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Black Education Tragedy Is New by Walter Williams

Several years ago, Project Baltimore began an investigation of Baltimore's school system. What they found was an utter disgrace. In 19 of Baltimore's 39 high schools, out of 3,804 students, only 14 of them, or less than 1%, were proficient in math. In 13 of Baltimore's high schools, not a single student scored proficient in math. In five Baltimore City high schools, not a single student scored proficient in math or reading. Despite these academic deficiencies, about 70% of the students graduate and are conferred a high school diploma — a fraudulent high school diploma.

The Detroit Public Schools Community District scored the lowest in the nation compared to 26 other urban districts for reading and mathematics at the fourth- and eighth-grade levels. A recent video captures some of this miseducation in Milwaukee high schools: In two city high schools, only one student tested proficient in math and none are proficient in English. Yet, the schools spent a full week learning about "systemic racism" and "Black Lives Matter activism." By the way, a Nov. 19, 2020, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article asks: "How many Black teachers did you have? I've only had two." The article concludes, "For future Black students, that number needs to go up." New York City is one of many school systems in the United States set to roll out Black Lives Matter-themed lesson plans. According to the NYC Department of Education, teachers will delve into "systemic racism," police brutality and white privilege in their classrooms.

Should we blame this education tragedy on racial discrimination or claim that it is a legacy of slavery? Dr. Thomas Sowell's research in "Education: Assumptions Versus History" documents academic excellence at Baltimore's Frederick Douglass High School and others. This academic excellence occurred during the late 1800s to mid-1900s, an era when blacks were much poorer than today and faced gross racial discrimination. Frederick Douglass High School of yesteryear produced many distinguished alumni, such as Thurgood Marshall and Cab Calloway, and several judges, congressmen and civil rights leaders. Frederick Douglass High School was second in the nation in black Ph.Ds. among its alumni.

Also, in Sowell's "Education: Assumptions Versus History" is the story of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, a black public school in Washington, D.C. As early as 1899, its students scored higher on citywide tests than any of the city's white schools. From its founding in 1870 to 1955, most of its graduates went off to college. Dunbar's distinguished alumni include U.S. Sen. Edward Brooke, physician Charles Drew and, during World War II, nearly a score of majors, nine colonels and lieutenant colonels, and a brigadier general. Today's Paul Laurence Dunbar and Frederick Douglass high schools have material resources that would have been unimaginable to their predecessors. However, having those resources have meant absolutely nothing in terms of academic achievement.

If we accept the notion that rotten education is not preordained, then I wonder when the black community will demand an end to an educational environment that condemns so many youngsters to mediocrity. You can bet the rent money that white liberals and high-income blacks would not begin to accept the kind of education for their children that most blacks receive.

The school climate, seldom discussed, plays a very important role in education. During the 2017-18 school year, there were an estimated 962,300 violent incidents and 476,100 nonviolent incidents in U.S. public schools nationwide. Schools with 1,000 or more students had at least one sworn law enforcement officer. About 90% of those law enforcement officers carry firearms. Aside from violence, there are many instances of outright disrespect for teachers. First- and second-graders telling teachers to "Shut the f—- up" and calling teachers "b——h."

Years ago, much of the behavior of young people that we see today would have never been tolerated. There was the vice principal's office where corporal punishment would be administered for gross infractions. If the kid was unwise enough to tell his parents what happened, he might get more punishment at home. Today, unfortunately, we have replaced practices that worked with practices that sound good and caring. And we are witnessing the results. Walter Williams, December 2, 2020

Very concerning

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Sen. Burgess,

Here is a document that summarizes some of the major 3rd party bad faith cases. The key case overall is probably *Boston Old Colony v. Gutierrez*, which builds upon *Auto Mut. Indem. Co. v. Shaw*.

From the insurer perspective, they disliked the *Berges v. Infinity* decision (but liked the dissents) and their current bête noire is *Harvey v. GEICO*.

