

Florida Department of Corrections
Office of Legislative Affairs



2021 Regular Session
Legislative Wrap-Up Report

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Substantive Bills

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**SB 44 – Relating to Use of Drones by Government Agencies
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Expanding the authorized uses of drones by law enforcement agencies and other specified entities for specified purposes;
- Requiring the Department of Management Services, in consultation with a specified officer, to publish a list of approved drone manufacturers meeting specified security standards;
- Requiring governmental agencies to discontinue the use of specified drones by a certain date;
- Requiring the department to establish minimum security standards for governmental agency drone use, etc.

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**HB 67 - Relating to Public Defender Duties
Ch. 2021-18 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying additional circumstances under which a public defender may not be appointed to represent a defendant.

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**SB 80 - Relating to Child Welfare
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Pending Action by the Governor**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the case record of every child under the supervision or in the custody of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF), the department's agents, or providers contracting with the department to include a case record face sheet;
- Providing best interest factors that certain entities must consider when determining a proposed placement for a child;
- Providing conditions under which a child may be removed from a caregiver's home;
- Requiring judicial review hearings within a specified time after a child's specified birthday; providing that parental rights may be reinstated under certain conditions, etc.

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**[SB 82](#) - Relating to Sponsorship Identification Disclaimers
[Ch. 2021-49](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Modifying provisions governing general independent expenditure disclaimers to conform to changes made by the act;
- Removing an exemption for text messages from certain requirements governing political advertisement disclaimers to conform to changes made by the act;
- Establishing sponsorship identification disclaimer requirements for certain text messages; modifying existing requirements governing telephone call disclaimers;
- Requiring specified persons and organizations sending certain paid text messages to have and maintain a registered agent for specified purposes, etc.

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**[SB 96](#) - Relating to Child Welfare
Ch. - X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Transferring existing provisions relating to the central abuse hotline of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF);



- Providing criminal, civil, and administrative immunity to child protective investigators who report known or suspected animal cruelty;
- Requiring the department to make available specified training for caregivers of children in out-of-home care;
- Requiring the department to develop an alternative plan for providing community-based child welfare services under certain circumstances, etc.

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**[SB 148](#) - Relating to Beverage Law
[Ch. 2021-30](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 13, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing certain food service establishments to sell or deliver certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances;
- Providing requirements for such establishments to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption;
- Requiring that such alcoholic beverages be transported in a specified manner;
- Specifying that certain alcoholic beverages sold by such establishments are not open containers for the purposes of the prohibition on possessing open containers of alcoholic beverages in vehicles, etc.

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**[SB 166](#) - Relating to Public Records/Nonjudicial Record of the Arrest of a Minor
Ch. - X Laws of Florida
Vetoed by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

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



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Effective Date: On the same date that SB 274 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 221](#) - Relating to Recovery of Spaceflight Assets
Ch. - X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing spaceflight entity retains ownership of spaceflight asset after launch or upon reentry;
- Requiring person who finds item reasonably identifiable as spaceflight asset to report description & location to law enforcement;
- Requiring law enforcement to notify owner of spaceflight asset;
- Authorizing owner of spaceflight asset to enter private property;
- Prohibiting person from appropriating spaceflight asset to his or her own use or refusing to surrender spaceflight asset to law enforcement or owner;
- Providing criminal penalties (new misdemeanor offense).

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**[SB 234](#) - Relating to Sexual Offender Registration
[Ch. 2021-156](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 22, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Redefining the term “sexual offender”, etc., to include clarifying release from conviction sanctions for sexual offender registration and reporting purposes.

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**[HB 241](#) - Relating to Parents' Bill of Rights
Ch. 2021 - X Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing parental rights relating to a minor child's education, upbringing, & health care;
- Providing school district, health care practitioner, hospital requirements & specified penalties.

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**[HB 259](#) - Relating to Safety of Religious Institutions
Ch. - X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing for specified purposes, concealed weapons or firearms licensee to carry firearm on certain property of church, synagogue, or other religious institution.

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**[SB 274](#) - Relating to Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction
Ch. - X Laws of Florida
Vetoed by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to expunge the nonjudicial arrest record of certain minors who have successfully completed a diversion program for any offense, rather than only a misdemeanor offense;
- Authorizing a minor who successfully completes a diversion program for any offense, rather than only for a first-time misdemeanor offense, to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge certain information, etc.

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**SB 354 - Relating to Restitution
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for the purposes of restitution in a criminal proceeding;
- Specifying the standards for valuation of a restitution order;
- Authorizing a court to consider hearsay evidence regarding valuation of a restitution award under certain circumstances;
- Providing for the purposes of restitution in a delinquency proceeding;
- Specifying the standards for valuation of a restitution order;
- Authorizing a court to consider hearsay evidence regarding valuation of a restitution award under certain circumstances, etc.

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**SB 366 - Relating to Educational Opportunities Leading to Employment
Ch. 2021-162 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Renaming the Florida Ready to Work Certification Program as the Florida Ready to Work Credential Program;
- Providing where the program training may be conducted; requiring that certain students be covered by the workers' compensation insurance of their employers in a work-based learning opportunity;
- Requiring admissions counseling to use certain tests or alternative methods to measure achievement of college-level communication and computation by students entering college programs, etc.

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**SB 388 - Relating to Injured Police Canines
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 18, 2021**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing licensed life support services to transport injured police canines under certain circumstances;
- Authorizing a paramedic or an emergency medical technician to provide emergency medical care to injured police canines under certain circumstances; providing for immunity from criminal and civil liability under certain circumstances, etc.

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**[HB 583](#) - Relating to Interception of Wire, Oral, or Electronic Communications Made in Violation of Protective Orders
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing exception to prohibitions on interception & recording of communications when communication is received in violation of specified injunction or order;
- Limiting use of intercepted communication to evidencing violation of specified injunction or order.

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**[SB 590](#) - Relating to School Safety
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising parent, guardian, or caregiver notification requirements that must be met before an involuntary examination of a minor;
- Requiring a principal or his or her designee who successfully notifies any known emergency contact to share only the information necessary to alert such contact that the parent or caregiver must be contacted;
- Requiring codes of student conduct to include provisions relating to civil citation or similar prearrest diversion programs for specified purposes;
- Revising training requirements for school safety officers, etc.



