# Senate Interim Calendar

## Senate Committee Meeting Schedule for the Week of September 23 – 27, 2013

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**11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**  
President Gaetz meeting with Committee Chairs  
117 KB

**8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon**  
**Group III**  
Communications, Energy & Public Utilities (NM)*  
Education 412 KB  
Joint meeting with:  
Children, Families & Elder Affairs 110 SB  
Judiciary 110 SB  
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
Democratic Caucus 200 SB

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Group IV-A**  
Appropriations Subs. on:  
Criminal & Civil Justice 37 SB  
Education 412 KB  
Transportation, Tourism & Economic Development 110 SB

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Group VIII**  
Appropriations 412 KB

**Lunch and District Office**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Group I-A**  
Joint Legislative Auditing 309 C

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Group I-B**  
Gaming 110 SB

**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Group II**  
Ethics & Elections 412 KB

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Group I**  
Agriculture 301 SB  
Commerce & Tourism (NM)*  
Criminal Justice (NM)*

**1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Group V**  
Banking & Insurance 110 SB  
Community Affairs 301 SB  
Military & Veterans Affairs, Space & Domestic Security 37 SB

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Group V**  
Health Policy 412 KB

**4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**  
Select Committee on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin 412 KB

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Group IV-B**  
Appropriations Subs. on:  
Finance & Tax (NM)*  
General Government 110 SB  
Health & Human Services 412 KB

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Group VII**  
Environmental Preservation & Conservation 110 SB  
Governmental Oversight & Accountability (NM)*  
Regulated Industries (NM)*  
Transportation (NM)*
2013 - 2014 INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

September 2013 - Week of the 23rd

October 2013 - Week of the 7th

November 2013 - Week of the 4th

December 2013 - Week of the 9th

January 2014 - Week of the 6th

January 2014 - Week of the 13th

February 2014 - Week of the 3rd

February 2014 - Week of the 10th

February 2014 - Week of the 17th

2014 SESSION DATES

August 1, 2013  Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81(2))

January 24, 2014  5:00 p.m., deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills

February 28, 2014  5:00 p.m., deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills

March 4, 2014  Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), Constitution)

March 4, 2014  12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7(1))

April 22, 2014  50th day—last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9(2))

April 28, 2014  All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8)
Conference Committee Reports require only one reading (Rule 4.5(1))
Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Rule 6.4 (4))

May 2, 2014  60th day—last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), Constitution)
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Senate President Don Gaetz will meet with the Senate Committee Chairs: Monday, September 23, 2013, 11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building

1:00 — 3:00 p.m.

Joint Legislative Auditing Committee: Monday, September 23, 2013, 1:00 — 3:00 p.m., Verle A. Pope Committee Room, 309 The Capitol:

(SENATE MEMBERS: Senator Abruzzo, Alternating Chair; Senators Bradley, Hays, Ring, and Simpson)

(HOUSE MEMBERS: Representative Ray, Alternating Chair; Representatives Campbell, Harrell, Raulerson, Rodrigues, and Stafford)

Presentations and discussion related to the Transparency Florida Act, s. 215.985, F.S.

Discussion related to audits of lobbying firms’ compensation reports

Update on entities the Committee took action against in February 2013 or earlier for failing to file an annual financial report and/or annual financial audit

Update on entities the Committee took action against in February 2013 for failing to correct repeat audit findings

Pursuant to s. 218.39(8), F.S., the Committee is expected to consider taking action against municipalities and special districts that have failed to take full corrective action in response to repeat audit findings, based on 2010-11 fiscal year audit reports

2:00 — 3:00 p.m.

Gaming: Monday, September 23, 2013, 2:00 — 3:00 p.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Richter, Chair; Senator Sachs, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Braynon, Clemens, Dean, Galvano, Gardiner, Latvala, Lee, Margolis, Montford, and Thrasher)

Committee discussion of format and schedule for four public workshops

Committee discussion of “Gambling Impact Study - Part 1A, Assessment of the Florida Gaming Industry and its economic effects”

Other Related Meeting Documents

4:00 — 5:30 p.m.