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Auto Mut. Indem. Co. v. Shaw, 184 So. 852 (Fla. 1938)

Florida Supreme Court Adopts Bad Faith Standard That Insurer Act Honestly and In Good Faith Towards Insured

It appears that the insurance company in the settlement of claims and in conducting a defense before the court on suits filed should be held to that degree of care and diligence which a man of ordinary care and prudence should exercise in the management of his own business. See G. A. Stowers Furniture Co. v. American Indemnity Co., Tex.Com.App., 15 S.W.2d 544; City of Wakefield v. Globe Indemnity Co., 246 Mich. 645, 225 N.W. 643; Georgia Casualty Co. v. Mann, 242 Ky. 447, 46 S.W.2d 777; Attleboro Mfg. Co. v. Frankfort Marine, etc., Ins. Co., 1 Cir., 240 F. 573; Cavanaugh Bros. v. General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp., 79 N.H. 186, 106 A. 604;Ballard v. Ocean Accident & Guarantee Co., 7 Cir., 86 F.2d 449. The prevailing rule seems to be, however, that the insurer must act in good faith toward the assured in its effort to negotiate a settlement. This the Defendant concedes, in complete accord with the holding in the Cooper Case, supra, that 'the insurer cannot escape liability by acting upon what it considers to be for its own interest alone, but it must also appear that it acted in good faith and dealt fairly with the insured. * * * This relationship imposes ***831** upon the insurer the duty, not under the terms of the contract strictly speaking, but because of and flowing from it, to act honestly and in good faith toward the insured' considering that the action below cannot be sustained either upon the theory of negligence or of implied contract, but that it may be supported upon the allegations of bad faith exercised in the settlement negotiations by the defendant to the plaintiff. See Noshey v. American Automobile Ins. Co., 6 Cir., 68 F.2d 808; Maryland Casualty Co. v. CookO'Brien Const. Co., 8 Cir., 69 F.2d 462; Tiger River Pine Co. v. Maryland Casualty Co., 163 S.C. 229, 161 S.E. 491; Tyger River Pine Co. v. Maryland Casualty Co., 170 S.C. 286, 170 S.E. 346.

Thompson v. Commercial Union Ins. Co. of New York, 250 So.2d 259 (Fla. 1971)

Third-Party to the Insurance Contract May Sue Insurer Directly for Bad Faith

It is also established in this state that a third party beneficiary who is not a formal party to a contract may sue for damages sustained as the result of the acts of one of the parties to the contract. See Weimar v. Yacht Club Point Estate, Inc., 223 So.2d 100 (Fla.App.4th, 1969); Morse v. Hendry Corporation, 200 So.2d 816 (Fla.App.2d, 1967); DiCamillo v. Westinghouse Electric Corporation, 122 So.2d 499 (Fla.App.2d, 1960) (materialman as third party beneficiary); Flintkote Company v. Brewer Co. of Florida, 221 So.2d 784 (Fla.App.3rd, 1969)(materialman); Mugge v. Tampa Waterworks Co., 52 Fla. 371, 42 So. 81 (1906); Woodbury v. Tampa Waterworks Co., 57 Fla. 243, 249, 49 So. 556 (1909); Auto Mut. Indemnity Co. v. Shaw, 134 Fla. 815, 184 So. 852 (1938).

Essential to the right of a third party beneficiary of a contract to maintain an action for its breach is the clear intent and purpose of the contract to directly and substantially benefit the third party. See Woodbury v. Tampa Waterworks Co., Supra; First National Bank of St. Augustine v. Perkins, Supra; and East Coast Stores, Inc. v. Cuthbert, 101 Fla. 25, 133 So. 863 (1931).

'It cannot be disputed that securance of liability insurance coverage protection for the operation of a motor vehicle, regardless of whether the policy is secured to meet the requirements of Ch. 324, F.S., is an act undertaken by the insured with the intent of providing a ready means of discharging his obligations that may accrue to a member or members of the public as a result of his negligent operation of a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways of this state.

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'The separate trial is not necessarily limited to the issue of coverage. The question of whether or not the carrier exercised good faith in the settlement of a claim against the insured could also be determined by a separate trial after the determination of the case on the merits.'

Thus, it is apparent that our holdings in Shingleton and Beta Eta have removed the only obstacle to adoption of the theory and reasoning expressed by Wigginton, J., in Canal Insurance, Supra.