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**HB 661 - Relating to Modification or Continuation of Terms of Probation
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising circumstances under which a court must modify or continue term of probation.

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**HB 673 - Relating to DNA Evidence Collected in Sexual Offense Investigations
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to create & maintain statewide database for tracking sexual offense evidence kits;
- Providing database requirements;
- Requiring FDLE to ensure that alleged sexual offense victims & certain other persons are notified of or have access to information regarding such kits & evidence;
- Providing requirements for such notification.

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**HB 723 - Relating to Juvenile Justice Education Programs
Ch. 2021-70 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing percentage of certain funds that must be spent on specified costs;
- Requiring contracts between district school boards & juvenile justice education programs be in writing;



- Requiring the Florida Department of Education (DOE) provide mediation services for certain disputes;
- Prohibiting school boards from delaying certain payments pending receipt of local funds.

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**[SB 838](#) - Relating to Clerks of the Circuit Court
[Ch. 2021-16](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 17, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring certain service charges to be distributed in a specified manner;
- Specifying the amount of charges for certain services rendered by, and instruments filed with, the clerk of the circuit court which are not court records;
- Clarifying the responsibility of an individual released from incarceration regarding enrolling in a payment plan for any outstanding court obligations;
- Requiring the clerks to develop a uniform payment plan form by a specified date;
- Requiring the clerks of the court to submit requests for reimbursement for jury-related costs to the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation within specified timeframes, etc.

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**[HB 885](#) - Relating to Juvenile Justice Programs and Detention
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating Accountability & Program Support Program within the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ);
- Requiring court to consider specified information before ordering child into custody for failing to appear;
- Requiring each judicial circuit to develop plan in consultation with parties;
- Requiring DJJ to calculate annually & provide to each county that is not fiscally constrained & does not provide its own detention care for juveniles its annual percentage share of detention costs;



- Authorizing DJJ to evaluate viability of alternative model for providing & funding education services for youth in detention & residential facilities.

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**[SB 890](#) - Relating to Use of Electronic Databases
[Ch. 2021-129](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the use or release, not authorized by law, of any information contained in the Driver and Vehicle Information Database;
- Requiring the law enforcement accreditation program to address access to and use of personal identification information contained in electronic databases;
- Requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to incorporate into the course curriculum required for initial certification of law enforcement officer's instruction on the authorized access to and use of personal identification information contained in electronic databases, etc.

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**[SB 1046](#)- Relating to Arrest Booking Photographs
[Ch. 2021-132](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the republishing or redissemination of certain arrest booking photographs;
- Authorizing a person whose arrest booking photograph is republished or redisseminated to bring a civil action against the person or entity republishing or redisseminating the photograph if such person or entity was required to remove it from the publication or electronic medium;
- Authorizing a court to impose a specified civil penalty;
- Requiring a court to award reasonable attorney fees and court costs, etc.

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**SB 1080 - Relating to Tobacco and Nicotine Products
Ch. 2021-14 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising age limitations relating to mail order, Internet, and remote sales of tobacco products;
- Providing that it is unlawful for persons under 21 years of age to smoke tobacco or vape in, on, or within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school during specified hours;
- Preempting the establishment of the minimum age for purchasing and possessing, and the regulation for the marketing, sale, or delivery of, tobacco products to the state;
- Requiring proof of age for certain purchases of tobacco products;
- Requiring retail nicotine product dealers to acquire a permit, etc.

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**SB 1086 - Relating to Operation and Safety of Motor Vehicles and Vessels
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising conditions under which a person’s driving privilege is suspended and under which the person commits a misdemeanor relating to tests for alcohol, chemical substances, or controlled substances;
- Requiring the clerk of the court to notify the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) of certain final dispositions by electronic transmission;
- providing circumstances under which a person may operate a human-powered vessel within the boundaries of the marked channel of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway;
- Designating Monroe County as an anchoring limitation area subject to certain requirements;
- Authorizing a county or municipality to establish a boating-restricted area within and around a public mooring field and within certain portions of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway, etc.

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**SB 1120 - Relating to Telephone Solicitation
Ch. - X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain telephonic sales calls without the prior express written consent of the called party;
- Removing provisions authorizing the use of certain automated telephone dialing systems;
- Providing a cause of action for aggrieved called parties;
- Prohibiting a commercial telephone seller or salesperson from using automated dialing or recorded messages to make certain commercial telephone solicitation phone calls, etc.

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**HB 1189 - Relating to Victims of Sexual Offenses
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring county health departments to participate in sexual assault response teams coordinated by certified rape crisis centers;
- Authorizing establishment of teams by certified rape crisis centers;
- Providing for duties & membership of sexual assault response teams;
- Requiring FL Council Against Sexual Violence to provide specified technical assistance;
- Requiring sexual assault response teams to promote & support use of sexual assault forensic examiners meeting certain requirements;
- Requiring Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission to establish minimum standards for basic skills & continued education training programs for law enforcement officers that include specified response to sexual assault;
- Providing requirements for courses & law enforcement officers;
- Requiring officer's certification to be placed on inactive status for failure to complete certain training.

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**HB 1197- Relating to Courts
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising requirements for storage of District Court of Appeals (DCA) & Supreme Court materials;
- Requiring specified entities to prepare a plan to develop electronic solution for identifying assessments;
- Providing periodic inflationary adjustment of monetary jurisdictional limit for county court actions;
- Requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) to calculate & certify jurisdictional limit;
- Requiring specified entities to post on their websites such adjusted jurisdictional limit;
- Requiring DCA clerks to have office at headquarters;
- Authorizing a person summoned for jury service to postpone such service in event of emergency;
- Authorizing electronic fingerprinting for certain offenses;
- Removing requirement defendant's social security number be obtained at time of fingerprinting.

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**HB 1231 - Relating to Domestic Violence
Ch. 2021-152 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Adding nonresidential outreach services to list of services certified domestic violence centers must provide;
- Providing funding requirements for certified domestic violence;
- Revising program content requirements for batterers' intervention programs;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to adopt certain rules.