Ethics and Elections: Monday, September 23, 2013, 4:00 — 5:30 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Latvala, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Braynon, Clemens, Diaz de la Portilla, Flores, Gardiner, Joyner, Lee, Legg, Soto, and Thrasher)

SB 72 (EE) by Senator Flores—Legislature

Discussion - Ad Valorem Taxing Authority Boards/Commissions and Senate Confirmation

Presentation by Dr. Carol Weissert, Director, LeRoy Collins Institute - An Update on Tough Choices: Florida Counties Bridge the Ethics Policy Gap (November 2012) by the LeRoy Collins Institute and CS/SB 2, An act relating to ethics (Chapter 2013-36, L.O.F.)

Discussion - Statutes and court decisions pertaining to the definition of residency for elected officials in Florida

Other Related Meeting Documents

The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Friday, September 20, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

4:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Agriculture: Monday, September 23, 2013, 4:00 — 6:00 p.m., 301 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Montford, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley, and Sachs)

Overview of water policies and procedures by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Overview of water policies and procedures by the Department of Environmental Protection

Other Related Meeting Documents
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

8:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon

Education: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 8:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Legg, Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Brandes, Bullard, Galvano, Sachs, Simmons, and Stargel)


Update on the Implementation of SB 1076 (CAPE)

Lashing Education to the Economy: Middle School Digital Skills Discussion

Other Related Meeting Documents

Children, Families, and Elder Affairs: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 8:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon, Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Sobel, Chair; Senator Hays, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Braynon, Clemens, Dean, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Grimsley, and Thompson)

This is a joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Judiciary

Presentations relating to sexual offenders and the civil commitment of sexually violent predators

Other Related Meeting Documents

Judiciary: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 8:30 a.m. — 12:00 noon, Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Soto, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Gardiner, Joyner, Latvala, Richter, Ring, and Thrasher)

This is a joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

Presentations relating to sexual offenders and the civil commitment of sexually violent predators

Other Related Meeting Documents

12:30 p.m. — 1:15 p.m.

Democratic Caucus: Will meet Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 12:30 p.m. — 1:15 p.m., 200 Senate Office Building

1:30 — 3:30 p.m.

Banking and Insurance: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 1:30 — 3:30 p.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Simmons, Chair; Senator Clemens, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Hays, Lee, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Richter, and Ring)

Presentations on Citizens Property Insurance Corporation policyholder take-out process and update on Citizens’ clearinghouse implementation:

Barry Gilway, President, Citizens Property Insurance Corporation

Richard Koon, Director of Property and Casualty Product Review Unit, Office of Insurance Regulation

Bruce Lucas, Chairman and Chief Investment Officer, Heritage Insurance Company

Other Related Meeting Documents

Community Affairs: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 1:30 — 3:30 p.m., 301 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Simpson, Chair; Senator Thompson, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Hukill, Latvala, Smith, Soto, Stargel, and Thrasher)

Presentation by Department of Economic Opportunity on Archival of Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Presentation by Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Other Related Meeting Documents

Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 1:30 — 3:30 p.m., Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Altman, Chair; Senator Gibson, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Bullard, Dean, Evers, Gardiner, Legg, and Sachs)

SB 84 (MS) by Senator Latvala—Resident Status for Tuition Purposes

Presentation by staff on 2013 Regular Session legislative outcomes

Other Related Meeting Documents

The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Monday, September 23, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.
Health Policy: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 2:00 — 3:00 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Bean, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Braynon, Flores, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley, and Joyner)

Discussion on Sterile Compounding and Manufacturing of Prescription Drugs:

Michele Weizer, Chair, Compounding Rules Committee, Board of Pharmacy
Reginald Dixon, Executive Director, Division of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics, Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Demonstration and discussion of Data Security in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Database (PDMP):

Rebecca Poston, Program Manager, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, Department of Health

Other Related Meeting Documents

Select Committee on Indian River Lagoon and Lake Okeechobee Basin: Tuesday, September 24, 2013, 4:00 — 5:30 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Negron, Chair; Senator Dean, Vice Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Benacquisto, Grimsley, Hays, Joyner, and Sachs)

Update on system status and discussion of implementation of proposed short-term solutions by Ernie Barnett, Interim Executive Director, South Florida Water Management District

Presentation on options to slow northerly flows in the Indian River Lagoon by Jim David, Director of St. Lucie County Mosquito Control and Coastal Management

Public Testimony

Other Related Meeting Documents
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2013

9:00 — 11:00 a.m.