Moreover, such a result accords with the settled public policy of this state to encourage and favor compromise and settlement of controversies when such settlement is entered into fairly and in good faith by competent parties, and is not procured by fraud or overreaching. See Florida East Coast R. Co. v. Thompson, 93 Fla. 30, 111 So. 525 (1927); Columbus Hotel Corp. v. Hotel Management Co., 116 Fla. 464, 156 So. 893 (1934); City of Coral Gables v. State, 128 Fla. 874, 176 So. 40 (1937); Harper v. Strong, 135 Fla. 10, 184 So. 848 (1938); Wade v. Wade, 63 So.2d 184 (Fla.1953); National Surety Co. v. Willys-Overland, Inc., 103 Fla. 738, 138 So. 24 (1931); Russell v. Shelby Mutual Insurance Company, 128 So.2d 161 (Fla.App.3rd, 1961); ***264** In Re Estate of Kemp, 177 So.2d 757 (Fla.App.1st, 1965); Coe v. Diener, 159 So.2d 269 (Fla.App.2d, 1964).

Accordingly, we adopt the language set out above from the concurring opinion of Wigginton, J., in Canal Insurance Company of Greenville, S.C. v. Sturgis, Supra, and hold that a judgment creditor may maintain suit directly against tortfeasor's liability insurer for recovery of the judgment in excess of the policy limits, based upon the alleged fraud or bad faith of the insurer in the conduct or handling of the suit. Such allegations have been pleaded in the case under consideration.

Campbell v. Government Employees Ins. Co., 306 So.2d 525 (Fla. 1974)

Bad Faith, Not Negligence, is not the Standard in a Bad Faith Case

In Auto Mutual Indemnity Co. v. Shaw, supra, we aligned Florida with those states whose standards for determining liability in an excess judgment case is bad faith rather than negligence. We ruled therein that such matters as reasonable diligence and ordinary care were material in determining ***531** bad faith. Traditionally, reasonable diligence and ordinary care are considerations of fact—not of law.

Boston Old' Colony Ins. V. Gutierrez, 386 So.2d 783 (Fla. 1980)

Duty of Good Faith

An insurer, in handling the defense of claims against its insured, has a duty to use the same degree of care and diligence as a person of ordinary care and prudence should exercise in the management of his own business. Auto Mutual Indemnity Co. v. Shaw, 134 Fla. 815, 184 So. 852 (1938). For when the insured has surrendered to the insurer all control over the handling of the claim, including all decisions with regard to litigation and settlement, then the insurer must assume a duty to exercise such control and make such decisions in good faith and with due regard for the interests of the insured. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co. v. Davis, 412 F.2d 475 (5th Cir. 1969).

Actions Necessary to Meet the Duty of Good Faith

This good faith duty obligates the insurer to advise the insured of settlement opportunities, to advise as to the probable outcome of the litigation, to warn of the possibility of an excess judgment, and to advise the insured of any steps he might take to avoid same. Ging v. American Liberty Ins. Co., 423 F.2d 115 (5th Cir. 1970). The insurer must investigate the facts, give fair consideration to a settlement offer that is not unreasonable under the facts, and settle, if possible, where a reasonably prudent person, faced with the prospect of paying the total recovery, would do so. Government

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Employees Ins. Co. v. Grounds, 311 So.2d 164 (Fla. 1st DCA 1975), cert. discharged, 332 So.2d 13 (Fla.1976); Government Employees Ins. Co. v. Campbell, 288 So.2d 513 (Fla. 1st DCA 1973), quashed, 306 So.2d 525 (Fla.1974); Baxter v. Royal Indemnity Co., 285 So.2d 652 (Fla. 1st DCA 1973), cert. discharged, 317 So.2d 725 (Fla.1975).

Negligence Relevant to Whether Insurer Acted in Good Faith

Because the duty of good faith involves diligence and care in the investigation and evaluation of the claim against the insured, negligence is relevant to the question of good faith. American Fidelity and Casualty Co. v. Greyhound Corp., 258 F.2d 709 (5th Cir. 1958); DeLaune v. Liberty Mutual Ins. Co., 314 So.2d 601 (Fla. 4th DCA 1975). The question of failure to act in good faith with due regard for the interests of the insured is for the jury. Campbell v. Government Employees Ins. Co., 306 So.2d 525 (Fla.1974).

