufficient cause appearing that he or she is maintaining a licensed premises that admits a child to an adult live performance;
- Prohibiting a person from knowingly admitting a child to an adult live performance, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**SB 1442 - Relating to Terrorism
Ch. 2023-267 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 20, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying that there is no right to a jury trial under specified provisions and that neither defendants nor certain persons may use the resources of the courts of this state in furtherance of a defense or objection to post judgment collection proceedings in any post judgment execution proceedings to enforce certain judgments;
- Providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**HB 1537 - Relating to Education
Ch. 2023-39 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 9, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring school districts to annually review and confirm that specified information is accurate and up to date;
- Creating the Year-round School Pilot Program for a period of 4 school years beginning with a specified school year;
- Requiring the Commission for Independent Education to annually prepare an accountability report by a specified date; providing requirements for searches of students' personal belongings;
- Requiring dual enrollment courses to be age and developmentally appropriate;
- Authorizing students to use a combination of volunteer service hours and paid work hours to meet certain program eligibility requirements;
- Providing an appropriation, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**SB 1550 - Relating to Prescription Drugs
Ch. 2023-29 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 3, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the "Prescription Drug Reform Act";
- Specifying additional prohibited acts related to the Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act;
- Requiring certain drug manufacturers to notify the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) of reportable drug price increases on a specified form on the effective date of such increase;
- Requiring the Division of Consumer Services of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) to designate an employee as the primary contact for consumer complaints involving pharmacy benefit managers;
- Providing a grandfathering provision for certain pharmacy benefit managers operating as administrators;
- Requiring pharmacy benefits plans and programs, beginning on a specified date, to annually submit a certain attestation to the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR), etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**SB 1552 - Relating to Public Records/Pharmacy Benefit Managers
Ch. 2023-30 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 3, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for examination and investigation reports and work papers relating to pharmacy benefit managers;
- Expanding a public records exemption for the books and records of administrators held by the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) for purposes of examination, audit, and inspection to incorporate the inclusion of pharmacy benefit managers as administrators under the Florida Insurance Code;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
- Providing statements of public necessity, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: On the same date that SB 1550 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

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**HB 1575 - Relating to Public Safety Emergency Communications Systems
Ch. 2023-296 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 26, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing requirements for two-way radio communication enhancement systems including submission of design, installation of such system, required assessments & consents, & modifications;
- Prohibiting local authority from withholding temporary certificate of occupancy;
- Requires State Fire Marshal to incorporate changes made by this act into Florida Fire Prevention Code;
- Exempting installations of two-way radio communication enhancement systems from certain prohibition.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1595](#) - Relating to Public Safety Emergency Communications Systems
[Ch. 2023-156](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising powers, duties, & obligations of sheriff;
- Requiring there be elected sheriff in each county;
- Requiring board of county commissioners of any such county to ensure successful transfer of policing responsibility & authority to sheriff;
- Providing requirements for sheriff-elect after election is certified but before taking office;
- Authorizing certain persons to file petition with the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), rather than appeal by petition to Administration Commission, if tentative municipal law enforcement agency budget contains certain reduction.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 1597](#) - Relating to Florida Virtual School
[Ch. 2023-73](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing flexibility in administration for specified assessments for Florida Virtual School (FLVS) full-time students of military families residing outside this state;
- Providing requirements for such students, FLVS, & the Department of Education (DOE).