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice: Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 9:00 — 11:00 a.m., Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Bradley, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Braynon, Clemens, Dean, Diaz de la Portilla, Flores, Garcia, Grimsley, Hays, Smith, and Soto)

Department of Corrections:

Provide update on legislative funding provided during the 2013 session to address the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget shortfalls
Provide update on legislative funding provided to address the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 projected budget deficit
Discuss the department's actions that contributed to its budget deficits and the corrective measures that have been implemented
Discuss preliminary estimates of any projected shortfalls for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Fiscal Year 2014-2015, and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and the department's plan to address these deficits with no additional funding
Provide estimate on any anticipated savings from the health services outsourcing initiative for the next three years
Provide update on the electronic time and attendance system and its ranking as a Legislative Budget Request issue

Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education:

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 9:00 — 11:00 a.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Abruzzo, Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Bean, Benacquisto, Bullard, Detert, Hukill, Legg, Richter, Sachs, Simmons, and Thrasher)

Update on Long-Range Financial Outlook - Education
K-12 Performance Funding History & Update by Florida Department of Education

Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development:

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 9:00 — 11:00 a.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Gardiner, Chair; Senator Margolis, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Evers, Gibson, Latvala, Lee, Ring, Simpson, Sobel, Stargel, and Thompson)

Update on housing-related funding from the National Mortgage Settlement (SB 1852; ch. 2013-106, L.O.F.) Presented by:

Barbara Inman, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Florida
Steve Auger, Executive Director, Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Other Related Meeting Documents

1:00 — 3:00 p.m.

Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government: Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 1:00 — 3:00 p.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Hays, Chair; Senator Thompson, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Braynon, Bullard, Dean, Detert, Joyner, Latvala, Legg, Simpson, Soto, and Stargel)

Presentation on the Artificial Reef Program by the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

Status Report on the Petroleum Restoration Program by the Department of Environmental Protection

Presentation on Florida's Springs by the Department of Environmental Protection

Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services: Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 1:00 — 3:00 p.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Grimsley, Chair; Senator Flores, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Benacquisto, Galvano, Garcia, Gibson, Lee, Montford, Richter, Smith, Sobel, and Thrasher)

Status Reports from the Agency for Health Care Administration:

Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs) Implementation
Statewide Medicaid Residency Program Implementation
Status of Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Roll-out
Status of Medically Needy Waiver Request
Low Income Pool (LIP) Conversion and Waiver Request
Lawsuits with Fiscal Implications

Other Related Meeting Documents

4:00 — 6:00 p.m.

Environmental Preservation and Conservation:

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 4:00 — 6:00 p.m., Toni Jennings Committee Room, 110 Senate Office Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Dean, Chair; Senator Abruzzo, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Bullard, Gardiner, Grimsley, Latvala, Simpson, and Soto)

Update on funding initiatives for springs protection by the Department of Environmental Protection, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and St. Johns River Water Management District

Update on the status of the Underground Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanup Program by Jeff Littlejohn, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs, Department of Environmental Protection

Other Related Meeting Documents
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

9:00 — 11:00 a.m.

Appropriations: Thursday, September 26, 2013, 9:00 — 11:00 a.m., Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Negron, Chair; Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Bradley, Galvano, Gardiner, Grimsley, Hays, Hukill, Joyner, Latvala, Lee, Margolis, Montford, Richter, Ring, Smith, Sobel, and Thrasher)

Presentation on the Long Range Financial Outlook:

Amy Baker, Coordinator, Office of Economic and Demographic Research

Update on Florida’s Bond Rating:

Ben Watkins, Director, Division of Bond Finance

Other Related Meeting Documents
Senate Bills Filed and Referenced

Senate Bills Referenced Since Last Calendar

SB 6 by Soto
Relief of J.D.S. by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; Providing for the relief of J.D.S. by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund to compensate J.D.S. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of negligence by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, as successor agency of the Department of Children and Family Services; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations; Rules

SB 14 by Montford
Relief of Mark T. and Sharon L. Sawicki by the City of Tallahassee; Providing for the relief of Mark T. Sawicki and his wife, Sharon L. Sawicki, individually, by the City of Tallahassee; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for injuries sustained by Mr. Sawicki as a result of the negligence of the City of Tallahassee; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 16 by Bullard
Relief of Barney Brown by the State of Florida; Providing for the relief of Barney Brown, who was wrongfully incarcerated for 38 years; providing an appropriation to compensate Barney Brown for his wrongful incarceration; directing the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant; providing that the act does not waive certain defenses or increase the state’s liability; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations; Rules

