

Florida Department of Corrections

Office of Legislative Affairs



2022 Regular Session
Legislative Wrap-Up Report

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A total of 285 bills were passed by both chambers during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session. Listed below is an overview of bills of interest to the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) which were passed by the Florida Legislature and sent to the Governor for his action.

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HB 1 – Relating to Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Service Workforce

Ch. 2022 Laws of Florida

Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State on March 23, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Proposing amendment to State Constitution to authorize Legislature, for all levies other than school district levies, to grant additional homestead property tax exemption on \$50,000 of assessed value of homestead property owned by classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of United States Armed Forces, & Florida National Guard members.



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**[HB 3](#) - Relating to Law Enforcement
[Ch. 2022-23](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 1, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing a sheriff to transfer funds between specified categories and code levels after his or her budget is approved;
- Revising salary minimums for county sheriffs;
- Providing for adoption benefits for law enforcements officers;
- Creating Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program;
- Providing exemption from certain law enforcement officer training requirements for military veterans;
- Providing requirements for skills training for law enforcement officers relating to officer health & safety;
- Making children of law enforcement officers eligible for Family Empowerment Scholarships;
- Encouraging school districts to establish public safety telecommunication training programs & offer law enforcement explorer programs;
- Requiring the Board of Governors & State Board of Education to create process that enables eligible law enforcement officers or former officers to earn credit for college-level training & education acquired while serving an officer;
- Creating Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program;
- Providing for reimbursement for out-of-state & special operations forces law enforcement equivalency training.

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**[HB 5](#) - Relating to Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Individual Freedom
[Ch. 2022-69](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 14, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Revising purpose & requirements for Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education & Use Prevention Program;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to contract with local healthy start coalitions for creation of fetal & infant mortality review committees;
- Prohibiting physician from performing abortion if gestational age of fetus is determined to be more than specified number of weeks; provides exception;
- Requiring directors of certain medical facilities & certain physicians to submit monthly report to the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) electronically;
- Requiring hospitals participate in minimum number of quality improvement initiatives.

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**[HB 7](#) - Relating to Individual Freedom
[Ch. 2022-72](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 22, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that subjecting individuals to specified concepts under certain circumstances constitutes discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin;
- Revising requirements for required instruction on the history of African Americans;
- Requiring the department to prepare and offer certain standards and curriculum;
- Authorizing the department to seek input from a specified organization for certain purposes;
- Prohibiting instructional materials reviewers from recommending instructional materials that contain any matter that contradicts certain principles;
- Requiring the Department of Education (DOE) to review school district professional development systems for compliance with certain provisions of law.

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**[SB 100](#) - Relating to Joint Resolution of Apportionment
[Ch. 2022](#) Laws of Florida
Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State on February 16, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for the apportionment of the House of Representatives and the Senate (plans H000H8013 and S027S8058);



- Adopting the United States Decennial Census of 2020 for use in such apportionment; providing for the inclusion of omitted areas;
- Providing contiguity for areas specified for inclusion in one district which are noncontiguous;
- Specifying that the apportioned districts constitute the legislative districts of the state;
- Specifying that electronic maps serve as the official maps of the legislative districts of the state;
- Providing for the public availability of electronic maps, etc.

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Effective Date: February 16, 2022

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**[SB 102](#) - Relating to Establishing the Congressional Districts of the State
Vetoed by the Governor**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Establishing the Congressional Districts of the State;
- Adopting the United States Decennial Census of 2020 as the official census of the state for use in redistricting the state’s congressional districts;
- Redistricting the state’s congressional districts in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2020 (plan H000C8019);
- Providing for the inclusion of unlisted territory in contiguous districts in accordance with figures from the United States Decennial Census of 2020;
- Requiring such maps to be made available to the public by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research within a specified timeframe, etc.

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Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect upon the expiration of the terms of the representatives to the United States House of Representatives serving on the date that this act becomes a law

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**[HB 105](#) - Relating to Regulation of Smoking by Counties and Municipalities
[Ch. 2022-213](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Authorizing counties and municipalities to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of public beaches and public parks under certain circumstances;
- Providing an exception, etc.

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**[HB 173](#) - Relating to Care of Students with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorders
[Ch. 2022-19](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring schools to provide epilepsy or seizure disorder care to students;
- Provides for creation & implementation of individualized seizure action plan for students with epilepsy or seizure disorders to receive health care at school;
- Providing requirements for the Florida Department of Education (DOE) schools, school nurses & certain other school employees, & such plans.

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**[HB 195](#) - Relating to Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction
[Ch. 2022-111](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to expunge nonjudicial arrest record of minors who successfully complete diversion program for specified felony offenses, rather than only for misdemeanor offenses;
- Authorizing minor who successfully completes diversion program & is granted expunction for any covered offense to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge certain information.

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[SB 226](#) - Relating to Care for Retired Police Dogs



Ch. 2022-188 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 10, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the "Care for Retired Police Dogs Program Act"; creating the Care for Retired Police Dogs Program within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE);
- Requiring the department to contract with a nonprofit corporation to administer and manage the program;
- Specifying requirements for the disbursement of funds for the veterinary care of eligible retired police dogs, etc.

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HB 235 - Relating to Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools
Ch. 2022-20 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting school personnel from using mechanical restraint on students with disabilities.

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SB 236 - Relating to Children with Developmental Delays
Ch. 2022-24 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the definition of the term "exceptional student" to include additional students with developmental delays, etc.

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SB 254 - Relating to Religious Institutions



Ch. 2022-208 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the term “religious institution”;
- Providing that an emergency order may not directly or indirectly prohibit religious services or activities;
- Providing an exception under certain circumstances, etc.

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HB 469 - Relating to Patient Care in Health Care Facilities
Ch. 2022-48 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing unlicensed persons to assist patients with other specified tasks;
- Revising provisions relating to medications & devices with which unlicensed persons may assist patients in self-administration;
- Specifying staffing requirements for advanced life support ambulances during interfacility transfers;
- Providing certain persons occupying such ambulances are in charge of patient care during transfers;
- Revising list of medications that registered nurses may delegate administration of to certified nursing assistants or home health aides;
- Authorizing certified nursing assistants to administer certain medication to patients in county detention facilities under certain circumstances.

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SB 474 - Relating to Recreational Off-highway Vehicles
Ch. 2022-93 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 6, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Revising the definition of the term “ROV” to increase the weight limit of a specified vehicle, etc.

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**[SB 524](#) - Relating to Election Administration
[Ch. 2022-73](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 25, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Secretary of State to notify the Attorney General if signatures required for an initiative petition are no longer valid;
- Creating the Office of Election Crimes and Security within the Florida Department of State (DOS);
- Revising the frequency with which supervisors of elections must conduct a registration list maintenance program;
- Requiring the DOS to identify deceased registered voters using information received by specified agencies;
- Requiring specified individuals observing the ballot duplication process to sign a specified affidavit acknowledging certain criminal penalties, etc.

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**[HB 593](#) - Relating to Telecommunicator Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
[Ch. 2022-51](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring certain 911 public safety telecommunicators to complete biennial telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation training;
- Authorizing certain agencies to enter into reciprocal agreements to provide telephonic assistance in administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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**[SB 606](#) - Relating to Boating Safety
[Ch. 2022-197](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 20, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the "Boating Safety Act of 2022";
- Authorizing a court to impose a specified fine for certain boating collisions and accidents;
- Requiring certain boating safety education courses and temporary certificate examinations to include specified components;
- Requiring operators of vessels used in the instruction of water sports and activities to use engine cutoff switches and wear operative links to the switches under certain conditions;
- Prohibiting liveries from offering a vessel for lease or rent without a livery permit, etc.