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 1627](#) - Relating to Pretrial Release and Detention
[Ch. 2023-27](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 1, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for setting, reduction, & alteration of bail;
- Requiring Supreme Court to create statewide uniform bail bond schedule;



- Providing for chief judge of judicial circuit to establish lower bail bond schedule;
- Providing certain arrested persons may not be released until first appearance;
- Providing court may revoke pretrial release & order detention if defendant materially violates release condition;
- Requiring court to order pretrial detention in certain circumstances;
- Providing requirements for detention hearings;
- Removing requirement for pretrial detention for defendants charged with illegally manufacturing controlled substances in certain cases.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2024

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**[SB 2504](#) - Relating to Collective Bargaining
[Ch. 2023-241](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 15, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for the resolution of certain collective bargaining issues at impasse between the State of Florida and the certified representatives of the bargaining units of state employees;
- Providing for all other mandatory collective bargaining issues at impasse which are not addressed by the act or the General Appropriations Act to be resolved consistent with personnel rules and by otherwise maintaining the status quo, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 2510](#) - Relating to Health
[Ch. 2023-243](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 15, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing the income threshold for certain contributions required by residents of veterans' nursing homes;
- Establishing the Slots for Doctors Program for a specified purpose;
- Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to allocate a specified amount to hospitals and qualifying institutions for certain newly created resident positions for specified physician specialties or subspecialties;



- Revising the criteria for determining achieved savings rebates for purposes of Medicaid prepaid plans, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 5101](#) - Relating to Education
[Ch. 2023-245](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 15, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to Just Read, Florida! Office, K-12 funding & FEFP, developmental research schools, Florida Virtual School (FLVS), charter schools, & Family Empowerment Scholarship Program;
- Creating heroes in classroom sign-on bonus.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 5303](#) - Relating to Biomedical Research
[Ch. 2023-246](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 15, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Expanding the uses of the Biomedical Research Trust Fund;
- Authorizing a specified amount from the total appropriated funds for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program to be distributed to participating cancer centers;
- Requiring a report for specified statewide cancer statistics to include breast cancer;
- Removing a certain award of an endowment for a specified program.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[SB 7000](#) - Relating to OGSR/Current or Former Public Guardians
[Ch. 2023-263](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 19, 2023**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending a provision which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain identifying and location information of current or former public guardians, employees with fiduciary responsibility, and the spouses and children thereof;
- Defining terms;
- Narrowing the scope of the public records exemption for current public guardians and employees with fiduciary responsibility and former public guardians and employees with fiduciary responsibility, respectively; removing the scheduled repeal date of the exemption, etc.

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Effective Date: October 1, 2023

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**[SB 7014](#) - Relating to Juvenile Justice
[Ch. 2023-59](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring that the secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) oversee the establishment of the Florida Scholars Academy;
- Requiring the academy to provide students with greater access to secondary and postsecondary educational opportunities;
- Specifying that the academy is a component of the delivery of public education within Florida’s Early Learning-20 education system;
- Requiring the department to provide early notice to school districts regarding the siting of new juvenile justice detention facilities, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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**[HB 7025](#) - Relating to Pub. Rec./Safe School Officers
[Ch. 2023-19](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 3, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing public records exemption for information pertaining to safe-school officer at private school;



- Providing for future legislative review & repeal of exemption;
- Providing statement of public necessity.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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HB 7039 - Relating to Student Outcomes

Ch. 2023-108 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 17, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to instructional materials, programs & strategies, reading interventions & programs, New Worlds Reading Scholarship Accounts, specified FEFP funding, & students with educational deficiencies

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Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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SB 7050 - Relating to Elections

Ch. 2023-120 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Secretary of State to provide mandatory formal signature matching training to specified persons;
- Requiring that third-party voter registration organizations provide to the Division of Elections the general election cycle for which they are registering persons to vote, beginning on a certain date;
- Deleting the scheduled repeal of a public records exemption for certain voter registration information from another state or the District of Columbia;
- Requiring a supervisor to adhere to specified procedures before the removal of a registered voter from the statewide voter registration system; defining the term “qualify” for purposes of restrictions on individuals qualifying for public office, etc.

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**SB 7052 - Relating to Insurer Accountability
Ch. 2023-172 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 31, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying a requirement for the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) in referring criminal violations;
- Authorizing electronic responses to certain requests from the Division of Consumer Services of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) concerning consumer complaints;
- Revising requirements and conditions for certain insurer market conduct examinations after a hurricane;
- Specifying factors the office may consider in determining whether the continued operation of an insurer may be deemed to be hazardous to its policyholders or creditors or to the general public;
- Revising and specifying applicable fines for unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices, etc.