SB 18 by Altman
Relief of the Estate of Dr. Sherrill Lynn Aversa by the Department of Transportation; Providing for the relief of the Estate of Dr. Sherrill Lynn Aversa; providing an appropriation to compensate the Estate of Dr. Sherrill Lynn Aversa for Dr. Aversa’s death as result of the negligence of the Department of Transportation; requiring the Executive Office of the Governor to establish spending authority from unappropriated trust fund balances of the department for compensation to the Estate of Dr. Sherrill Lynn Aversa; providing for attorney fees and costs; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Transportation; Appropriations; Rules

SB 20 by Montford
Relief of Yvonne Morton by the Department of Health; Providing for the relief of Yvonne Morton; providing an appropriation to compensate her for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Health; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Health Policy; Appropriations; Rules

SB 22 by Montford
Relief of Jennifer Wohlgemuth by the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office; Providing for the relief of Jennifer Wohlgemuth by the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office; providing for an appropriation to compensate Jennifer Wohlgemuth, whose injuries were due to the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 24 by Joyner
Relief of Dennis Darling, Sr. and Wendy Smith by the State of Florida; Providing for the relief of Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith, parents of Devaughn Darling, deceased; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund to compensate the parents for the loss of their son, Devaughn Darling, whose death occurred while he was engaged in football preseason training on the Florida State University campus; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Education; Appropriations; Rules

SB 26 by Diaz de la Portilla
Relief of Thomas and Karen Brandi by the City of Haines City; Providing for the relief of Thomas and Karen Brandi by the city of Haines City; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of the city of Haines City; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 28 by Diaz de la Portilla
Relief of Charles Pandrea by the North Broward Hospital District; Providing for the relief of Charles Pandrea by the North Broward Hospital District; providing for an appropriation to compensate Charles Pandrea, husband of Janet Pandrea, for the death of Janet Pandrea as a result of the negligence of the North Broward Hospital District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules
SB 30 by Bradley
Relief of Joseph Stewart and Audrey Stewart by the City of Jacksonville; Providing for the relief of Joseph Stewart and Audrey Stewart on behalf of their son, Aubrey Stewart, by the City of Jacksonville; providing for an appropriation to compensate Aubrey Stewart for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of the City of Jacksonville; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing for repayment of Medicaid liens, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 32 by Soto
Relief of Donald Brown by the District School Board of Sumter County; Providing for the relief of Donald Brown by the District School Board of Sumter County; providing for an appropriation to compensate Donald Brown for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the District School Board of Sumter County; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that the appropriation satisfies all present and future claims related to the negligent act, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 34 by Flores
Relief/Amie Draiemann Stephenson, Hailey Morgan Stephenson, and Christian Darby Stephenson, II/Department of Transportation; Providing for the relief of Amie Draiemann Stephenson, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Christian Darby Stephenson, deceased, and for the relief of Hailey Morgan Stephenson and Christian Darby Stephenson, II, as surviving minor children of the decedent; providing an appropriation to compensate them for the wrongful death of Christian Darby Stephenson, which was due in part to the negligence of the Department of Transportation; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Transportation; Appropriations; Rules

SB 36 by Thompson
Relief of James Joseph Richardson by the Department of Corrections; Providing for the relief of James Joseph Richardson by the State of Florida; providing for an appropriation to compensate James Joseph Richardson for the length of time he was incarcerated as a result of his wrongful conviction by the state, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations; Rules

SB 38 by Flores
Relief of Altavious Carter by the Palm Beach County School Board; Providing for the relief of Altavious Carter by the Palm Beach County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Altavious Carter for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of a bus driver of the Palm Beach County School District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 40 by Flores
Relief of Maricelly Lopez by the City of North Miami; Providing for the relief of Maricelly Lopez by the City of North Miami; providing for an appropriation to compensate Maricelly Lopez, individually and as personal representative of the Estate of Omar Mieles, for the wrongful death of her son, Omar Mieles, which was due to the negligence of a police officer of the City of North Miami; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims related to the wrongful death of Omar Mieles, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 42 by Flores
Relief of Melvin and Alma Colindres by the City of Miami; Providing for the relief of Melvin and Alma Colindres by the City of Miami; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for the wrongful death of their son, Kevin Colindres, sustained as a result of the negligence of police officers of the City of Miami; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 44 by Flores
Relief of “Survivor” and the Estate of “Victim” by the Department of Children and Families; Providing for the relief of “Survivor” and the Estate of “Victim” by the Department of Children and Families; providing an appropriation to compensate Survivor and the Estate of Victim for injuries and damages sustained as result of the negligence of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.
08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations; Rules
SB 46 by Ring
Relief of L.T., a Minor, by the Department of Children and Families: Providing for the relief of L.T., a minor; providing an appropriation to compensate L.T. for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of employees of the Department of Children and Families, formerly known as the Department of Children and Family Services; providing a limitation of the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations; Rules