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HB 1289 - Relating to Autonomous Vehicles



Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing operation of low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle on certain streets & roads;
- Authorizing operation of low-speed autonomous delivery vehicle on streets or roads with posted speed limit of up to 45 miles per hour under specified conditions;
- Providing requirements for low-speed autonomous delivery vehicles;
- Providing certain fully autonomous vehicles are not subject to certain provisions of law or regulations.

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[HB 1297](#) - Relating to Cybersecurity
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring audit plans of inspector general to include certain information;
- Revising provisions to replace references to IT & computer security with references to cybersecurity;
- Providing & revises requirements for the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS), acting through the Florida Digital Service;
- Creating Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council within DMS; providing purpose of council.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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[HB 1507](#) - Relating to Workforce Related Programs and Services
[Ch. 2021-164](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help;
- Creating & revising provisions relating to workforce services including the Labor Market Estimating Conference, workforce opportunity portal, state board composition, Credentials



Review Committee, state plan requirements, waivers, local workforce development boards, Master Credentials List, CAPE Industry Certification Funding List, industry certifications, SEAS program, workforce development metrics, Florida Talent Development Council, Open Door Grant Program, preapprenticeship & apprenticeship program grants, Money-back Guarantee Program, automated consumer-first workforce system, career & education planning courses, digital credential courses, & student career service centers.

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**[SB 1826](#) - Relating to Human Trafficking
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that a communication between a human trafficking victim advocate or trained volunteer and a human trafficking victim is confidential in certain circumstances;
- Prohibiting a person from engaging in specified criminal acts relating to human trafficking with an adult believed to be a child younger than 18 years of age;
- Prohibiting a clerk of the court from charging certain fees for petitions for expunction of human trafficking victim criminal history records;
- Requiring a court to impose specified conditions on probationers or community controllees who are placed under supervision for committing a specified human trafficking offense on or after a certain date, etc.

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**[SB 2510](#) - Relating to State Agency Law Enforcement Radio System
[Ch. 2021-3](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 19, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising expiration dates of provisions relating to the remission of surcharges for specified criminal offenses and noncriminal moving traffic violations to the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) to fund the state agency law enforcement radio system and to provide technical assistance with respect to statewide systems of regional law enforcement communications, etc.



[Additional Bill Summary](#)

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**[HB 5301](#) - Relating to Judges
[Ch. 2021-45](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revises number of circuit court judges in certain circuits; revises number of county court judges in certain counties.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[HB 7009](#) - Relating to OGSR/Juvenile Criminal History Records
[Ch. 2021-118](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 17, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing scheduled repeals of exemption from public record requirements for juvenile information compiled by Criminal Justice Information Program from intrastate sources & provisions specifying that certain arrest records of juvenile offenders are not exempt from public record requirements.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2021

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**[HB 7023](#) - Relating to Veterans Treatment Court Programs
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing courts to create & administer veterans treatment court programs;
- Requiring such programs to adopt certain policies & procedures;
- Providing eligibility criteria for participation in program;



- Authorizing courts to impose conditions requiring certain probationers or community controllees to participate in treatment programs.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[HB 7051](#) - Relating to Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Practices
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring application for employment or appointment as law enforcement or correctional officer to contain specified disclosures;
- Requiring background investigation of applicant to include specified information;
- Requiring employing agencies to maintain employment information for minimum period; Requiring establishment of standards for officer training & policies concerning use of force;
- Requiring law enforcement agencies to establish policies for specified use of force investigations;
- Requiring investigation to include an independent report;
- Requiring report to be submitted to state attorney;
- Requiring law enforcement agencies to submit specified data to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE);
- Prohibiting child younger than certain age from being arrested, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for delinquent act or violation of law.

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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 2021 Regular Legislative Session.

Click on the bill number to view bill language

**[SB 2500](#) - Relating to Appropriations
[Ch. 2021-36](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2021**

Major funding highlights include:



The funding for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is approximately \$2.9 billion including \$2.83 billion in General Revenue, \$65 million in Trust Funds, and 25,418 authorized positions.

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and conforming bills include the following for FDC:

Reduce Staff Attrition and Vacancy Rates

- **8.5-Hour Shift Pilot Program to Create Safer Conditions – \$17.4 Million and 220 FTE.** The Department will continue its program to convert all state correctional institutions to an 8.5-hour shift. This will be the second year of implementation, with an additional 17 institutions converting from 12- to 8.5-hour shifts. The Department has experienced numerous issues directly related to the 12-hour shifts currently in place, including increases in separations of staff, use of force incidents, contraband, and violent incidents.
- **Staffing to Support Statutory Changes – \$4.5 Million and 47 FTE.** Transparency and accountability remain priorities for the Department, and additional inspectors and Human Resource staff positions will reduce the average criminal and administrative investigation caseload in order to comply with recent legislative changes. In addition, the Bureau of Admissions and Release will add five positions to assist with the increased workload due to Amendment IV (Voter Restoration) requirements.
- **Redesign of the Correctional Officer Basic Recruit Academy – \$782,000 and 10 FTE.** FDC hires, onboards, and trains nearly 4,000 new correctional officers each year. In the past, new correctional officer trainees have been required to work for up to 180 calendar days prior to entering an academy due to availability of slots. This funding will allow FDC to increase training bandwidth and implement open-enrollment academies, where new officers will be placed into an academy within two weeks of hire. FDC will increase the number of certified correctional officers working in correctional institutions, making institutions safer and reducing officer attrition.

Enhance Cooperation Through Positive Choices

- **Career and Technical Services Education Expansion – \$1 Million.** This funding will enable FDC to increase the number of vocational and industrial certificates that are earned and help inmates return to their communities with the entry-level job skills needed to productively contribute to Florida's communities.

Maximize Efficient & Effective Healthcare

- **Health Care Contract Monitoring -** Five positions to allow for more effective monitoring of medical, mental health, and dental services in FDC's southern region (Region 4), resulting in a full team of contract monitors in each region.



- **Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Infrastructure – \$742,000.** This funding addresses increased expenses to maintain and support the total annual cost of the expanded network circuits statewide. The EMR solution was a value-added component of the health services contract.