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**HB 7061 - Relating to Sheriffs Providing Child Protective Investigative Services
Ch. 2023-77 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing provisions of law relating to sheriffs of certain counties providing child protective investigative services;
- Requiring sheriffs to transfer its Child Protective Investigative (CPI) service functions to the Department of Children and Families (DCF);
- Specifying which entity becomes custodian of files & documents;
- Providing requirements for all grants & grant-related assets;
- Authorizing DCF to extend private leases;
- Authorizing DCF & sheriffs to enter into specified agreement;
- Authorizing employees to transfer their employment to DCF;
- Requiring DCF to establish positions for such employees;
- Providing benefits to employees who transfer their employment to DCF;
- Requiring that the defense and indemnification of certain claims be in accordance with certain agreements, etc.

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[HB 7063](#) - Relating to Taxation
[Ch. 2023-157](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions related to taxation including tourist tax reimbursement, homestead exemptions, exemptions for religious & educational property, refunds of certain property taxes, discretionary sales surtaxes, taxes on certain loans, surtaxes found to be unconstitutional, exemptions from sales & use taxes, tax on rental & license fees, tax credits for certain systems & equipment & Strong Families tax credits.

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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 2023 Regular Legislative Session.

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[HB 179](#) - Relating to Florida Kratom Consumer Protection Act
[Ch. 2023-182](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2023

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting sale, delivery, bartering, furnishing, or giving of any kratom product to person under 21 years of age;
- Providing criminal penalties;
- Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACCS) to adopt rules.

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**[SB 232](#) - Relating to Exploitation of Vulnerable Persons
[Ch. 2023-133](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying conditions under which a person commits exploitation of a person 65 years of age or older;
- Providing criminal penalties for violations of the act;
- Specifying that not knowing the age of a victim is not a defense to such crime;
- Authorizing persons who are in imminent danger of exploitation to petition for an injunction for protection;
- Providing time limitations for commencing prosecution for violations of the act, etc.

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**[HB 269](#) - Relating to Public Nuisances
[Ch. 2023-24](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 28, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting person from distributing onto private property any material for purpose of intimidating or threatening owner, resident, or invitee;
- Prohibiting a person from willfully & maliciously harassing, threatening, or intimidating another person based on person's wearing or displaying of any indicia relating to any religious or ethnic heritage;
- Requiring violations be reported as hate crimes;
- Prohibiting display or projection of images onto building, structure, or property without permission;
- Prohibiting person who willfully enters campus of state university or Florida College System institution for purpose of threatening or intimidating another person from remaining on such campus after being warned to depart.

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**[SB 306](#) - Relating to Catalytic Converters
[Ch. 2023-114](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2023**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Designating the “Catalytic Converter Antitheft Act”;
- Prohibiting a person from knowingly purchasing a detached catalytic converter unless he or she is a registered secondary metals recycler;
- Prohibiting a person from knowingly importing, manufacturing, purchasing for a certain purpose, selling, offering for sale, or installing or reinstalling a counterfeit, fake, or nonfunctional catalytic converter;
- Prohibiting a secondary metals recycler from processing or removing a detached catalytic converter from the recycler’s place of business for a specified number of days, etc.

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**[HB 365](#) - Relating to Controlled Substances
[Ch. 2023-196](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 5, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising elements of murder offenses;
- Providing criminal penalties for adults who unlawfully distribute specified substances or mixtures & an overdose or serious bodily injury of user results;
- Providing enhanced criminal penalties for repeat offenders provides that specified persons have certain protections from arrest & prosecution.

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**[SB 384](#) - Relating to Violent Offenses Committed Against Criminal Defense Attorneys
[Ch. 2023-190](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 5, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for the reclassification of specified offenses committed against criminal defense attorneys, etc.