SB 48 by Braynon
Relief of Ramiro Companioni by the City of Tampa: Providing for the relief of Ramiro Companioni by the City of Tampa; providing for an appropriation to compensate Mr. Companioni for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Tampa; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 50 by Braynon
Relief of Javier Soria by Palm Beach County: Providing for the relief of Javier Soria by Palm Beach County; providing for an appropriation to compensate Javier Soria for injuries sustained as a result of negligence by an employee of Palm Beach County; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 52 by Legg
Relief of Monica Cantillo Acosta and Luis Alberto Cantillo Acosta by Miami-Dade County: Providing for the relief of Monica Cantillo Acosta and Luis Alberto Cantillo Acosta, surviving children of Nhora Acosta, by Miami-Dade County; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for the wrongful death of their mother, Nhora Acosta, due to injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of a Miami-Dade County bus driver; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 54 by Legg
Relief of Ronald Miller by the City of Hollywood: Providing for the relief of Ronald Miller by the City of Hollywood; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the City of Hollywood; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 56 by Legg
Relief of Carl Abbott by the Palm Beach County School Board: Providing for the relief of Carl Abbott by the Palm Beach County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Carl Abbott for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of the Palm Beach County School District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 58 by Abruzzo
Relief of Q.B. by the Palm Beach County School Board: Providing for the relief of Q.B. by the Palm Beach County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Q.B. for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Palm Beach County School District; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims related to the negligent act, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 60 by Grimsley
Relief of the Estate of Lazaro Rodriguez by the City of Hialeah: Providing for the relief of the Estate of Lazaro Rodriguez by the City of Hialeah; providing for an appropriation to compensate the Estate and Lazaro Rodriguez’s legal survivors for injuries sustained as a result of negligence of the City of Hialeah; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims related to the wrongful death of Lazaro Rodriguez, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 62 by Montford
Relief of Robert Champion, Sr., and Pam Champion by Florida A & M University: Provides for the relief of Robert Champion, Sr., and Pam Champion by Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University; providing an appropriation to compensate Robert Champion, Jr., and Pam Champion, individually and as personal representatives for the Estate of Robert Champion, Jr., for the wrongful death of their son, Robert Champion, Jr., which was due to the negligence of Florida A & M University; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs; providing that the appropriation settles all present and future claims related to the wrongful death of Robert Champion, Jr., etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Education; Appropriations; Rules
SB 64 by Grimsley

Relief of Marcus Button by the Pasco County School Board; Providing for the relief of Marcus Button by the Pasco County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Marcus Button for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Pasco County School Board; providing for an appropriation to compensate Mark and Robin Button, as parents and natural guardians of Marcus Button, for injuries and damages sustained by Marcus Button; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/01/13 Filed
08/16/13 Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 66 by Flores

Discretionary Sales Surtaxes; Authorizing a county defined in s. 125.011(1), F.S., to levy a surtax up to a specified amount for the benefit of a Florida College System institution and a state university in the county pursuant to an ordinance conditioned to take effect upon approval in a county referendum; establishing an oversight board with specified duties, responsibilities, and requirements relating to the expenditure of surtax proceeds; requiring that the board of trustees of each institution receiving surtax proceeds prepare an annual plan for submission to the oversight board for approval; providing that state funding may not be reduced because an institution receives surtax funds, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/08/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Education; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

SCR 68 by Joyner

Equal Rights for Men and Women; Ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women, etc.