Address Aging Infrastructure

- **Replacement of Critical Transport Vehicles – \$1 Million.** FDC is responsible for the movement of thousands of inmates in the state’s custody and care. This investment will enable FDC to bring a portion of the Department’s aged fleet up to the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) standards.
- **Facility Maintenance and Repairs – \$15.4 Million.** FDC is responsible for the repair and renovation needs of 145 facilities, which equates to more than 20 million square feet of space. Many of these facilities are aging and the physical plant systems are well past their operational life expectancy. This funding will enable major repair and renovations necessary for facilities statewide, including roof replacements, electrical repairs, necessary renovations for American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and improvements to security systems.
- **Support Facilities – \$7.9 Million.** Resources will be used to facilitate the construction of a laundry facility at Dade Correctional Institution, a medical facility at New River Correctional Institution, and a new maintenance facility at Union Correctional Institution.

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**[SB 2502](#) - Relating to Implementing the 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act
[Ch. 2021-37](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2021**

Major funding highlights:

- Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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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 2021 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[HB 9](#) - Relating to Protecting Consumers Against Pandemic-related Fraud
[Ch. 2021-34](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining "personal protective equipment";
- Prohibiting dissemination of false or misleading information relating to personal protective equipment with specified intent;
- Prohibiting dissemination of false or misleading vaccine information with specified intent;
- Authorizing state attorney or statewide prosecutor to prosecute violation;
- Authorizing the Attorney General to seek civil remedies.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 35](#) - Relating to Legal Notices
[Ch. 2021-17](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising construction as to the satisfaction of publication requirements for legal notices;
- Revising requirements for newspapers that are qualified to publish legal notices;
- Authorizing the Internet publication of specified governmental agency notices on newspaper websites in lieu of print publication if certain requirements are met;
- Requiring the Florida Press Association to seek to ensure equitable access for minority populations to legal notices posted on the statewide legal notice website;
- Requiring the association to publish and maintain certain reports on the statewide legal notice website, etc.

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**[SB 46](#) - Relating to Craft Distilleries
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing craft distilleries to be licensed as specified vendors under certain circumstances;
- Requiring certain alcoholic beverages to be obtained through a licensed distributor;
- Prohibiting a distillery from operating as a craft distillery until certain requirements are met;
- Authorizing persons to have common ownership in craft distilleries under certain circumstances;
- Requiring a minimum percentage of a craft distillery’s total finished branded products to be distilled in this state and contain one or more Florida agricultural products after a specified date, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[SB 50](#) - Relating to Taxation
[Ch. 2021-2](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 19, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the “Park Randall ‘Randy’ Miller Act”;
- Revising the definition of the term “retail sale” to include sales facilitated through a marketplace;
- Requiring marketplace providers and persons located outside of this state to remit discretionary sales surtax when delivering tangible personal property to a county imposing a surtax;
Providing that a marketplace seller, rather than the marketplace provider, is liable for sales tax collection and remittance under certain circumstances;
- Requiring certain amounts to be deposited into the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund during specified periods, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

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**[HB 53](#) - Relating to Public Works
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising prohibition relating to solicitation for construction services paid for with state appropriated funds;
- Prohibiting state or political subdivision that contracts for public works project from taking specified action against certain persons that are engaged in public works project or have submitted bid for such project;
- Requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) to include an analysis of certain expenditures in its annual assessment;
- Requiring counties, municipalities, & special districts that provide wastewater services & stormwater management to develop needs analysis.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[SB 54](#) - Relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Vetoed by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Repealing provisions which comprise the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law;
- Revising the motor vehicle insurance coverages that an applicant must show to register certain vehicles with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV);
- Revising minimum liability coverage requirements for motor vehicle owners or operators;
- Revising financial responsibility requirements for owners or lessees of for-hire passenger transportation vehicles;
- Providing an exception to the circumstances under which a person who is damaged may bring a civil action against an insurer, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2022

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**[SB 72](#) - Relating to Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19
[Ch. 2021-1](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Specifying requirements for civil actions based on COVID-19-related claims;
- Requiring the court to make certain determinations in such actions;
- Providing that plaintiffs have the burden of proof in such actions;
- Providing preliminary procedures for civil actions based on COVID-19-related claims; Requiring COVID-19-related claims to commence within specified timeframes, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 90](#) - Relating to Elections
[Ch. 2021-11](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 6, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain persons from settling certain actions, consenting to conditions, or agreeing to certain orders in certain circumstances;
- Revising requirements governing the acceptance of voter registration applications;
- Revising the oath for candidates seeking to qualify for nomination as a candidate of a political party;
- Limiting the duration of requests for vote-by-mail ballots to all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election;
- Prohibiting certain solicitation activities within a specified area surrounding a drop box, etc.

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Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 121](#) - Relating to Notaries Public
[Ch. 2021-137](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Clarifying that notary public is entitled to select particular technology in performing notarial act with respect to electronic record;
- Authorizing notary public's contract or employer to require use of particular technology;
- Revising limitations on notary public fees;
- Revising certain registration requirements for online notaries public;
- Authorizing notaries public to use audio-video communication technology to remotely swear in individuals who testify & new attorneys admitted to The Florida Bar;



- Requiring remote online notarization service provider to retain audio-video communication recordings of online notarizations;
- Authorizing RON service provider to delegate this duty to secure repository under certain conditions;
- Clarifying that online notary public is entitled to select his or her remote online notarization service provider; authorizes notary public's contract or employer to require use of particular RON service provider.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2022

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**HB 141 - Relating to Parenting and Time-Sharing of a Minor Child for a Convicted Parent
Ch. 2021-139 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating rebuttable presumption against shared parental responsibility & time-sharing with minor child for parents who have been convicted of or had adjudication withheld for specified offense.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**SB 184 - Relating to Purple Alert
Ch. 2021-93 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT), the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV), the Florida Department of Lottery (DOL), and local law enforcement agencies, to establish and implement the Purple Alert;
- Requiring the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to notify media and alert subscribers if a Purple Alert is determined to be necessary and appropriate;
- Providing that FDLE as the Purple Alert coordinator, and certain agencies, employees, individuals, and entities are immune from civil liability for damages when performing certain actions in good faith, etc.