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**[HB 615](#) - Relating to Human Trafficking
[Ch. 2022-168](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 3, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking with an additional duty;
- Deleting an obsolete provision;
- Requiring the direct-support organization of the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking to develop certain training for firesafety inspectors;
- Providing that such training is eligible for continuing education credits;
- Requiring foster parents and agency staff to complete preservice and in-service training related to human trafficking, etc.

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**[SB 634](#) - Relating to Judicial Notice
[Ch. 2022-100](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 10, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Authorizing courts to take judicial notice of certain information taken from widely accepted web mapping services, global satellite imaging sites, or Internet mapping tools upon request of a party;
- Requiring parties who intend to offer such information into evidence to file a notice of intent containing specified information;
- Authorizing parties to object to the court taking judicial notice of such information;
- Creating a rebuttable presumption in civil cases that such information should be judicially noticed unless certain findings are made, etc.

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**[SB 692](#) - Relating to Sexual Offenses Definitions
[Ch. 2022-165](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 3, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the term “female genitals” and revising the definitions of the terms “sexual battery” and “sexual bestiality”;
- Requiring that HIV test results performed on inmates arrested for sexual offenses involving female genital penetration be disclosed under certain circumstances, etc.

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**[SB 722](#) - Relating to Education for Student Inmates
[Ch. 2022-143](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) and each county, respectively, to contract with Florida College System institutions to provide education services for student inmates;
- Authorizing the expenditure of state funds for the education of state inmates who have a specified amount of time remaining to serve on their sentences, etc.

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HB 741 - Relating to Net Metering
Vetoed by the Governor on April 27, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing terms for public utility net metering programs after specified date;
- Providing schedule of reductions to net metering rate designs that apply to customers with net metering applications that are approved after specified dates;
- Authorizing certain customers who own or lease renewable generation to remain under net metering rules that initially applied to those customers for specified time;
- Authorizing public utilities to petition for approval of certain fixed charges designed to meet specified purposes;
- Providing conditions under which rules must be initiated if penetration rate of customer-owned or leased renewable generation meets specified threshold;
- Authorizing public utilities to recover specified lost revenues upon meeting certain requirements.

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SB 752 - Relating to Probationary or Supervision Services for Misdemeanor Offenders
Ch. 2022-166 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 3, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) to supervise certain misdemeanor offenders;
- Deleting a prohibition on private entities providing probationary or supervision services to certain misdemeanor offenders;
- Requiring the department to reduce a probationer's or offender's supervision term by a specified amount of time for completing an educational advancement activity;
- Authorizing a private or public entity to provide probation services and other specified programming to misdemeanor offenders, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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SB 826 - Relating to Florida National Guard
Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State on March 9, 2022



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Urging Congress to impel the United States National Guard Bureau to examine the resource allocations of the Florida National Guard and allow an increase in its force structure, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: March 9, 2022

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**[HB 893](#) - Relating to Child Welfare Placements
[Ch. 2022-55](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to place children in its custody in therapeutic group homes for residential mental health treatment without prior court approval;
- Defining "therapeutic group home"; provides that DCF, rather than the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), shall appoint qualified evaluators to conduct suitability assessments of certain children in department's custody;
- Specifying qualifications for evaluators conducting suitability assessments for placement in therapeutic group home;
Revising requirements for suitability assessments;
- Specifies when DCF must provide copy of assessment to guardian ad litem & court;
- Removing department's & agency's rulemaking authority; revises definition of term "special needs child".

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 898](#) - Relating to Lodging Standards
[Ch. 2022-222](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on June 27, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as "Miya's Law"; requiring landlords of nontransient or transient apartments to require employees to undergo background screenings as a condition of employment;
- Revising what constitutes reasonable notice for repairs of dwelling units;



- Requiring public lodging establishments licensed as nontransient or transient apartments to take certain actions relating to employee background screenings and keys for dwelling units;
- Prohibiting an operator of a public lodging establishment from offering an hourly rate for an accommodation, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 905](#) - Relating to Protective Injunctions
[Ch. 2022-173](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying timeframe in which clerk of court must transmit specified documents relating to protective injunctions to appropriate local sheriff or law enforcement agency;
- Providing for electronic transmission of certain documents rather than by facsimile;
- Providing that electronically submitted copies of injunctions must be served in same manner as certified copies.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

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**[HB 921](#) - Relating to Campaign Financing
[Ch. 2022-56](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing applicability of a limitation on certain political contributions;
- Providing that a foreign national may not make or offer to make certain contributions or expenditures;
- Revising limitations on the use or acceptance of public funds for certain political advertisements or communications by a local government or a person acting on behalf of a local government, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 963 - Relating to Funding for Sheriffs
Ch. 2022-58 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing sheriffs who provide child protective investigative services to carry forward a certain percentage of unexpended state funds each fiscal year;
- Requiring certain funds to be returned to the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF);
- Requiring that certain expenditures be reported to the department, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 988 - Relating to In-person Visitation
Ch. 2022-34 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the “No Patient Left Alone Act”;
- Requiring certain providers to establish visitation policies and procedures within a specified timeframe;
- Authorizing the resident, client, or patient to designate an essential caregiver;
- Requiring in-person visitation in certain circumstances;
- Authorizing providers to suspend in-person visitation of specific visitors under certain circumstances, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**SB 1012 - Relating to Victims of Crimes
Ch. 2022-106 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Requiring law enforcement personnel to ensure that crime victims are given information about specified rights, upon request, at all stages of criminal, parole, or juvenile proceedings;
- Requiring law enforcement personnel to ensure that crime victims are given information about their right to employ private counsel; encouraging The Florida Bar to develop a registry of attorneys willing to serve on a pro bono basis as advocates for crime victims, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 1209](#) - Relating to Administration of Vaccines
[Ch. 2022-60](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing registered pharmacy technicians to administer specified vaccines under certain circumstances;
- Authorizing certified pharmacists to administer specified vaccines under certain circumstances;
- Revising immunizations or vaccines that certified pharmacists, registered interns, & registered pharmacy technicians may administer;
- Revising & provides continuing education requirements for registered pharmacy technicians.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1222](#) - Relating to Acute and Post-acute Hospital Care at Home
[Ch. 2022-35](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing paramedics to perform certain life support services to patients receiving acute and post-acute hospital care at home under certain circumstances;
- Providing that a physician or medical director who supervises or directs the provision of such services by a paramedic is liable for any act or omission during the provision of such services;



- Specifying that Class III institutional pharmacies may dispense, distribute, compound, and fill prescriptions for medicinal drugs for inpatient treatment and patients receiving acute and post-acute hospital care at home, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1236](#) - Relating to County and Municipal Detention Facilities
[Ch. 2022-108](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Establishing the Florida Model Jail Standards Working Group for a specified purpose;
- Requiring that each entity that operates a municipal or county detention facility adopt the Florida Model Jail Standards approved by the working group;
- Requiring the jail standards to identify what actions result in serious violations and notable violations;
- Providing financial penalties for persons in charge of detention facilities who refuse to allow inspections or who refuse to provide access to detention facilities, or for facilities found to be noncompliant with the jail standards during an annual inspection or any reinspection, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1244](#) - Relating to Statutes of Limitation for Offenses Relating to Sexual Performance by a Child
[Ch. 2022-170](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Eliminating statutes of limitations periods for prosecution of specified violations relating to sexual performance by a child if the offender was a certain age at the time of the offense, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 1421 - Relating to School Safety
Ch. 2022-174 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, FortifyFL, Commissioner of Education oversight of enforcement of school safety and security requirements, Office of Safe Schools, certain emergency drills, family reunification plans, threat assessment teams, safe-school officers, DOE responsibilities, & Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 1557 - Relating to Parental Rights in Education
Ch. 2022-22 Laws of Florida
Signed by the Governor on March 28, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring district school boards to adopt procedures that comport with certain provisions of law for notifying student's parent of specified information;
- Requiring such procedures to reinforce fundamental right of parents to make decisions regarding upbringing & control of their children;
- Prohibiting school district from adopting procedures or student support forms that prohibit school district personnel from notifying parent about specified information or that encourage student to withhold from parent such information;
- Prohibiting school district personnel from discouraging or prohibiting parental notification & involvement in critical decisions affecting student's mental, emotional, or physical well-being;
- Prohibiting classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in certain grade levels;
- Requiring school districts to notify parents of healthcare services;
- Authorizing parent to bring action against school district to obtain declaratory judgment;
- Providing for additional award of injunctive relief, damages, & reasonable attorney fees & court costs to certain parents