Example That Insured's Conduct and Decisions Are Relevant in Determining Whether Insurer Acted in Bad Faith

The evidence presented in the present case demonstrates that Boston Old Colony fulfilled all these obligations. We hold that under the facts of this case, Thompson does not require the result reached by the district court of appeal. There is no sufficient evidence from which any reasonable jury could have concluded that there was bad faith on the part of the insurer. The facts in Thompson are materially different from the facts now before us. In the present case, Brown, the insured, at all times contested liability and had evidence ***786** to support his position. Brown expressly requested Boston Old Colony not to settle the claim because he was pursuing a counterclaim against plaintiff Gutierrez. Brown executed a "hold harmless" agreement in which he assumed responsibility for any excess judgment. After settlement of Brown's counterclaim, prior to trial, Boston Old Colony offered to settle for policy limits. Unlike Thompson, where the insurer refused to settle at all times despite advice of its own counsel, here the insurer was ready to settle, expressed its willingness to settle, and only because of the explicit request of its own insured did not settle. Furthermore, in the present case, unlike Thompson, the plaintiff refused to settle when the insurer subsequently offered to settle prior to trial.

General Acc. Fire & Life Assur. Corp., Ltd. v. American Cas. Co. of Reading, Pa., 390 So.2d 761 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1980).

Insurer Must Exercise Reasonable Diligence and Good Faith When Deciding Whether to Settle

The courts have developed an action for bad faith in order to protect insured persons from unnecessary excess judgments resulting from the willingness of insurance companies to risk trials rather than negotiate and settle claims against insured individuals. The insurance company, usually in control of settlement under policy provisions requiring its consent, is obligated to comply with its concomitant duty to exercise reasonable diligence and decide in good faith whether to settle a claim. Auto Mutual Indemnity Co. v. Shaw, 134 Fla. 815, 184 So. 852 (1938).

Powell v. Prudential Property & Cas. Ins. Co., 584 So.2d 12 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1991).

Claimant Settlement Offer Not Necessary for Bad Faith Regarding Settlement

The lack of a formal offer to settle does not preclude a finding of bad faith. Although an offer of settlement was once considered a necessary element of a duty to settle, 31 Fla.Jur.2d *Insurance* § 818, at 295 (1981), this court held in *General Acc. Fire & Life Assur. Corp. v. American Cas. Co.*, 390 So.2d 761, 765 (Fla. 3d DCA 1980), *rev. denied,* 399 So.2d 1142 (Fla.1981), that an offer to settle is not a prerequisite to the imposition of liability for an insurer's bad faith refusal to settle, but

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is merely one factor to be considered. Moreover, liability may be predicated on a refusal to disclose policy limits. 14 *Couch on Insurance 2d* § 51:11, at 398 (Rev. ed. 1982). The refusal to inform a claimant of the policy limits deprives the claimant of a basis for evaluating the case, thus hindering settlement. *Cernocky v. Indemnity Ins. Co.,* 69 Ill.App.2d 196, 216 N.E.2d 198 (1966) (refusal to disclose policy limits may constitute bad faith).

Bad Faith May Be Inferred From Willful, Without-Cause Delay in Settlement Negotiations

34Bad faith may be inferred from a delay in settlement negotiations which is willful and without reasonable cause. 46 C.J.S. *Insurance* § 1408 (1946). Where liability is clear, and injuries so serious that a judgment in excess of the policy limits is likely, an insurer has an affirmative duty to initiate settlement negotiations. *Farmers Ins. Exchange v. Schropp,* 222 Kan. 612, 567 P.2d 1359 (1977) (duty to initiate settlement negotiations arises if carrier would initiate settlement negotiations on its own behalf were its potential liability equal to that of its insured); *Rova Farms Resort, Inc. v. Investors Ins. Co.,* 65 N.J. 474, 323 A.2d 495 (1974) (where substantial injuries and potential liability of insured are obvious, failure to offer policy limits constitutes bad faith even where there is no assurance that action can be settled); *Alt v. American Family Mut. Ins. Co.,* 71 Wis.2d 340, 237 N.W.2d 706 (1976) (insurer has affirmative duty to investigate possibilities of settlement); *Eastham v. Oregon Auto Ins. Co.,* 273 Or. 600, 540 P.2d 364 (1975) (insurer may be found to have acted in bad faith for delaying an offer to settle). *See generally* 14 *Couch on Insurance 2d* § 51:17 (Rev. ed. 1982); J. Appleman, *Insurance Law and Practice* § 4711, at 383 (Rev. ed. 1979).