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**[SB 204](#) - Relating to Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission
Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State on May 18, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[HB 231](#) - Relating to Services for Veterans and Their Families
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to establish the Florida Veterans' Care Coordination Program to provide behavioral health care referral & care coordination services for veterans & their families;
- Authorizing DVA to contract with certain nonprofit entity to enter into agreements with Florida 211 Network participants to provide such services;
- Providing for statewide delivery of specified services by program teams;
- Requiring Florida 211 Network participants to collect program implementation data & submit such data to DVA;
- Requiring DVA to submit report to Governor & Legislature.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[SB 252](#) - Relating to Child Care Facilities
[Ch. 2021-120](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Citing this act as the "Child Safety Alarm Act";
- Requiring certain vehicles, by a specified date, to be equipped with a reliable alarm system that meets specified criteria;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to adopt by rule minimum safety standards for such systems and to maintain a list of approved alarm manufacturers and alarm systems, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2021

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**[SB 262](#) - Relating to Dispensing Medicinal Drugs
[Ch. 2021-121](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing certain hospitals to dispense supplies of prescribed medicinal drugs in a specified amount to emergency department patients or inpatients upon discharge under certain circumstances;
- Authorizing a greater specified supply of medicinal drugs to be prescribed and dispensed in areas in which a state of emergency has been declared and is in effect;
- Authorizing a prescriber to provide a patient with a prescription for medicinal drugs beyond the initial prescription period under certain circumstances, etc.

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**[SB 272](#) - Relating to Rare Disease Advisory Council
[Ch. 2021-122](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the advisory council adjunct to the Department of Health (DOH);
- Specifying the purpose of the advisory council;
- Defining the term "rare disease"; prescribing duties and responsibilities of the advisory council, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021



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**[SB 306](#) - Relating to Florida Statutes
[Ch. 2021-50](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Adopting the Florida Statutes 2021 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state, etc.

Additional Bill Summary – N/A

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

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**[HB 327](#) - Relating to Pub. Rec./Disaster Response
[Ch. 2021-19](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating an exemption from public records requirements for address & telephone number of persons provided emergency shelter & held by agency that provided emergency shelter;
- Providing for future legislative review & repeal of exemption;
- Providing statement of public necessity.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 400](#) - Relating to Public Records
[Ch. 2021- X](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting an agency that receives a request to inspect or copy a record from responding to such request by filing an action for declaratory relief against the requester, etc.

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HB 403 - Relating to Home-based Businesses
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting local governments from taking certain actions relating to the licensure and regulation of home-based businesses;
- Specifying conditions under which a business is considered a home-based business;
- Authorizing home-based businesses to operate in areas zoned for residential use;
- Specifying that home-based businesses are subject to certain business taxes;
- Authorizing the prevailing party in such challenge to recover specified attorney fees and costs, etc.

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SB 416 - Relating to POW-MIA Vietnam Veterans Bracelet Memorial
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Directing the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) to designate space for the memorial's construction and placement by a specified date;
- Requiring the department to consider recommendations of, and coordinate with, specified entities regarding the memorial's placement and design, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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SB 420 - Relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage Exclusions
Ch. 2021-96 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 16, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing that private passenger motor vehicle policies may exclude certain coverages for claims resulting from the operation of motor vehicles by identified individuals under certain circumstances;
- Requiring excluded drivers to meet certain requirements for financial responsibility, etc.

Additional Bill Summary – N/A

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[HB 429](#) - Relating to Purple Star Campuses
[Ch. 2021-65](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requires the Florida Department of Education (DOE) to establish Purple Star Campus program;
- Specifying program criteria for participating schools;
- Authorizing schools to partner with school districts to meet criteria.

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**[HB 431](#) - Relating to Physician Assistants
[Ch. 2021-X](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising legislative intent;
- Defining and redefining terms;
- Revising a limitation on the number of physician assistants a physician may supervise at one time;
- Deleting a requirement that a physician assistant inform his or her patients that they have the right to see a physician before the physician assistant prescribes or dispenses a prescription;
- Authorizing physician assistants to procure drugs and medical devices;
- Revising requirements for a certain formulary; authorizing physician assistants to authenticate documents that may be authenticated by a physician, etc.

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**[HB 435](#) - Relating to Veterans Employment and Training
[Ch. 2021-66](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 04, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Directing Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to serve as state's principal assistance organization under United States Department of Defense's (DOD) SkillBridge program;
- Prescribing duties of corporation to facilitate administration of SkillBridge program.

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**[HB 483](#) - Relating to Electronic Legal Documents
[Ch. 2021- X](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Clarifying that supervising witnessing of electronic record by online notary public is notarial act;
- Specifying applicability of online notarization procedures to supervision of witnessing of electronic record;
- Modifying witnessing procedures;
- Revising statutory forms for affidavit for acceptance of & reliance upon power of attorney, for notice of election relating to descent of homestead property, for self-proof of will or codicil, for disposition of certain assets at death, & for petition of summary relief for sale or transfer of property owned by absentee, to reflect means of notarization.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

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**[SB 530](#) - Relating to Nonopioid Alternatives
[Ch. 2021-12](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Authorizing certain health care practitioners to provide a specified educational pamphlet to patients in an electronic format, etc.

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**HB 597 - Relating to Homestead Exemption for Seniors 65 and Older
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions to require certain taxpayers to submit claim for homestead exemption only one time if certain conditions are met;
- Deleting provision related to submission of supporting documentation for exemption renewal;
- Requiring property appraiser to provide specified information related to income limitations on annual basis.

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**SB 676 - Relating to Specialty and Special License Plates
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) may not issue any new specialty license plates until a sufficient number of plates are discontinued;
- Providing an exception to the requirement that specialty license plate annual use fees and interest earned from those fees only be expended in this state;
- Requiring the department to discontinue an independent college or university's existing specialty license plate if the college or university elects to use the standard template specialty license plate;
- Revising distribution of annual use fees from the sale of Divine Nine license plates, etc.

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**SB 768 - Relating to Administration of Vaccines
Ch. 2021-127 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the specified immunizations or vaccines that certified pharmacists and registered interns may administer to adults;
- Authorizing certain pharmacists to administer influenza vaccines to individuals 7 years of age or older under certain circumstances, etc.