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**[HB 431](#) - Relating to Solicitation of Minors to Commit Lewd or Lascivious Act
[Ch. 2023-123](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting a person 24 years of age or older from soliciting person 16 or 17 years of age in writing to commit lewd or lascivious act.

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**[SB 736](#) - Relating to Controlled Substances
[Ch. 2023-221](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 12, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Adding nitazene derivatives to the list of Schedule I controlled substances, etc.

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**[HB 825](#) - Relating to Assault or Battery on Hospital Personnel
[Ch. 2023-128](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for reclassification of certain offenses committed against hospital personnel while engaged in performance of their duties.

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**[HB 1161](#) - Relating to Venomous Reptiles
[Ch. 2023-129](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising penalty for certain release or escape of nonnative venomous reptiles;
- Providing penalty for specified activities involving venomous reptiles without special permit or license issued by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC).

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**[HB 1297](#) - Relating to Capital Sexual Battery
[Ch. 2023-25](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 1, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for death sentences for certain child sexual offenders;
- Providing for separate death penalty proceedings in such cases;
- Providing for findings & recommended sentences by jury;
- Providing for imposition of sentence of life imprisonment or death;
- Providing requirements for court order in support of death sentence;
- Providing for automatic review of sentences of death;
- Specifying aggravating factors & mitigating circumstances;
- Providing for victim impact evidence;
- Authorizing state to appeal from sentence on specified grounds.

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**[HB 1307](#) - Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
[Ch. 2023-155](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising requirements for applicants for Class "K" license;
- Revising circumstances under which the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) may waive firearms training requirements;



- Requiring Division of Licensing of DACS to establish specified late fee by rule;
- Authorizing DACS to publish certain information online in lieu of using paper format;
- Providing criminal penalties for actions relating to retail fuel theft;
- Requiring law enforcement agencies to remove & reclaim, recycle, or dispose of fuel in specified manner;
- Specifying that convicted persons are responsible for certain costs & payments.

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**[HB 1359](#) - Relating to Offenses Involving Fentanyl or Fentanyl Analogs
[Ch. 2023-26](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 1, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing criminal penalties & mandatory minimum term of imprisonment if person sells, manufactures, or delivers, or possesses with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver, specified substances or mixtures, & such substance or mixture has at least one specified attribute.

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**[HB 1367](#) - Relating to Unlawful Dumping
[Ch. 2023-236](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 14, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying it is unlawful to dump litter in or on any water control district property or canal right-of-way without consent; provides when litter is thrown or discarded from boat, operator or owner, or both, are in violation of certain provisions;
- Requiring water control district to report unlawful dumping to law enforcement;
- Revising definition of term "posted land" to include land owned by water control district which has no trespassing signs placed at specified points.

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**[HB 1375](#) - Relating to Battery by Strangulation
[Ch. 2023-237](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 14, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting battery by strangulation.

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**[HB 1465](#) - Relating to Firearm and Destructive Device Offenses
[Ch. 2023-87](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 16, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Making an offense of human trafficking during which person possesses firearm or destructive device or specified firearms or accessories subject to specified mandatory minimums;
- Revising maximum time minor who commits unlawful firearm possession may be required to serve in secure detention;
- Providing penalty for second or subsequent offense of grand theft of firearm;
- Requiring detention determination & juvenile risk assessment instrument to consider juvenile's unlawful firearm use;
- Requiring juvenile charged with offense involving unlawful firearm possession or use to be placed in secure detention.

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**[SB 7064](#) - Relating to Human Trafficking
[Ch. 2023-86](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 16, 2023**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing criminal penalties for specified offenses involving adult theaters;



- Providing a civil cause of action for victims of human trafficking against certain entities or persons;
- Authorizing judicial circuits to establish educational programs for persons convicted of or charged with certain violations;
- Creating the Statewide Data Repository for Anonymous Human Trafficking Data at the University of South Florida, etc.

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

Florida House of Representatives:

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