08/08/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

SB 70 by Joyner

Telemedicine; Providing that a health insurance policy or Medicaid may not require face-to-face contact between a health care provider and patient as a prerequisite to coverage or reimbursement for services; clarifying that the use of telemedicine technology under the supervision of another health care practitioner may not be interpreted as practicing medicine without a license; requiring the department to conduct a study, which includes the Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Health Care Administration, on options for implementing telemedicine for certain services, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/09/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

SB 72 by Flores

Legislature; Fixing the date for convening the regular session of the Legislature in even-numbered years, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/09/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules
09/16/13 On Committee agenda-- Ethics and Elections, 09/23/13, 4:00 pm, 412 Knott Building

SB 74 by Soto

Daylight Saving Time; Citing this act as the "Sunshine Protection Act"; requiring that the State of Florida and its political subdivisions observe daylight saving time year-round, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/13/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Education; Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 76 by Soto

Springs Revival Act; Requiring water management districts to identify certain springs, develop certain plans, and submit certain reports to the Governor and the Legislature; authorizing the districts to adopt rules and issue orders, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/13/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules

SB 78 by Soto

Juvenile Offenders; Citing this act as the "Juvenile Sentencing Review Act"; providing that a juvenile offender who was younger than 18 years of age at the time of the commission of a nonhomicide or homicide offense and who is sentenced to life imprisonment is eligible for resentencing if the offender has been incarcerated for a minimum period; requiring that the Department of Corrections conduct a screening to determine whether a juvenile offender is eligible for a resentencing hearing; providing that a juvenile offender is entitled to legal representation for a resentencing hearing, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/13/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations
SB 80 by Soto

Economic Development; Providing a corporate tax credit against the state corporate income tax in an amount equal to a specified percentage of the corporation's payments to a small business providing goods or services to the corporation pursuant to a contract; specifying the amount of the tax credit; prohibiting tax credits from being carried forward or backward or being transferred or sold; providing criminal and administrative penalties for fraudulently claiming tax credits, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/13/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

SB 82 by Soto

Short Sale Debt Relief; Creating the "Short Sale Debt Relief Act"; providing that a debtor does not owe a deficiency to a lienholder related to an eligible real property sold pursuant to a bona fide short sale if an offer is received by the debtor within a specified time period and under specified conditions; requiring a lienholder to approve the short sale of property and execute any document necessary to close the sale within a specified time period if a debtor procures a buyer who makes an offer in writing equal to the fair market value of the eligible property, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/13/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; Rules

SB 84 by Latvala

Resident Status for Tuition Purposes; Providing criteria for veterans of the Armed Services of the United States, including reserve components thereof, to qualify as residents for tuition purposes, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/14/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
09/16/13 On Committee agenda-- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 09/24/13, 1:30 pm, 37 Senate Office Building

SB 86 by Latvala

Dentists; Prohibiting a contract between a health insurer and a dentist from requiring the dentist to provide services at a fee set by the insurer under certain circumstances; prohibiting a contract between a prepaid limited health service organization and a dentist from requiring the dentist to provide services at a fee set by the organization under certain circumstances; prohibiting a contract between a health maintenance organization and a dentist from requiring the dentist to provide services at a fee set by the organization under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/15/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Health Policy; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations; Rules

SB 88 by Soto

School Attendance; Providing that compulsory school attendance laws apply to all children between the ages of 6 and 18 years; providing that a student who attains the dropout age does not need a parent's signature to file a declaration of intent to terminate school; requiring students to attend school until the age of 18 years; repealing provisions relating to a requirement that district school boards make available a GED program to students in juvenile justice facilities who attain the age of 16 years or notify such students that they are no longer required to attend school, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/15/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SB 90 by Soto

Limited English Proficient Students; Authorizing exemption from certain state standardized assessments for limited English proficient students under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/15/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Education; Rules

SB 92 by Soto

English Language Instruction; Providing that a student's parent has the right to request that the student be exempted from instruction in English language proficiency; requiring a school district to exempt a student from participating in instruction in English language proficiency if the student's parent requests the exemption in writing, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/15/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Education; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
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09/10/13 Withdrawn prior to introduction

SB 94 by Margolis

Jury Composition; Requiring a 12-member jury for life felony cases; requiring that the composition of all juries empaneled in this state reflect the demographics of the county in which the case is to be tried, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/16/13 Filed
08/27/13 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Rules
SB 96 by Soto

Requirements for Driver Licenses; Including notice of the approval of an application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services as valid proof of identity for purposes of applying for a driver license; reenacting provisions relating to conditions and limitations with respect to obtaining a duplicate or replacement instruction permit or driver license, expiration of and renewal of a driver license, and change of name or address on a driver license for licensees who establish their identity in a specified manner, to incorporate the amendment made by the act to s. 322.08, F.S., in references thereto, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/16/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Transportation; Judiciary; Rules

SB 98 by Margolis

State Lotteries; Authorizing the Department of the Lottery to create and administer a program that provides for the sale of Florida lottery tickets through the Internet; authorizing the department to adopt rules, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/16/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Gaming; Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

SB 100 by Soto

Assault or Battery On a Utility Worker; Defining the term “utility worker”, providing for reclassification of certain offenses committed against a utility worker; amending provisions relating to the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 784.07, F.S., in references thereto, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2014.