Any question about the possible outcome of a settlement effort should be resolved in favor of the insured; the insurer has the burden to show not only that there was no realistic possibility of settlement within policy limits, but also that the insured was without the ability to contribute to whatever settlement figure that the parties could have reached. 44 Am.Jur.2d *Insurance* § 1401, at 340 (1982); J. Appleman, *supra* § 4711, at 385. Whether the insurer's delay in disclosing the policy limits foreclosed settlement negotiations and prevented an offer of settlement is a relevant and material fact issue. *See also State Auto. Ins. Co. v. Rowland,* 221 Tenn. 421, 427 S.W.2d 30 (1968) (insureds are not required, to prove as an element of their bad faith action, that claim could definitely have been settled within policy limits); *Young v. American Cas. Co.,* 416 F.2d 906 (2d Cir.N.Y.1969) (same).

Shuster v. S. Broward Hosp. Dist. Physicians Prof'l Liab. Ins. Trust, 591 So.2d 174 (Fla. 1992)

Insurer Must Exercise Good Faith When Settling Claims of Multiple Claimants

For example, when there are multiple parties to a suit, we do not believe a "deems expedient" clause will protect an insurer who, in bad faith, indiscriminately settles with one or more of the parties for the full policy limits, thus exposing the insured to an excess judgment from the remaining parties. Clearly, the intent of the parties would not have been to allow the insurer to escape its primary duty to defend and indemnify the insured merely by paying out the full sum of the policy limits in bad faith.

State Farm Mut. Ins. Co. v. Laforet, 658 So.2d 55 (Fla. 1995)

History of 1st Party and 3rd Party Bad Faith in Florida

In Florida, third-party bad faith actions were recognized as early as 1938. *See Auto Mut. Indem. Co. v. Shaw,* 134 Fla. 815, 184 So. 852 (1938). Moreover, even though the tort of bad faith occurred between an insurer and its insured, Florida courts allowed the injured third party to bring a bad faith action directly against the first party's insurer. *Thompson v. Commercial Union Ins. Co.,* 250 So.2d 259 (Fla.1971). This was permitted because the injured third-party, as the beneficiary to the bad faith claim, was the real party in interest in a position similar to that of a "judgment creditor." *Id.* at 264.

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By the time the legislature enacted section 624.155 in 1982, it was clearly established in Florida law that third-party bad faith actions existed at common law. *Thompson; Opperman v. Nationwide Mutual Fire Ins. Co.,* 515 So.2d 263 (Fla. 5th DCA 1987), *review denied,* 523 So.2d 578 (Fla.1988). There was, however, no first-party action by an insured ***59** for bad faith in Florida at common law. *Baxter.* Unlike third-party bad faith actions, in first-party bad faith actions the insured, particularly in uninsured motorist claims, is also the injured party who is to receive the benefits under the policy. *McLeod v. Continental Ins. Co.,* 591 So.2d 621 (Fla.1992). Essentially, Florida courts had refused to recognize the tort of first-party bad faith because the type of fiduciary duty that exists in third-party actions is not present in first-party actions and the insurer is not exposing the insured to excess liability. As the court explained in *Baxter,* the relationship in a first-party bad faith action is the very antithesis of that established in third-party actions.

> It is singularly important to ... note that regardless of the bad faith of the insurer in refusing to settle a claim against it by its insured under this provision of the policy, such action of the insurer can never result in a judgment against the uninsured motorist for any excess liability.... Because the interests of the insurer are wholly adverse to those of its insured as to every facet of a claim under the uninsured motorist provision of the policy, no basis for a fiduciary relationship between the parties exists.