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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HB 1563 - Relating to Homestead Property Tax Exemptions for Classroom Teachers, Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, Child Welfare Professionals, and Servicemembers

Ch. 2022-219 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying information that must be supplied annually to property appraiser by specified professionals who qualify for specified exemption; provides conditions under which those specified professionals may receive additional homestead property tax exemption;
- Specifying amount of homestead property tax exemption;
- Providing requirements for applying for & receiving exemption;
- Specifying actions property appraiser may take if taxpayer improperly claims exemption;
- Providing penalties under certain conditions;
- Requiring Legislature to appropriate moneys to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenues experienced by fiscally constrained counties due;
- Specifying procedures for distributing such moneys.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 1 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

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SB 1658 - Relating to Executive Appointments

Ch. 2022-14 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on March 10, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring that the executive director of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) be appointed subject to a majority vote of the Governor and Cabinet, with the Governor on the prevailing side;
- Requiring the appointment of the secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) be subject to the concurrence of three members of the Cabinet or confirmation by the Senate;
- Requiring the Governor to notify the Cabinet and the President of the Senate in writing of the method of confirmation;
- Requiring that the executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) be appointed subject to a majority vote of the Governor and Cabinet, with the Governor on the prevailing side, etc.



[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: March 10, 2022

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**[SB 1712](#) - Relating to Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program
[Ch. 2022-39](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to establish the pilot program;
- Requiring pilot program participants to receive certain training;
- Requiring the department to contract with an organization to develop the curriculum for such training;
- Requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Legislature by a specified date, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1808](#) - Relating to Immigration Enforcement
[Ch. 2022-193](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 17, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the type of data required to be reported by the clerk of the court, county detention facilities, and the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) as part of criminal justice data collection;
- Revising the definition of the term "sanctuary policy" to include specified laws, policies, practices, procedures, or customs that limit or prohibit a law enforcement agency from providing specified immigration information to a state entity;
- Requiring each law enforcement agency operating a county detention facility to enter into a specified agreement with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to assist with immigration enforcement;
- Prohibiting a governmental entity from executing, amending, or renewing a contract with common carriers or contracted carriers under certain circumstances, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 1844](#) - Relating to Mental Health and Substance Abuse
[Ch. 2022-41](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions relating to the voluntary admission of minors to a facility for examination and treatment;
- Requiring that a minor's assent to voluntary care be verified through a clinical review;
- Requiring law enforcement officers transporting individuals for involuntary treatment to take certain actions;
- Requiring law enforcement officers transporting individuals for certain treatment to take certain actions, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 2512](#) - Relating to Aircraft
Vetoed by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the executive aircraft pool within the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS);
- Requiring state officials who request use of or travel in pool aircraft to ensure that such use or travel complies with specified provisions;
- Providing that the use of such aircraft is on a first-call, first-served basis, except in the event of a scheduling conflict the priority order applies;
- Defining the term "foreign country of concern", etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 7029](#) - Relating to Time Limitations for Preadjudicatory Juvenile Detention Care
[Ch. 2022-181](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 8, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Authorizing court to order child on supervised release detention care to comply with specified conditions;
- Authorizing court to place child on supervised release detention care for any time period;
- Providing exception;
- Specifying time period for which court may order child to be held in secure detention care;
- Authorizing extension of secure detention;
- Requiring specified findings;
- Requiring hearing to determine continued need for secure detention.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 7055](#) - Relating to Cybersecurity
[Ch. 2022-220](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring state agencies & local governments to report cybersecurity & ransomware incidents;
- Providing cybersecurity training requirements;
- Requiring after-action & other reports;
- Prohibiting certain entities from paying or otherwise complying with ransom demand;
- Revising purpose & duties of Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council;
- Providing criminal penalties;
- Requiring person convicted of certain offenses to pay certain fine;
- Requires deposit of certain moneys in General Revenue Fund.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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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 2022 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[HB 5001](#) - Relating to General Appropriations Act
Ch. 2022-156 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022 with line-item vetoes.**



Major funding highlights include:

The funding for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is approximately \$2.96 billion including \$2.9 billion in General Revenue, \$64 million in Trust Funds, and 23,380 authorized positions.

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and conforming bills include the following for FDC:

Safer Correctional Facilities

- **Across the Board Pay Increase —**

Effective July 1, 2022, funds are provided to increase each eligible employee's June 30, 2022, base rate of pay by 5.38% to address rising inflation. This inflation 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, 2022, the Department shall adjust the minimum annual base rate of pay for each employee in the following position classifications:

Correctional Officer	\$41,600
Correctional Officer Sergeant	\$45,760
Correctional Officer Lieutenant	\$52,624
Correctional Officer Captain	\$57,886
Correctional Probation Officer	\$41,600
Correctional Probation Senior Officer	\$47,840
Correctional Probation Specialist	\$47,840
Correctional Probation Supervisor	\$52,624
Correctional Probation Senior Supervisor	\$57,886
Inspector	\$48,000
Senior Inspector	\$55,000
Inspector Supervisor	\$67,000

- **Targeted Retention Incentives — \$15.9M**

Continue implementing a targeted retention pay plan for the Correctional Officers series, Correctional Probation Officers series, and the Inspector series to address exceptionally high turnover rates by providing a \$1,000 pay increase at two years of service, a \$1,500 increase at five years of service, and a \$2,500 pay increase at eight years of service.

- **Pay Compression – \$4.5M** Effective July 1, 2022, funds are provided in the amount of \$4,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Corrections to grant special pay adjustments to address compression issues for eligible employees in institutional and community corrections management positions such as Major through Regional Director.



- **Minimum Wage Increase** – Funds are provided to increase the minimum wage paid to state employees, effective July 1, 2022, to \$15.00 per hour for each eligible employee and each employee filling a position funded through the Other Personal Services appropriations categories.

- **Complete the 8.5-Hour Shift Transition — Budget Authority Provided**

The legislature recognizes the challenges of long, sometimes unpredictable work hours for correctional officers and strongly supports FDC’s complete transition to 8.5-hour shifts at all state correctional institutions. Following the recommendation of national experts, shorter shifts will reduce staff attrition, use of force incidents, contraband and violent incidents. It will also support better work-life balance for officers.

- **Statewide Recruitment Staffing — \$1.9M and 12 FTE**

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.

Safer Correctional Operations

- **Critical Security Equipment — \$3M**

Invest in security equipment such as biometric identification and electronic key systems, drone support for K-9 operations, body scanners, and cameras.

- **Security Threat Group Sergeants —Budget Authority Provided**

To place an additional 14 dedicated officers at major state operated correctional institutions to perform security threat group research and analysis.

Improving Inmate Health and Well-Being

- **Death-Row Movement Correctional Officers —Budget Authority Provided**

Hire 33 death-row movement correctional positions to ensure death-row inmates are afforded out-of-cell activity time as well as relieve the burden currently placed on the security roster by specially assigning staff to supervise this high-profile population.

Enhancing Information Technology Infrastructure and Security

- **Offender Based Information System (OBIS) Modernization — \$10.2M**

Begin year one of a five-year plan to modernize FDC’s 40-year-old mainframe system, OBIS.