08/19/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations

SB 102 by Diaz de la Portilla

Drivers Leaving the Scene of a Crash; Creating the “Aaron Cohen Life Protection Act”; requiring the driver of a vehicle involved in a crash that results in serious bodily injury to a person to immediately stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash; providing that a person commits a felony of the second degree if he or she fails to stop the vehicle and remain at the scene of the crash; requiring the court to revoke for at least 3 years the driver license of a person convicted of leaving the scene of a crash involving injury, serious bodily injury, or death, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/19/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

SB 104 by Soto

Family Law; Providing for consideration of time-sharing schedules or time-sharing arrangements as a factor in the adjustment of awards of child support; authorizing judges in family cases to take judicial notice of certain court records without prior notice to the parties when imminent danger to persons or property has been alleged and it is impractical to give prior notice; providing for a deferred opportunity to present evidence; creating an exception against using evidence other than the verified pleading or affidavit in an ex parte hearing for a temporary injunction for protection against domestic violence, repeat violence, sexual violence, dating violence, or stalking, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/19/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules

SB 106 by Dean

County Employees; Providing that the governing body of a county has authority to determine available benefits of county employees; specifying the applicability of provisions to such employees, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/20/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

SB 108 by Joyner

Public Records/Claim Settlement on Behalf of a Minor or Ward; Creating an exemption from public records requirements for records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a minor or ward; authorizing a guardian ad litem, a ward, a minor, and a minor’s attorney to inspect guardianship reports and court records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a minor or ward, upon a showing of good cause; authorizing the court to direct disclosure and recording of an amendment to a report or court records relating to the settlement of a claim on behalf of a ward or minor, in connection with real property or for other purposes, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 120 or similar legislation takes effect if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes law.

08/20/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
SB 110 by Soto

Corporate Income Tax; Creating the “Florida Veterans Employment Act”; establishing a corporate income tax credit for the hiring of veterans; establishing an additional corporate income tax credit for the hiring of disabled veterans; authorizing the department to determine guidelines for qualification of the tax credits; revising the order in which credits against the corporate income tax or franchise tax may be taken to include the hiring of veterans, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/21/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations

SB 112 by Joyner

Possession or Discharge of a Firewall or Destructive Device During the Commission of Specified Offenses; Providing that a sentencing court may elect not to impose the minimum term of imprisonment for a person convicted of certain offenses during which the person actually possessed or discharged a firewall or destructive device if the court finds that certain specified criteria are met; requiring a sentencing court that elects not to impose the mandatory minimum sentence for the relevant offense to make specific findings to support its decision to impose a lesser term, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/21/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules

SB 114 by Dean

Mobile Home Park Lot Tenancies; Authorizing a mobile home park owner to increase the lot rental of the purchaser of a mobile home on a leased lot in the mobile home park; providing limitations on the amount of rent increase; limiting the amount of lot rental increase on a lot that was previously subject to a lifetime lease, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/22/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Judiciary

SB 116 by Thompson

Use of Deadly Force in Defense of a Person; Repealing a provision relating to home protection and the use of deadly force, which created a presumption of fear of death or great bodily harm in certain circumstances and provided that a person has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/22/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Rules

SM 118 by Hays

National Retail Sales Tax; Urging Congress to repeal all taxes on income and enact a national retail sales tax as specified in H.R. 25, the Fair Tax Act of 2013, etc.