Totality of the Circumstances Standard, Not "Fairly Debatable Standard," Applies to Bad Faith

We next address State Farm's contention that the trial judge should have directed a verdict in its favor because, under the "fairly debatable" standard, there was no bad faith as a matter of law. Alternatively, State Farm argues that the jury's verdict was contrary to the manifest weight of the evidence. Under the "fairly debatable" standard, a claim for bad faith can succeed only if the plaintiff can show the absence of a reasonable basis for denying the claim. *Anderson v. Continental Ins. Co.,* 85 Wis.2d 675, 271 N.W.2d 368 (1978). To date, no Florida court has specifically adopted the "fairly debatable" standard in bad faith actions. *Robinson v. State Farm Fire & Casualty Co.,* 583 So.2d 1063 (Fla. 5th DCA 1991). Moreover, the approach by Florida courts in bad faith actions has been described as "unsettled." *Id.* at 1067–68. One federal district court has expressly applied the "fairly debatable" standard to a Florida action but did so based on its use in other jurisdictions. *See Reliance Ins. Co. v. Barile Excavating & Pipeline Co.,* 685 F.Supp. 839 (M.D.Fla.1988). Florida differs, however, from most jurisdictions given that first-party bad faith actions are actionable only under section 624.155 and not the common law. Henderson, *supra,* 26 U.Mich.J.L.Ref. at 27–30. Additionally, as previously discussed, section 624.155 provides remedies for *both* first- and third-party causes of actions. Section 624.155 provides that an insurer has acted in bad faith if it has "[n]ot attempt[ed] in good faith to settle claims when, under all the circumstances, it could and should have done so, had it acted fairly and honestly toward its insured and with due regard for [the insured's] interest." § 624.155(1)(b) 1. Because this specific standard is set forth in section 624.155, we find it unnecessary and inappropriate to apply the "fairly debatable" standard to bad faith actions in Florida.

Farinas v. Florida Farm Bureau General Ins. Co., 850 So.2d 555 (Fla. 4th DCA 2003)

We are confronted with three questions: 1) what was Farm Bureau's good-faith duty to the insured, the Copertinos, in a multiple claimant situation, 2) did Farm Bureau meet that duty and 3) are there any remaining issues of fact for a jury to determine.

Obligation of Insurer in Handling Settlement of Multiple Competing Claims

On their faces, *Boston Old Colony* and related cases seem irreconcilably opposed to *Harmon. Boston Old Colony* provides that an insurer must conduct a full investigation of all competing claims

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arising out of an accident before endeavoring to settle any one individual claim, while keeping the insured informed at all junctures of the process. *Harmon* provides that an insurer may pick and choose which claims to settle based on any strategy it deems expedient, as long as those choices are reasonable. The trial court in the present case believes that it can decide which of these standards to apply. However, this is not the case, because the two cases are capable of harmonization.

Boston Old Colony and *Harmon* provide a general rule and a more specific application of that rule. The rule in *Boston Old Colony* sets a standard applicable in all automobile insurance bad faith cases, regardless of the factual circumstances and legal nuances of the cases. The *Harmon* rule focuses on the standard in scenarios with multiple competing claims. Therefore, the *Boston Old Colony* standard applies to all Florida cases alleging insurer bad faith, and *Harmon* applies to the subset of those cases involving multiple competing claims. Under this rationale, the present case is subject to both standards.

Farm Bureau was required by *Boston Old Colony* to fully investigate all the claims at hand to determine how to best limit the insured's liability. Additionally, based on *Davis,* Farm Bureau should have sought to settle as many claims as possible within the policy limits. Finally, based on *Shuster,* Farm Bureau had the duty to avoid indiscriminately settling selected claims and leaving the insured at risk of excess judgments that could have been minimized by wiser settlement practice. Whether Farm Bureau satisfied each of these requirements, are questions for a jury to decide.

Farm Bureau's good faith duty to the insured requires it to fully investigate all claims arising from a multiple claim accident, keep the insured informed of the claim resolution process, and minimize the magnitude of possible excess judgments against the insured by reasoned claim settlement. This does not mean that Farm Bureau has no discretion in how it elects to settle claims, and may even choose to settle certain claims to the exclusion of others, provided this decision is reasonable and in keeping with its good faith duty. Second, whether Farm Bureau has met its good faith duty and undertaken a reasonable claims settlement strategy are questions for a jury to decide. Consequently, in answer to the third question, there are many factual issues for the jury to resolve, including whether Farm Bureau's quick settlement with three of the possible claimants was reasonable, whether Farm Bureau's rejection of global and other settlement options contemplated the best interests of the insured, whether Farm Bureau adequately investigated the facts of all of the claims, and whether Farm Bureau properly rejected advice of legal counsel and suggested settlement strategies proposed by Farm Bureau employees.