- **Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure — \$5.1M**

Procure a combination of tools and services needed to provide improvements to FDC’s IT infrastructure.

- **Desktop Life Cycle Management - \$1M**

Provides a replacement plan for approximately 1,000 oldest computers statewide.

Additional Priorities

- **Critical Legal Positions — \$1.2M and 13 FTE**



Establish 13 additional legal positions to adequately staff the Office of General Counsel to provide the necessary legal coverage of all the disciplines within the agency.

- **PREA Elimination Act Compliance - \$1.2M and 11 FTE**
Establish 11 additional positions in the Office of the Inspector General to perform investigations on PREA allegations. Budget authority was provided to self-fund 11 more positions as needed to reach a settlement in the Civil Rights of Institutional Persons Act by the Department of Justice.
- **Facility Maintenance and Repairs — \$9.8M**
Standard repair and renovations are necessary for facilities statewide, including plumbing, security systems, and electrical repairs. 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.
- **Replacement and Repair of Motor Vehicles – \$3M**
Replacement and repair of motor vehicles. This funding will enable FDC to bring a portion of the Department’s aged fleet up to state standards and repair existing fleet.

Prison Modernization

- **Prison Modernization and Staffing Analysis — \$5M Via Department of Management Services Budget**
Funding for a multi- disciplinary study to define the economic and demographic trends and conditions in Florida over the next several decades. The study will make comprehensive recommendations for efficient and cost-effective approaches to meet the challenges facing the corrections system including the modernization of infrastructure, staffing, and the incarceration, rehabilitation and restoration of inmates.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 5003 - Relating to Implementing the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act
Ch. 2022-157 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

Major funding highlights:

- Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 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 2022 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[HB 45](#) - Relating to Educational Opportunities for Disabled Veterans
[Ch. 2022-187](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that disabled veterans receiving certain federal educational assistance benefits are eligible to receive waiver for tuition & fees at certain institutions;
- Providing calculation for waiver amount;
- Requiring amount awarded by state to be contingent on application of specified federal benefits;
- Requiring institutions to submit annual report to Board of Governors & State Board of Education;
- Requiring boards to adopt regulations & rules.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 96](#) - Relating to Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund
[Ch. 2022-1](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 17, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) to convene to transfer or appropriate certain funds to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund;
- Authorizing the Governor to transfer and expend moneys from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund;
- Authorizing the Governor to request that additional funds be transferred or appropriated to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund, subject to approval by the Legislative Budget Commission, under specified conditions, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: February 17, 2022

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**[SB 98](#) - Relating to Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund
[Ch. 2022-2](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 17, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

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

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: February 17, 2022

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**[SB 144](#) - Relating to Identification Cards
[Ch. 2022-206](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to issue or renew identification cards at no charge to persons presenting a valid voter's registration card and attesting to financial hardship;
- Prohibiting the department from requiring such persons to present certain evidence;
- Requiring the department to issue identification cards at no charge to certain other persons, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 159](#) - Relating to Pub. Rec./Lottery Winners
[Ch. 2022-134](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creates 90-day public record exemption for names of certain lottery winners & allows such winners to waive exemption

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**SB 196 - Relating to Florida Housing Finance Corporation
Ch. 2022-194 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 20, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the terms “bona fide contract” and “qualified contract” for purposes of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation Act;
- Deleting certain limitations and restrictions on, and requirements for, loans made by the corporation to sponsors of housing for the elderly under the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program;
- Designating the corporation, rather than the State Board of Administration, as the state fiscal agency to make determinations in connection with specified bonds;
- Providing construction relating to low-income tax credit developments if a qualified contract does not close for specified reasons, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 197 - Relating to Pub. Rec./Nonjudicial Arrest Record of a Minor
Ch. 2022-112 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing exemption from public records requirements for nonjudicial record of arrest of minor who has successfully completed diversion program;
- Providing for retroactive application;
- Providing for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: On the same date that HB 195 or similar legislation takes effect

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**SB 266 - Relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance
Ch. 2022-91 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 6, 2022**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring agencies that employ law enforcement officers to maintain motor vehicle insurance under certain circumstances;
- Providing exceptions;
- Providing liability limitations;
- Providing methods in which the employing agency may meet the liability insurance requirements, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 273 - Relating to Money Services Businesses
Ch. 2022-113 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising provisions related to violations of money services business activities & penalties for such violations;
- Revising provisions related to certain prohibited activities without license;
- Revising requirements for money transmitter or payment instrument seller to conduct business;
- Revising requirements for written contract between money transmitter or payment instrument seller & authorized vendor;
- Providing requirements for money transmitter that receives virtual currency;
- Excluding virtual currency in calculation of permissible investments;
- Revising recordkeeping requirements for money transmitter or payment instrument seller;
- Revising financial liability requirements for money transmitter or payment instrument seller.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

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**SB 282 - Relating to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders
Ch. 2022-13 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 10, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that the use of peer specialists is an essential element of a coordinated system of care in recovery from a substance use disorder or mental illness;



- Revising background screening requirements for certain peer specialists;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) to designate managing entities to conduct or contract for training for peer specialists;
- Requiring peer specialists and certain persons to meet the requirements of a background screening as a condition of employment and continued employment, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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[SB 292](#) - Relating to Newborn Screenings

[Ch. 2022-25](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring hospitals and other state-licensed birthing facilities to test for congenital cytomegalovirus in newborns within a specified timeframe under certain circumstances;
- Revising the timeframe in which health care providers attending home births must make certain referrals;
- Requiring a newborn's primary health care provider to refer the newborn for testing for congenital cytomegalovirus under certain circumstances;
- Requiring that certain test results be reported to the Florida Department of Health (DOH) within a specified timeframe, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

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[SB 302](#) - Relating to Recognizing Veteran Suicide

Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State on February 16, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Urging Congress to recognize the epidemic of suicide among veterans and to fully fund suicide prevention efforts of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: February 16, 2022

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[SB 312](#) - Relating to Telehealth



Ch. 2022-26 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the prohibition on prescribing controlled substances through the use of telehealth to include only specified controlled substances, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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HB 357 - Relating to Pharmacies and Pharmacy Benefit Managers
Ch. 2022-200 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising entities conducting pharmacy audits to which certain requirements & restrictions apply;
- Authorizing audited pharmacies to appeal certain findings; provides that health insurers & HMOs that transfer certain payment obligation to pharmacy benefit managers remain responsible for specified violations;
- Providing penalty for failure to register as pharmacy benefit managers.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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SB 364 - Relating to Specialty License Plates
Ch. 2022-189 Laws of Florida
Approved the Governor on June 15, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the presale voucher requirements for out-of-state college or university license plates;
- Revising the calculation of certain independent college and university specialty license plate sales for certain determinations;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to continue to collect annual use fees for certain discontinued or replaced plates;
- Revising annual use fee distributions from the sale of the Live the Dream license plate;
- Directing the department to develop specified specialty license plates, etc.