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**HB 781 - Relating to Public Records
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting county recorder from removing grantor, grantee, or party name from register of Official Records & index under certain conditions;
- Prescribing requirements for person claiming public records exemption;
- Authorizing release of restricted information to certain entities whose information was removed;
- Authorizing disclosure of exempt information to specified parties;
- Providing criminal penalties;
- Requiring that request to maintain exempt status be notarized; prescribes procedures for removal of exempt information;
- Providing that exempt status of home address contained in Official Records is maintained only during certain period;
- Prescribing procedures to release protected decedent's removed information;
- Requiring daily schedule of deeds & conveyances to include notification of any information therein which is subject to request for removal.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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HB 805 - Relating to Volunteer Ambulance Services



Ch. 2021-90 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 14, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing certain medical staff of a volunteer ambulance service to use red lights on a privately owned vehicle under certain circumstances; authorizing vehicles of volunteer ambulance services to show or display red lights and operate emergency lights and sirens under certain circumstances;
- Authorizing privately owned vehicles belonging to certain medical staff of a volunteer ambulance service to display or use red warning signals under certain circumstances;
- Providing that county and municipal governments may not limit, prohibit, or prevent volunteer ambulance services from responding to emergencies or providing emergency medical services or transport within their respective jurisdictions, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

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HB 845 - Relating to Higher Education
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the use of state funds to join or maintain membership in an association under certain circumstances;
- Requiring the Board of Governors to provide certain notice to an association under certain circumstances, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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HB 873 - Relating to Military Affairs
Ch. 2021-148 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 21, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to military positions in certain employment classes & officer appointments;
- Requiring Adjutant General to serve as Commanding General of militia;



- Establishing Florida Code of Military Justice (FCMJ);
- Authorizing courts-martial to try Florida National Guard members for offenses punishable by FCMJ;
- Revising provisions relating to courts-martial & punishments adjudged thereby;
- Authorizing military judge to issue pretrial confinement warrants & subpoenas;
- Revising membership, terms, & meeting requirements of Armory Board;
- Providing members of Florida National Guard are subject to FCMJ regardless of status;
- Revising circumstances under which physician may practice medicine during emergency, disaster, or federal military training.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[SB 922](#) - Relating to Veterans' Preference in Employment
[Ch. 2021-57](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the state and its political subdivisions to waive certain postsecondary educational requirements for employment for servicemembers and veterans who meet specified criteria;
- Revising the list of positions that are exempt from veterans' preference requirements;
- Requiring, rather than authorizing, each political subdivision to develop and implement a veterans' recruitment plan for specified purposes;
- Modifying point preferences given to veterans and their family members when a numerically based selection process is used for hiring, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[SB 1040](#) - Relating to Duties of the Attorney General
[Ch. 2021-131](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Relieving the Florida Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) from certain duties associated with specified neighborhood improvement districts;
- Repealing a provision relating to the Safe Neighborhoods Program;
- Repealing a provision relating to the duties of the DLA;



- Authorizing certain declarations during a state of emergency to be extended by executive order, etc.

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Effective Date: June 30, 2021

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**HB 1041 - Relating to Protection of Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Adding offenses to authority of Office of Statewide Prosecution;
- Providing person convicted of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of elderly person or disabled adult is not qualified to act as personal representative; provides for forfeiture of specified benefits of persons convicted of offenses concerning elderly persons or disabled adults;
- Provides persons convicted of offenses concerning elderly persons or disabled adults may still retain inheritance, survivorship rights, other rights, or trust interest if victim executes specified instrument;
- Specifying additional conduct that constitutes abuse or exploitation of elderly person or disabled adult;
- Revising provisions concerning injunctions for protection;
- Providing for extension of ex parte temporary injunctions.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**SB 1048 - Relating to Public Records/Conviction Integrity Unit Reinvestigation Information
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing a public records exemption for certain conviction integrity unit reinvestigation information;
- Providing for the future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**HB 1055 - Relating to Pub. Rec./Trade Secrets
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for a trade secret held by an agency;
- Providing that an agency employee is not liable for the release of certain records;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**HB 1079 - Relating to Agency Contracts for Commodities and Contractual Services
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing agency must issue request for quote to certain approved vendors when it issues request for quote for contractual services;
- Providing for disqualification of firms or individuals from state term contract eligibility;
- Providing qualification requirements for contract negotiator certification;
- Providing for continuing oversight team;
- Prohibiting contract document for contractual services from containing nondisclosure clause.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**HB 1137 - Relating to Information Technology Procurement
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Requiring the Florida Department of Management (DMS) to establish project management & oversight standards for state agency compliance & perform project oversight on IT projects;
- Requiring agency to issue request for quote to certain vendors approved to provide commodities or services;
- Requiring DMS to prequalify firms & individuals to provide services on state term contract.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[HB 1209](#) - Relating to Department of Financial Services
[Ch. 2021-113](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring State Risk Management Trust Fund to provide insurance for certain firefighter cancer-related benefits;
- Prohibiting unlicensed persons from acting as or advertising themselves as funeral directors, embalmers, direct disposers, or preneed sales agents unless they are so licensed;
- Authorizing licensed funeral director interns & licensed combination funeral director & embalmer interns to continue performing certain tasks while transitioning to licensed funeral directors & licensed combination funeral director & embalmers;
- Requiring monument retailers to comply with specified requirements relating to place of business & operations;
- Subjecting monument retailers to inspection;
- Prohibiting firesafety inspector from knowingly & intentionally requesting, soliciting, accepting, or agreeing to accept compensation offered to induce violation of certain codes, rules, or laws;
- Providing that certain persons serving as volunteer firefighters may serve as regular or permanent firefighters for limited period;
- Prohibiting aiding or abetting of unlicensed activity of bail bond agent or temporary bail bond agent.