08/23/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

SB 120 by Joyner

Fees and Costs Incurred in Guardianship Proceedings; Providing that fees and costs incurred by an attorney who has rendered services to a ward in compensation proceedings are payable from guardianship assets; providing that a court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent a minor if necessary to protect the minor’s interest in a settlement; requiring that the examining committee be paid from state funds as court-appointed expert witnesses if a petition for incapacity is dismissed; requiring that a petitionor reimburse the state for expert witness fees if the court finds the petition to have been filed in bad faith, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

08/23/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations; Rules

SB 122 by Smith

Self-defense; Requiring the county sheriff or municipal police to issue reasonable guidelines for the operation of a neighborhood crime watch program; authorizing a person to use force, except deadly force in the defense of property; providing that a person who uses force is immune from civil action brought by the person or persons against whom the force is used; providing that a law enforcement agency’s right and duty to fully investigate the use of force upon which the claim of immunity is based is not restricted; directing the Department of Law Enforcement to collect, process, maintain, and disseminate information and data on all incidents concerning the alleged justifiable use of force in this state, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/26/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Rules

SB 124 by Soto

Classroom Materials; Requiring district school boards to give classroom teachers debit cards that are funded through the Florida Teachers Classroom Supply Assistance Program to purchase materials and supplies before the start of the school year, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/26/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
SB 126 by Soto

Residential Foreclosure Proceedings; Citing this act as the "Florida Mortgage Collection Fairness Act"; prohibiting a mortgage collection firm from offering false evidence in a residential mortgage foreclosure proceeding; providing that a violation is a deceptive and unfair trade practice; providing penalties and remedies including attorney fees and costs, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/26/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary

SB 128 by Soto

Aerosol Spray Paint; Prohibiting the sale of aerosol spray paint to persons younger than 18 years of age; providing a defense; requiring a business that sells aerosol spray paint to post a certain sign; prohibiting a person from misrepresenting his or her age in order to purchase aerosol spray paint; providing penalties; authorizing local governments to use collected fines for the improvement or maintenance of neighborhoods and parks, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/26/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Criminal Justice; Community Affairs

SB 130 by Simmons

Use of Deadly Force; Requiring the county sheriff or municipal police department to issue reasonable guidelines for the operation of neighborhood crime watch programs; providing that the guidelines are subject to reasonable exceptions; providing that a person who is justified in using force is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action initiated by the person against whom the force was used; providing that any reason, including immunity, used by an aggressor to justify the use of force is not available to the aggressor under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2014.

08/27/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 132 by Latvala

Specialty License Plates; Creating a Fallen Law Enforcement Officers license plate; establishing an annual use fee for the plate; providing for the distribution of use fees received from the sale of such plates, etc. Effective Date: 10/01/2014.

08/28/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Transportation; Rules; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

SB 134 by Hukill

Tax-exempt Income; Increasing the amount of income that is exempt from the corporate income tax; increasing the amount of income that is exempt from the franchise tax imposed on banks and savings associations, etc. Effective Date: 01/01/2015.

08/28/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

SB 136 by Ring

Freight Logistics Zones; Defining the term "freight logistics zone"; authorizing a county, or two or more contiguous counties, to designate a geographic area or areas within its jurisdiction as a freight logistics zone; requiring the adoption of a strategic plan that must include certain information; providing that certain projects within freight logistics zones may be eligible for priority in state funding and certain incentive programs; providing evaluation criteria for freight logistics zones, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/28/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

SB 138 by Ring

Meetings of District School Boards; Requiring district school boards to convene at least one regular meeting during the evening hours each quarter during the school year and to establish written criteria for convening such a meeting; providing that a district school board is deemed to be in compliance under certain circumstances; revising requirements for calling a special meeting, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/28/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Education; Community Affairs

SB 140 by Bradley

Driver Licenses; Providing that the spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces is not required to obtain a Florida driver license because he or she enters his or her children in public school in this state under certain circumstances; updating terminology; providing that the spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces is granted an automatic extension for the expiration of a certain class of driver license under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

08/29/13 Filed
09/11/13 Referred to Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Transportation; Education; Appropriations
SB 142 by Hays

Sovereign Immunity for Dentists and Dental Hygienists;
Requiring a contract with a governmental contractor for health care services to include a provision for a health care provider licensed under specified provisions, as an agent of the governmental contractor, to allow a patient or a parent or guardian of the patient to voluntarily contribute a fee to cover costs of dental laboratory work related to the services provided to the patient without forfeiting sovereign immunity; prohibiting the contribution from exceeding the actual amount of the dental laboratory charges; providing that the contribution complies with the requirements of s. 766.1115, F.S., etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2014.

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