[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 381](#) - Relating to Breach of Bond Costs
[Ch. 2022-85](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 3, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requires sureties to pay costs & expenses incurred in returning defendant to jurisdiction of court;
- Specifying recoverable costs.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 397](#) - Relating to Court Fiscal Administration
[Ch. 2022-201](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 20, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising calculation for presumed ability to pay;
- Providing formula for determining down payment;
- Revising duties of the Florida Clerks of Court Operation Corporation;
- Authorizing the corporation to request reimbursement at a specified rate;
- Authorizing clerk to review certain records when making a determination of indigence;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to implement certain technology.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 423](#) - Relating to Building Regulation
[Ch. 2022-136](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Revising provisions of law relating to building regulation including building code or plans examiner eligibility;
- Conditions on provisional certificates;
- Transferring of internship programs;
- Demolition permits for structures; administrative fees; access to certain documents; certificates of occupancy or completion;
- Requesting additional information from building permit applicants;
- Authorizing civil action.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 430](#) - Relating to Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
[Ch. 2022-182](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to each appoint one member to the State Council on Interstate Educational Opportunity for Military Children, rather than appoint one member jointly;
- Extending the scheduled repeal of the compact and related provisions, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 434](#) - Relating to Florida Tourism Marketing
[Ch. 2022-92](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Delaying the scheduled repeal of provisions governing the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation and the Division of Tourism Marketing of Enterprise Florida, Inc., respectively, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**SB 438 - Relating to United States Space Force
Ch. 2022-183 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the definition of the term “uniformed service” to include the United States Space Force;
- Revising the Armed Forces officers authorized to take or administer specified oaths, affidavits, or acknowledgements to include United States Space Force officers;
- Revising the military service branches for which any county or state official who is called to active service may receive a leave of absence;
- Updating military base names; adding post exchanges operated by the United States Space Force to those that are exempt from paying tax on cigarettes sold;
- Revising the armed forces uniforms that are protected from imitation to include uniforms of the United States Space Force, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 453 - Relating to Officer and Firefighter Physical Examination Requirements and Records
Ch. 2022-114 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing use of specified physical examination for presumption;
- Requiring fire service provider to maintain records of employee physical examinations for specified period;
- Creating presumption if records are destroyed before that period has elapsed;
- Requiring employing agency to maintain records of employee physical examinations for specified period;
- Creating presumption if records are destroyed before period has elapsed.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 454 - Relating to Florida Commission on Offender Review
Ch. 2022-104 Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing the rate of payment for work performed by retired or former commissioners assigned to temporary duty, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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[HB 461](#) - Relating to Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Student Service Requirements

[Ch. 2022-223](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 27, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing student's service requirements for award under Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to be paid rather than volunteer;
- Authorizing, rather than requiring, student to identify specified interest or develop plan for his or her service requirements.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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[SB 514](#) - Relating to Substitution of Work Experience for Postsecondary Educational Requirements

[Ch. 2022-184](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the head of an employing agency, beginning on a specified date, to elect to substitute certain work experience for postsecondary educational requirements under certain circumstances;
- Prohibiting the substitution of certain work experience for postsecondary educational requirements, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 543 - Relating to Uterine Fibroid Research and Education
Ch. 2022-50 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to develop & maintain electronic database of information related to uterine fibroids;
- Requiring health care providers to submit information to DOH for inclusion in database;
- Prohibiting database from including personal identifying information;
- Requiring DOH to develop & include information related to fibroids in literature currently made available to public;
- Providing appropriation & authorizes position.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 544 - Relating to Drug-related Overdose Prevention
Ch. 2022-28 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the purpose of specified provisions relating to the prescribing, ordering, and dispensing of emergency opioid antagonists to certain persons by authorized health care practitioners;
- Providing certain authorized persons immunity from civil or criminal liability for administering emergency opioid antagonists under certain circumstances;
- Revising requirements for a certain health awareness campaign;
- Requiring hospital emergency departments and urgent care centers to report incidents involving a suspected or actual overdose to the Florida Department of Health (DOH) under certain circumstances, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 562 - Relating to Military Occupational Licensure
Ch. 2022-185 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2022**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to expedite professional license applications submitted by spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States;
- Requiring the department to issue certain licenses within a specified timeframe;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Health (DOH) and certain boards to issue a professional license to spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States if certain requirements are met, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 566 - Relating to Mental Health Professional Licensure
Ch. 2022-29 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising licensure requirements for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**SB 596 - Relating to Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Councils
Ch. 2022-195 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 20, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying the responsibilities of regional councils regarding witness coordination;
- Removing the requirement that regional counsel employees be governed by Justice Administrative Commission classification and salary and benefits plans;
- Authorizing regional councils to access certain confidential information relating to proceedings involving children under specified circumstances;
- Authorizing regional counsel offices to obtain fictitious names for motor vehicle and vessel plates or decals, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 598](#) - Relating to Public Records/Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel Office
[Ch. 2022-196](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 20, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Expanding a public records exemption to include all records pertaining to a registration application submitted by any criminal conflict and civil regional counsel office for a registration certificate and registration license plate or decal issued under a fictitious name;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: On the same date that SB 596 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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**[SB 632](#) - Relating to Occupational Therapy
[Ch. 2022-30](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising eligibility requirements for the occupational therapist licensure examination;
- Authorizing certain licensed occupational therapists to use a specified title and the associated initials;
- Prohibiting certain persons from using a specified title and the associated initials;
- Providing criminal penalties, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 689](#) - Relating to Workers' Compensation Benefits for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
[Ch. 2022-148](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor May 26, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing time for specified notice in certain cases is measured from time of qualifying event or diagnosis of disorder, rather than manifestation of disorder, whichever is later;
- Providing that posttraumatic stress disorder suffered by correctional officer is compensable occupation disease;
- Providing standard of proof;
- Providing requirements for benefits offered to correctional officer for posttraumatic stress disorder;
- Specifying when claim for posttraumatic stress disorder must be noticed;
- Requiring certain employing agencies to provide certain educational training;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) to adopt rules.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 704](#) - Relating to Substance Abuse Service Providers
[Ch. 2022-31](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the types of expenditures for district programs and services which are eligible for state payment;
- Requiring service provider applicants to include the names and locations of certain recovery residences in their license application;
- Requiring service providers to record specified information in the Florida Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Provider Licensure and Designations System after a specified date;
- Requiring certified recovery residence administrators to demonstrate the ability to meet specified requirements;
- Requiring service providers to return an individual's personal effects upon the individual's discharge, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[HB 749](#) - Relating to Fraud Prevention
[Ch. 2022-169](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 3, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Requiring that electronic credentialing system display certain vehicle information, provide notification, & allow drivers to update information;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to provide Legislature with recommendations for compliance verification with financial responsibility requirements;
- Requiring certain sellers to allow consumers to cancel in specified manner & by specified means service contracts that have automatic renewal provisions;
- Revising maximum fines for public adjusters & public adjuster apprentices;
- Revising requirements for advertisements issued or caused to be issued by service agreement companies or salespersons; provides transfer of funds & appropriation.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 754](#) - Relating to Mobile Home Registration Periods
[Ch. 2022-123](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 18, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the registration and registration renewal periods for a mobile home owned by a natural person;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV), beginning on a specified date, to give customers the option to renew their registrations on their dates of birth in certain years;
- Specifying permissible renewal periods for such renewals, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: September 1, 2023

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**[SB 768](#) - Relating to Department of Health
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Pending Action by the Governor**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the purpose of the Florida Department of Health (DOH) targeted outreach program for certain pregnant women;
- Requiring the department to encourage high-risk pregnant women of unknown status to be tested for sexually transmissible diseases;



- Removing the Children’s Medical Services office from parties required to coordinate in the development of local emergency management plans for special needs shelters;
- Deleting a requirement that certain nursing program graduates complete a specified preparatory course;
- Defining the terms “doctoral degree from an American Psychological Association accredited program” and “doctoral degree in psychology”, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 806 - Relating to Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Forms of Dementia Education and Public Awareness
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Pending Action by the Governor**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the "Ramping up Education of Alzheimer’s Disease and Dementia for You (READY) Act";
- Requiring the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to educate certain health care practitioners regarding specified information related to Alzheimer’s disease and related forms of dementia, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 817 - Relating to Emergency Medical Care and Treatment to Minors Without Parental Consent
Ch. 2022-53 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing the requirement that emergency medical care or treatment to minor without parental consent be administered in hospital or college health service.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**HB 837 - Relating to Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program
Ch. 2022-137 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising use of certain funds from Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund to include construction of certain facilities;
- Requiring Manufactured Housing & Mobile Home Mitigation & Enhancement Program to be operated by Gulf Coast State College;
- Removing construction related to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation coverage rates; delays future repeal of Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program;
- Transferring specified powers, duties, functions, records, property, issues, & funds relating to Manufactured Housing & Mobile Home Mitigation & Enhancement Program from Tallahassee Community College to Gulf Coast State College.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 846 - Relating to Florida Statutes
Ch. 2022-3 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Adopting the Florida Statutes 2022 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state;
- Providing that the Florida Statutes 2022 shall be effective immediately upon publication;
- Providing that general laws enacted during the May 17-21, 2021, special session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2022 are repealed;
- Providing that general laws enacted during the November 15-19, 2021, special session and the 2022 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: May 13, 2022