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**[HB 1229](#) - Relating to Public Records
[Ch. 2021-X](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring each county recorder or clerk of the court to make publicly available on an Internet website the identity of a respondent against whom a final judgment for an injunction for the protection of a minor is entered, as well as the fact that the final judgment injunction for the protection of a minor has been entered;
- Requiring each county recorder or clerk of the court to post a certain notice on the Internet website and in the office of the county recorder or clerk of the court;
- Authorizing certain persons to petition the circuit court for compliance;
- Requiring that final judgments for injunctions for protection be recorded in official records, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[HB 1239](#) - Relating to Broadband Internet Infrastructure
[Ch. 2021-24](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising duties of the Florida Office of Broadband;
- Providing an appropriation to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for geographic information system broadband mapping;
- Providing for administration of the program;
- Providing requirements for grant awards;
- Requiring the publication of certain information related to grant applications and grant awards on a website;
- Requiring the office to publish specified information annually on its website;
- Establishing a promotional rate and related terms for wireline attachments of broadband facilities to municipal electric utility poles;
- Providing procedures and requirements for receiving the promotional rates;
- Establishing cost responsibility for replacement utility poles in certain circumstances;
- Prohibiting municipal electric utilities from increasing certain fees for pole attachments for a specified period, etc.

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[HB 1313](#) - Relating to Digital Driver Licenses and Identification Cards



Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requires the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to establish secure & uniform system for issuing optional digital proofs of driver licenses & identification cards;
- Authorizing DHSMV to contract with one or more private entities to develop electronic credentialing system & other purposes;
- Prohibiting private entities from storing, selling, or sharing personal information collected from scanning digital proofs of driver licenses & identification cards.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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[HB 1381](#) - Relating to Maternal Health Outcomes
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising Florida Department of Health (DOH) duties under Closing the Gap grant program;
- Revising requirements for Closing the Gap grant proposals;
- Requiring DOH to establish telehealth minority maternity care pilot programs in specified counties by specified date;
- Providing for funding of pilot programs.

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[HB 1463](#) - Relating to Department of Economic Opportunity
[Ch. 2021-25](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Establishing Office of Secretary & Office of Economic Accountability & Transparency;
- Revising application process & funding for Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program Fund;



- Revising application process & funding for development grants awarded by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to local governments;
- Removing provision providing individuals who voluntarily leave work as result of circumstances relating to domestic violence are ineligible for benefits;
- Requiring DEO to implement integrated, modular system hosted in cloud service for reemployment assistance program;
- Revising timeline for employers' responses to notices of benefits claims sent by DEO;
- Authorizing employers to initiate employer-assisted claims relating to mass separations; authorizes claimants to request DEO to reconsider monetary determination.

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Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 1532](#) - Relating to Child Support
[Ch. 2021-103](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising requirements for child support depositories in Title IV-D cases;
- Requiring the depositories to transmit case data through and set up appropriate payment accounts in the Clerk of the Court Child Support Enforcement Collection System upon certain notice from the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR);
- Prohibiting the treatment of incarceration as voluntary unemployment for purposes of establishing or modifying child support orders, with exceptions;
- Authorizing the department to include confidential and exempt information in unencrypted electronic mail communications with parents, caregivers, or other authorized persons under certain circumstances, with exceptions, etc.

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Effective Date: October 1, 2021

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**[SB 1716](#) - Relating to Transportation Facility Designations Honoring Fallen Law Enforcement Officers
Ch. 2021- X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 18, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing honorary designations of certain transportation facilities in specified counties;
- Directing the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) to erect suitable markers, etc.



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**[SB 1884](#) - Relating to Preemption of Firearms and Ammunition Regulation
[Ch. 2021-15](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that written or unwritten policies are subject to provisions allowing for recovery of damages if such policies violate specified provisions;
- Providing that a plaintiff challenging a local government regulation concerning firearms is considered a prevailing plaintiff for certain purposes in specified circumstances, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[SB 1892](#) - Relating to Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund
Vetoed by the Governor on June 8, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG);
- Providing for the deposit and use of funds; providing for future review and termination of the fund, etc.

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**[SB 1934](#) - Relating to Health Care Practitioner Discipline
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Subjecting health care practitioners to disciplinary action for specified offenses;



- Revising provisions relating to immediate suspension of licensure to apply to all health care practitioners;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to issue emergency orders to suspend health care practitioners' licenses if they enter a criminal plea to, or are convicted or found guilty of, a felony relating to homicide or are arrested for committing or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit acts that would constitute violations of specified criminal offenses, etc.

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**[SB 2006](#) - Relating to Emergency Management
[Ch. 2021-8](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 3, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) to convene to transfer certain funds to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund;
- Requiring that the state comprehensive emergency management plan provide for certain public health emergency communications and include the Florida Department of Health's (DOH) public health emergency plan;
- Redefining the term "essentials" to include personal protective equipment used during public health emergencies;
- Specifying requirements for the purpose and scope of emergency orders; authorizing the Governor to invalidate certain emergency orders;
- Revising the duties of the State Health Officer during a declared public health emergency, etc.

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**[SB 2504](#) - Relating to Collective Bargaining
[Ch. 2021-38](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for the resolution of certain collective bargaining issues at impasse between the State of Florida and certified bargaining units of state employees;



- Providing for all other 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.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[HB 6095](#) - Relating to Scheduling of Drug Products Containing Cannabidiol
[Ch. 2021-154](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing provisions concerning scheduling of certain drug products containing cannabidiol.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 7017](#) - Relating to Foreign Influence
[Ch. 2021-76](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring any state agency or political subdivision to disclose certain gifts or grants received from any foreign source to the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) within a specified timeframe;
- Requiring any entity that applies for a certain grant or proposes a certain contract to disclose to a state agency or political subdivision any current or prior interest of, contract with, or grant or gift received from a foreign country of concern under certain circumstances;
- Requiring institutions of higher education to semiannually report to certain entities regarding certain gifts they received directly or indirectly from a foreign source;
- Authorizing a whistle-blower to report an undisclosed foreign gift to the Attorney General or the Chief Financial Officer (CFO);
- Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to incur expenditures to provide such reward from the penalty recovery;
- Requiring certain state universities and other entities to screen certain foreign applicants seeking employment in specified research positions;



- Requiring certain state universities and other entities to establish an international travel approval and monitoring program, etc.