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**SB 848 - Relating to Florida Statutes
Ch. 2022-4 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2022**

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: May 13, 2022

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**[SB 850](#) - Relating to Florida Statutes
[Ch. 2022-5](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2022**

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 2022 Florida Statutes only through a reviser’s bill duly enacted by the Legislature, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: May 13, 2022

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**[SB 852](#) - Relating to Florida Statutes
[Ch. 2022-6](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending provisions to conform to the directive of the Legislature in section 9 of chapter 2012-116, Laws of Florida, codified as section 11.242(5)(j), Florida Statutes, to prepare a reviser’s bill to omit all statutes and laws, or parts thereof, which grant duplicative, redundant, or unused rulemaking authority, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: May 13, 2022

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[HB 873](#) - Relating to Pub. Rec./Execution Information



Ch. 2022-115 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022
HB 873 was an FDC Priority Bill

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating section 945.10 (1)(j), to enact language to clarify that information or records that identify or could reasonably lead to the identification of any person or entity that participates in an execution are provided a public records exemption to ensure the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) is able to carry out its statutory duties under Chapter 922, F.S.
- Specifying the identity of individuals and entities involved in the execution process or who manufacture and/or sell the drugs the Department purchases for lethal injection are provided the public records exemption.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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SB 896 - Relating to Educator Certification Pathways for Veterans
Ch. 2022-186 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 9, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Florida Department of Education (DOE) to issue a temporary certificate to specified military servicemembers who meet certain criteria;
- Requiring a teacher mentorship for specified military servicemembers who hold a temporary certificate;
- Specifying the duration and issuance of a temporary certificate for specified military servicemembers, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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SB 914 - Relating to Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Ch. 2022-175 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 8, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Requiring law enforcement agencies to annually report race and ethnicity data of certain violators to the department;
- Deleting a precondition to a requirement that the operator of a motor vehicle display proof of maintenance of security to a law enforcement officer or certain other persons;
- Requiring that distinguishing numbers assigned to identification cards and driver licenses, respectively, have a specified minimum number of randomly generated digits beginning on a specified date;
- Extending the date by which the department must implement a rebuilt motor vehicle inspection program;
- Adding counties where the program must be implemented, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 926 - Relating to Licensure Examinations for Dental Practitioners
Ch. 2022-32 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising licensure examination requirements for dentists to require applicants to demonstrate certain clinical skills on a manikin rather than a live patient;
- Revising requirements for regional licensure examinations offered by dental schools to dental students;
- Revising licensure examination requirements for dental hygienists to require applicants to demonstrate certain clinical skills on a manikin rather than a live patient;
- Deleting a requirement that applicants for dental practitioner licensure examinations maintain medical malpractice insurance to cover any incident of harm to a patient during the clinical examination, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**SB 934 - Relating to Public Records/Homelessness Counts and Information Systems
Ch. 2022-33 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for individual identifying information contained in certain homelessness counts and information systems;



- Providing for retroactive application of the exemption;
- 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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**[SB 962](#) - Relating to Residential Development Projects for Affordable Housing
[Ch. 2022-176](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 8, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing counties and municipalities, respectively, to approve any residential development project on parcels zoned for commercial or industrial use if certain conditions are met, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 968](#) - Relating to Individual Retirement Accounts
[Ch. 2022-167](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 3, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying that certain interests received by a transferee after a divorce are exempt from claims of creditors upon being awarded to or received by the transferee;
- Specifying that such interests remain exempt, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 1006](#) - Relating to State Symbols
[Ch. 2022-12](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 7, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Designating strawberry shortcake as the official state dessert, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1046](#) - Relating to Public Records/Law Enforcement Geolocation Information
[Ch. 2022-107](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the term “law enforcement geolocation information”;
- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for law enforcement geolocation information held by a law enforcement agency;
- Requiring law enforcement agencies to disclose law enforcement geolocation information under specified circumstances;
- 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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**[SB 1062](#) - Relating to Service of Process
[Ch. 2022-190](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 15, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Florida Department of State (DOS) to electronically receive service of process under Ch. 48, F.S.;
- Revising procedures for service on partnerships, limited liability partnerships, and limited partnerships;
- Requiring designation of registered agents and registered offices by certain partnerships, corporations, and companies;
- Revising provisions related to service on public agencies and officers;
- Providing for substituted service on certain nonresidents and foreign business entities and on individuals and foreign business entities concealing their whereabouts, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 2, 2023

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**[HB 1119](#) - Relating to Grandparent Visitation Rights
[Ch. 2022-217](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating presumption for maternal or paternal grandparent or stepgrandparent visitation of child;
- Providing burden for overcoming such presumption.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1140](#) - Relating to Alarm Systems
[Ch. 2022-124](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 18, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing individuals with certain fire alarm certifications to complete a reduced number of training and continuing education hours for the prevention of false alarms;
- Revising the definition of the term “low-voltage alarm system project” to include certain video cameras and closed-circuit television systems;
- Prohibiting a local enforcement agency from requiring plans and specifications as a condition for obtaining a permit for a fire alarm system project;
- Requiring a local enforcement agency to issue certain permits in person or electronically;
- Requiring a local enforcement agency to perform at least one inspection for a fire alarm system project, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1190](#) - Relating to Two-way Radio Communication Enhancement Systems
[Ch. 2022-210](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the authority having jurisdiction to determine certain minimum radio signal strength requirements for all new and existing buildings;



- Authorizing the use of two-way radio communication enhancement systems to comply with certain radio signal strength requirements in the Florida Fire Prevention Code;
- Specifying that such systems or equivalent systems are not required in certain apartment buildings;
- Requiring that owners of such apartment buildings provide certain documentation to the applicable authority, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 1249](#) - Relating to Treatment of Defendants Adjudicated Incompetent to Stand Trial
[Ch. 2022-62](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revises definition of term "forensic facility".

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1260](#) - Relating to Independent Hospital Districts
Vetoed by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the governing body of an independent hospital district to evaluate certain benefits of the potential conversion of the independent hospital district to a nonprofit entity under certain circumstances;
- Requiring that the evaluation be completed and the final report be presented to the governing body within a specified timeframe;
- Requiring the governing body to negotiate and complete an agreement with the board of county commissioners for each affected county before converting the independent hospital district to a nonprofit entity;
- Prohibiting members of the board of county commissioners for counties party to such agreements from serving on the board of the successor nonprofit entity, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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SB 1262 - Relating to Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Ch. 2022-36 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing emergency contact information to be released to certain entities;
- Revising the conditions under which a patient’s communication with persons outside of a receiving facility may be restricted;
- Requiring a receiving facility to notify specified emergency contacts of individuals who are being involuntarily held for examination;
- Requiring receiving facilities to document that an option to authorize the release of specified information has been provided, within a specified timeframe, to individuals admitted on a voluntary basis;
- Requiring that reports issued by law enforcement officers when delivering a person to a receiving facility contain certain information related to emergency contacts, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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HB 1349 - Relating to Guardianship Data Transparency
Ch. 2022-218 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation and the clerks of court to establish a statewide database of guardianship data;
- Requiring the Office of Public and Professional Guardians to share certain data;
- Requiring the corporation to compile and report certain data to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) at specified intervals;
- Prohibiting the Florida Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) from populating the profiles with certain information, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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SB 1360 - Relating to Governor’s Medal of Freedom
Ch. 2022-66 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 7, 2022



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Abrogating the repeal of provisions authorizing the Governor to present the Governor's Medal of Freedom to certain persons, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1374](#) - Relating to Clinical Laboratory Testing
[Ch. 2022-37](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Exempting registered nurses from clinical laboratory personnel licensure requirements under certain circumstances, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[SB 1382](#) - Relating to Tax Administration
Vetoed by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting taxpayers from submitting certain records in tax proceedings under certain circumstances;
- Authorizing the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) to respond to contact initiated by taxpayers to discuss audits;
- Authorizing taxpayers to provide records and other information to the department;
- Clarifying conditions for application of an exemption for sales taxes for certain nonresident purchasers of boats or aircraft;
- Prohibiting transferors from accepting orders from or delivering alcoholic beverages to dealers with suspended resale certificates within a specified timeframe;
- Revising the period in which, and conditions under which, the executive director of the department may adopt emergency rules, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**SB 1680 - Relating to Financial Institutions
Ch. 2022-178 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 8, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that the failure of foreign nationals to participate through video conference in certain hearings is grounds for denial of certain applications;
- Revising the circumstances under which the Florida Office of Financial Regulation (OFR) is required to conduct certain examinations;
- Revising the entities that may acquire liabilities and assets, and the liabilities and assets that may be acquired, according to certain procedures, conditions, and limitations;
- Requiring the office, upon receiving applications for authority to organize a bank or trust company, to investigate the need for a target market and the ability of the primary service area or target market to support proposed and existing bank or trust facilities, etc.

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**SB 1770 - Relating to Donor Human Milk Bank Services
Ch. 2022-40 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Agency for the Florida Health Care Administration (AHCA) to pay for donor human milk bank services as an optional Medicaid service if certain conditions are met;
- Authorizing the agency to seek federal approval;
- Adding donor human milk bank services to the list of Medicaid services authorized for reimbursement on a fee-for-service basis;
- Adding donor human milk bank services to the list of minimum benefits required to be covered by Medicaid managed care plans, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

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**SB 1796 - Relating to Dissolution of Marriage
Vetoed by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Requiring the court to make certain written findings in its awards of alimony;
- Removing the court’s ability to consider adultery of either spouse in determining the amount of an alimony award;
- Revising factors that the court must consider in determining the proper type and amount of alimony;
- Revising a provision authorizing the modification of rehabilitative alimony upon completion of the rehabilitative plan to include a certain condition;
- Requiring the court to consider specified factors when determining an alimony award involving the existence of a supportive relationship between the obligee and another person, etc.

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**SB 2002 - Relating to Extending the 2022 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature
Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Extending the 2022 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature under the authority of Section 3(d), Article III of the State Constitution, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: N/A

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**SB 2518 - Relating to Information Technology
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that all functions, records, personnel, contracts, interagency agreements, and assets of the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) State Data Center are transferred to the Northwest Regional Data Center;
- Deleting the operational management and oversight of the state data center from the powers, duties, and functions of the department, acting through Florida Digital Service;
- Requiring the department to assist customer entities transitioning from other cloud-computing services to the Northwest Regional Data Center or a cloud-computing service procured by the state data center; designating the Northwest Regional Data Center as the state data center, etc.



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**[HB 5005](#) - Relating to Collective Bargaining
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for resolution in accordance with certain personnel rules of collective bargaining issues at impasse between the state and certified representatives of the bargaining units for state employees, etc.

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**[HB 5007](#) - Relating to State-administered Retirement Systems
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing certain members to elect to participate in deferred retirement program for additional 36 months;
- Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class & subclass of Florida Retirement System;
- Revising allocations to investment plan member accounts.

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**[HB 5009](#) - Relating to State Group Insurance Program
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing eligible former employees to participate in the state group insurance program;



- Removing certain benefit levels for certain health plans;
- Requiring cost savings to an enrollee to include a specified waiver, unless prohibited under certain tax laws;
- Requiring the Division of State Group Insurance to establish and maintain, or contract with other entities to establish and maintain, a designated anti-fraud unit for certain purposes, to adopt an anti-fraud plan;
- Specifying that eligible former employees may obtain certain health insurance coverage within a specified time after their separation from employment;
- Providing requirements for certain health insurance coverage options;
- Removing language that certain additional appropriations are considered a state contribution, which result in an increase in the state premium, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 5011](#) - Relating to Inflation Fund
Vetoed by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the Inflation Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor;
- Providing the purpose of the fund; providing for the deposit and use of funds;
- Providing for future review and termination of the fund, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 5013](#) - Relating to Trust Fund/Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust Fund/DFS
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating Opioid Settlement Clearing Trust within DFS;
- Providing sources of funds;
- Providing funds are exempt from specified service charges;
- Providing for subdivisions of funds; authorizes uses of funds;
- Specifying purpose of funds; exempts trust fund from termination provisions.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law



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**[HB 5301](#) - Relating to Capitol Complex
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the construction and placement of a monument on the premises of the Capitol Complex unless the design and placement of such monument is approved by certain persons after considering the recommendations of certain entities;
- Defining the term "Capitol Complex";
- Requiring the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) to consult with the Governor and the Legislature before closing and reopening areas within the Capitol Complex during a declared state of emergency;
- Prohibiting the department from closing or reopening areas within the Capitol Complex used for legislative business without the approval of the Legislature, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 7001](#) - Relating to Implementation of the Constitutional Prohibition Against Lobbying
by a Public Officer
[Ch. 2022-140](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing definitions for purpose of implementing s. 8(f), Art. II of State Constitution;
- Providing penalties for violation of constitutional prohibition against lobbying by public officer;
- Providing for collection of such penalties.

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**[HB 7003](#) - Relating to Implementation of the Constitutional Prohibition Against Lobbying
by a Former Justice or Judge
[Ch. 2022-141](#) Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on May 25, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing definitions for purpose of implementing s. 13(b), Art. V of State Constitution;
- Providing penalties for violation of constitutional prohibition against lobbying by former justice or judge; provides for collection of such penalties.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: December 31, 2022

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[SB 7008](#) - Relating to OGSR/Substance Abuse Impaired Persons

[Ch. 2022-44](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending a provision relating to an exemption from public records requirements for involuntary assessment and stabilization, court orders, related records, and personal identifying information regarding substance abuse impaired persons;
- Removing the scheduled repeal date of the exemption, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

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[HB 7009](#) - Relating to OGSR/Health Information/Department of Corrections

[Ch. 2022-87](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 3, 2022

HB 7009 was an FDC Priority Bill

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing scheduled repeal of exemptions from public records requirements for certain protected health information such as mental health, medical, HIV testing information and substance abuse information held by the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC).