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**[SB 7018](#) - Relating to State-administered Retirement Systems
[Ch. 2021-42](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

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

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**[SB 7028](#) - Relating to OGSR/Data Processing Software
[Ch. 2021-105](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending a provision relating to an exemption from public records requirements for certain data processing software obtained by an agency under a licensing agreement that prohibits its disclosure and which software is a trade secret and agency-produced data processing software that is sensitive;
- Removing the public record exemption for certain trade secret information;
- Removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption, etc.

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**[HB 7045](#) - Relating to School Choice
[Ch. 2021-27](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 11, 2021**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising student eligibility requirements under Family Empowerment Scholarship program to include students with disabilities;
- Revising provisions related to calculation of maximum amount of scholarship funds granted to a student with disabilities;
- Revising provisions related to funding and payment of scholarships awarded under program;
- Providing requirements for use of funds under program;
- Revising program administration obligations; repeals Gardiner Scholarship Program;
- Providing for future repeal of John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program;
- Providing certain students with disabilities are eligible for enrollment in transition-to-work programs;
- Revising amount of eligible contributions used for administrative expenses by an eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization under Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

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**[SB 7054](#) - Relating to Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund/Department of Economic Opportunity
[Ch. 2021-4](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on April 19, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Re-creating the Triumph Gulf Coast Trust Fund within the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) without modification;
- Removing provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, etc.

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Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 7056](#) - Relating to Trust Funds
[Ch. 2021-5](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on April 19, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Terminating the Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund within the Justice Administrative Commission;



- Repealing provisions relating to the Public Defenders Revenue Trust Fund;
- Terminating the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Florida Department of Military Affairs (DMA);
- Terminating the Welfare Transition Trust Fund within the Department of Health (DOH), etc.

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**[HB 7061](#) - Relating to Taxation
[Ch. 2021-31](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying that portions of property not used for certain purposes are not exempt from ad valorem taxation;
- Specifying that exemptions for certain portions of property from ad valorem taxation are not affected so long as such portions of property are used for specified purposes;
- Exempting certain multifamily projects from ad valorem taxation;
- Requiring, rather than authorizing, tax collectors to accept late payments of prepaid property taxes within a certain timeframe;
- Extending the expiration date of the sales tax exemption for data center property;
- Exempting specified items that assist in independent living from the sales tax, etc.

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**[SB 7072](#) - Relating to Social Media Platforms
[Ch. 2021-32](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting a social media platform from willfully deplatforming a candidate;
- Providing requirements for public contracts and economic incentives related to entities that have been convicted or held civilly liable for antitrust violations;
- Providing that social media platforms that fail to comply with specified requirements and prohibitions commit an unfair or deceptive act or practice;
- Authorizing the Florida Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) to investigate suspected violations under the Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and bring specified actions for such violations, etc.



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**[SB 7074](#) - Relating to Public Records/Social Media Platform Activities
[Ch. 2021-33](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 24, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing a public records exemption for information received by the Attorney General pursuant to an investigation by the Attorney General or a law enforcement agency into certain social media platform activities;
- Providing a public records exemption for information received by the Florida Department of Legal Affairs (DLA) pursuant to an investigation by the department or a law enforcement agency into violations by certain social media platforms;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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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 2021 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[HB 1](#) - Relating to Combating Public Disorder
[Ch. 2021-6](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 19, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing specified elected officials to file an appeal to the Administration Commission if the governing body of a municipality makes a specified reduction to the operating budget of the municipal law enforcement agency;



- Providing that a municipality has a duty to allow the municipal law enforcement agency to respond to a riot or unlawful assembly in a specified manner based on specified circumstances;
- Reclassifying the penalty for an assault committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; prohibiting cyberintimidation by publication;
- Prohibiting a person from willfully participating in a specified violent public disturbance resulting in specified damage or injury;
- Creating an affirmative defense to a civil action where the plaintiff participated in a riot, etc.

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**SB 70 - Relating to Domestic Violence Centers
Ch. 2021-92 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 16, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the unlawful disclosure of certain information about domestic violence centers;
- Providing criminal penalties, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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**HB 363 - Relating to Privileged Communications Made to Crime Stoppers Organizations
Ch. 2021-21 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting person from knowingly & willfully attempting to obtain, obtaining, or disclosing privileged communication or protected information;
- Providing exemption from criminal liability for employees, board members, or volunteers of crime stoppers organization in certain circumstances;
- Providing immunity from civil liability for certain actions by specified persons.

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**HB 371 - Relating to False Reports of Crimes
Ch. 2021-64 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing enhanced criminal penalties for willful making of false reports of crimes in certain circumstances; requires restitution.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**SB 776 - Relating to Racketeering
Ch. 2021-55 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 4, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the definition of the term “racketeering activity” to include certain actions relating to wild animal life, freshwater aquatic life, or marine life, etc.

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**SB 804 - Relating to Substance Abuse Services
Ch. 2021-128 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor June 21, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing criminal penalties for making certain false representations or omissions of material facts when applying for service provider licenses;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to suspend a service provider’s license under certain circumstances;
- Expanding the applicability of certain exemptions for disqualification to applications for certification of a recovery residence or a recovery residence administrator, respectively;
- Specifying that certain dwellings converted to recovery residences do not have a change of occupancy under the Florida Building Code due to such conversion, etc.

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**[HB 833](#) - Relating to Unlawful Use of DNA
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting DNA analysis & disclosure of DNA analysis results without express consent; removes criminal penalties;
- Prohibiting collection or retention of DNA sample of another person without express consent for specified purposes;
- Prohibiting specified DNA analysis & disclosure of DNA analysis results without express consent; provides criminal penalties.

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**[HB 921](#) - Relating to Electronic Crimes
Ch. 2021-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 29, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting person from sending, posting, or transmitting, or from procuring sending, posting, or transmission of written or electronic record when person makes threat to kill or to do bodily harm to another person or to conduct mass shooting or an act of terrorism.

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**[HB 1523](#) - Relating to Corporate Espionage
[Ch. 2021-75](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2021**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting theft of trade secret; prohibits trafficking in trade secrets;
- Reclassifying penalty & increases offense severity ranking for an offense committed with specified intent;



- Requiring court to order specified restitution for violation; provides for civil actions for violations;
- Providing exception to criminal & civil liability for certain disclosures.

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