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

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**[SB 7010](#) - Relating to OGSR/Public and Professional Guardians
[Ch. 2022-45](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending a provision which provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Florida Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA) in connection with a filed complaint and subsequent conducted investigation relating to public and professional guardians;
- Specifying when an investigation is considered active;
- Narrowing the public record exemption for certain photographs and video recordings;
- Removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

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**[SB 7014](#) - Relating to COVID-19-related Claims Against Health Care Providers
[Ch. 2022-10](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Extending the duration of liability protections from COVID-19-related claims against health care providers, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: February 24, 2022

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**[HB 7015](#) - Relating to OGSR/Identity of a Witness to Murder
[Ch. 2022-88](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 3, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for criminal intelligence & criminal investigative information that reveals personal identifying information of witness to murder for specified period.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

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[SB 7018](#) - Relating to OGSR/Injured or Deceased Employee/Department of Financial Services

[Ch. 2022-11](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending a provision which provides an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying information of an injured or deceased employee which is contained in reports, notices, records, or supporting documentation held by the Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Law;
- Removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

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[SB 7024](#) - Relating to OGSR/Alleged Victim or Victim of Sexual Harassment

[Ch. 2022-172](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on June 7, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of the alleged victim in an allegation of sexual harassment or the victim of sexual harassment if such information identifies that person as an alleged victim or as a victim of sexual harassment;
- Authorizing the alleged victim or the victim to waive confidentiality in writing;
- Extending the date for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

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[SB 7026](#) - Relating to OGSR/Dependent Eligibility Verification Services

[Ch. 2022-145](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2022

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Designating the Florida Department of Management Services (DMS), rather than the Division of State Group Insurance, as the entity that contracts for dependent eligibility verification services for the state group insurance program;
- Authorizing the department or the contractor providing dependent eligibility verification services to require certain information from subscribers;
- Revising the types of information that the department or a contractor providing eligibility verification services may require from subscribers in order to establish dependent eligibility for the state group insurance program, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 7027](#) - Relating to The Judicial Branch
Ch. 2022-X Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 2, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating a sixth appellate district;
- Revising the location of the headquarters of the Second Appellate District;
- Revising the number of judges of each district court of appeal;
- Revising the number of members and electors for the of the statewide nominating commission, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**[SB 7034](#) - Relating to Child Welfare
[Ch. 2022-68](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising payment rates for relative and nonrelative caregivers under the Relative Caregiver Program;
- Revising and specifying room and board rates paid by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF);
- Revising fee waiver eligibility for students who are or were placed in the custody of a relative or nonrelative to include certain students;



- Creating a tuition and fee exemption for students who enter the custody of the department after a specified age and who are reunited with their parent or parents before reaching a specified age and after spending at least 18 months in out-of-home care, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 7049](#) - Relating to Legal Notices
[Ch. 2022-103](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 10, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising requirements for newspapers publishing legal notices;
- Removing option for publication on newspaper's website;
- Providing for publication of legal notices on publicly accessible websites;
- Authorizing governmental agency to publish legal notices on publicly accessible website;
- Authorizes governmental agency with certain percentage of its population located within county meeting population threshold to use publicly accessible website;
- Requiring governmental agency to provide specified notice to residents & property owners relating to alternative methods of receiving notices;
- Providing requirement for public bid advertisements made by governmental agencies on publicly accessible websites.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

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**[HB 7057](#) - Relating to Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Cybersecurity
[Ch. 2022-221](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain cybersecurity insurance information, critical infrastructure information, cybersecurity incident information, and certain cybersecurity-related information held by an agency;
- Providing an exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of a meeting that would reveal certain cybersecurity-related information held by an agency;
- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for such recordings and transcripts; providing retroactive application;



- Authorizing the disclosure of confidential and exempt information under certain circumstances;
- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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Effective Date: On the same date that HB 7055 or similar legislation takes effect

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**[HB 7065](#) - Relating to Child Welfare
[Ch. 2022-67](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 11, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to identify and meet the needs of dually-involved children within a specified timeframe;
- Revising information that must be included in a transition plan;
- Requiring prenatal and infant health care delivery programs to include certain father engagement activities;
- Requiring the DCF to contract for the development and implementation of the Responsible Fatherhood Initiative and to provide grants to community-based not-for-profit organizations to offer certain mentorship programs;
- Designating the month of June as "Responsible Fatherhood Month", etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2022

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**[HB 7071](#) - Relating to Taxation
[Ch. 2022-97](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 6, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting counties from imposing requirements on borrowers other than requiring proof of the borrower's income;
- Providing for the assessment of land used in the production of aquaculture to be based solely on its agricultural use;
- Providing that real property includes certain portions;



- Revising the military operations that qualify certain servicemembers for an additional ad valorem tax exemption;
- Increasing the property tax exemption for residents who are widows, widowers, blind persons, or totally and permanently disabled persons; defining the term "residential improvement";
- Providing for an abatement of ad valorem taxes and non-ad valorem assessments for certain residential improvements destroyed due to a sudden and unforeseen collapse;
- Exempting certain federal loans from documentary stamp taxes;
- Exempting certain Formula One Grand Prix race admissions from the sales tax on admissions;
- Exempting certain Daytona 500 race admissions from the sales tax on admissions;
- Exempting from sales and use tax the retail sale of children's books during a specified timeframe;
- Exempting from sales and use tax the retail sale of children's diapers during a specified timeframe, 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 2022 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[HB 95](#) - Relating to Controlled Substances
[Ch. 2022-129](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 19, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the elements that constitute the capital offense of murder in the first degree;
- Revising the elements that constitute the felony offense of murder in the third degree;
- Prohibiting specified activities involving controlled substances within 1,000 feet of additional specified facilities;
- Providing criminal penalties;
- Renaming what the violation of specified offenses are known as from "trafficking in fentanyl" to "trafficking in dangerous fentanyl or fentanyl analogues";
- Increasing the mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for specified offenses, etc.



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**HB 287 - Relating to Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence
Ch. 2022-84 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 3, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing enhanced criminal penalties for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence in certain criminal proceedings & investigations.

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**HB 399 - Relating to Motor Vehicle and Vessel Law Enforcement
Ch. 2022-180 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 8, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting persons from driving motor vehicle in street takeover, stunt driving, race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, or exhibition of speed or acceleration on highway, roadway, or parking lot;
- Providing criminal penalties for unlawful use of certain lights;
- Authorizing court or jury to consider certain evidence in determining commission of offense of false personation.

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**SB 444 - Relating to Indecent, Lewd, or Lascivious Touching
Ch. 2022-164 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 3, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining conduct prohibited as indecent, lewd, or lascivious touching of certain minors;



- Ranking the offense on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code (CPC), etc.

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**[HB 1435](#) - Relating to Code and Traffic Enforcement
[Ch. 2022-149](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 26, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing designation of special event zone;
- Providing requirements & enhanced penalties for certain infraction;
- Authorizing impound of motor vehicle of person who commits certain infraction or violation;
- Limiting impoundment term;
- Requiring motor vehicle to be released upon payment of impound costs & fees;
- Authorizing sheriff to grant temporary authority to law enforcement officer;
- Providing for recovery of costs & fees associated with designating & enforcing special event zone;
- Revising types of soundmaking devices or instruments subject to prohibition against operating or amplifying sound from motor vehicle;
- Prohibiting operation or amplification in areas adjoining private residences.

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**[SB 1534](#) - Relating to Retail Theft
[Ch. 2022-192](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 17, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting certain retail theft at multiple locations within a specified timeframe;
- Providing criminal penalties, etc.

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**[HB 1571](#) - Relating to Residential Picketing
[Ch. 2022-118](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 16, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting person from picketing or protesting before or about dwelling of person with specified intent;
- Requiring specified warning before arrest.

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**[SB 1798](#) - Relating to Sexually Related Offenses
[Ch. 2022-212](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on June 24, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing the monetary damages that an aggrieved person may receive as a result of violations relating to sexual cyberharassment;
- Revising the prohibition on sexual activities with animals;
- Prohibiting the willful and malicious promotion of certain sexual depictions without consent;
- Prohibiting a person from committing theft of sexually explicit images with the intent to promote such images, etc.

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**[HB 6037](#) - Relating to Traveling Across County Lines to Commit a Burglary
[Ch. 2022-116](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on May 12, 2022**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing requirement that travel across county lines be for specified purpose in order to reclassify burglary offense.

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