Berges v. Infinity Ins. Co., 896 So.2d 665 (Fla. 2004)

Bad Faith is Generally a Jury Question

The First District's reasoning in *Grounds* is more consistent with insurance bad faith law, which generally reserves the question of bad faith for the jury. *See Gutierrez,* 386 So.2d at 785 ("The question of failure to act in good faith with due regard for the interests of the insured is ***673*** for the jury."); *see also Campbell v. Gov't Employees Ins. Co.,* 306 So.2d 525, 530–31 (Fla.1974) ("[R]easonable diligence and ordinary care [are] material in determining bad faith. Traditionally, reasonable diligence and ordinary care are considerations of fact—not of law.").

In Florida, the question of whether an insurer has acted in bad faith in handling claims against the insured is determined under the "totality of the circumstances" standard. *See State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Laforet,* 658 So.2d 55, 63 (Fla.1995). Each case is determined on its own facts and ordinarily "[t]he question of failure to act in good faith with due regard for the interests of the insured is for the jury." *Gutierrez,* 386 So.2d at 785; *see also Campbell,* 306 So.2d at 530–31 ("[R]easonable

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diligence and ordinary care [are] material in determining bad faith. Traditionally, reasonable diligence and ordinary care are considerations of fact—not of law.").

Duty to Inform the Insured of Settlement Offers

The duty to inform the insured of settlement opportunities is one of the duties subsumed within the duty of good faith owed by an insurer to an insured. The failure to inform the insured of the settlement offer does not automatically establish bad faith; it is simply one factor for the jury to consider in determining whether the insurer acted in bad faith. *See id.* at 14 (concluding that the "lack of a formal offer to settle does not preclude a finding of bad faith," but is merely one factor to be considered by the jury); *Gen. Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corp. v. Am. Cas. Co.,* 390 So.2d 761, 765 (Fla. 3d DCA 1980) (same).

Dissent

I recognize that since this Court's decision in *Boston Old Colony Insurance Co. v. Gutierrez,* 386 So.2d 783 (Fla.1980), bad faith claims against liability insurers have served a useful role in the regulation of Florida's insurers. I know that there are real incidents of bad faith conduct on the part of insurers in the handling of insurance claims, which are deservedly a basis for bad faith damages. In other words, there is a place for a remedy against insurers that in real situations act in actual bad faith.

On the other hand, I must also recognize that there are strategies which have developed in the pursuit of insurance claims which are employed to create bad faith claims against insurers when, after an objective, advised view of the insurer's claims handling, bad faith did not occur. This is a strategy which consists of setting artificial deadlines for claims payments and the withdrawal of settlement offers when the artificial deadline is not met. The goal of this strategy is to convert a policy purchased by the insured which has low limits of insurance into unlimited insurance coverage.[11]

It is my conclusion that this strategy is what was employed in this case and is the basis of this case. I cannot join in the majority's approval of what I conclude is a created—rather than a real—bad faith claim. Perpetuating this kind of bad faith action is not only wrong on the basis of the claims handling facts in this particular case but is greatly detrimental to Florida's liability insurance consumers because of the increases in their insurance costs.

I conclude that what is needed are express guidelines which include set time periods in which all insurers must presumptively make decisions on claims and issue payments. The guidelines should set out the conditions for payments such as for the appointment of guardians. There is also a need for defined penalties for failure to meet these time requirements rather than limitless insurance. In view of this ***687** decision, I regret that there appears to be no alternative but that the guidelines will have to be mandated by statute.

Allstate Indem. Co. v. Ruiz, 899 So.2d 1121 (Fla. 2005)

Discovery in First-Party Claims Under 624.155, F.S., is the Same as Under Thrid-Party Claims

Consistent with the analysis outlined, we hold that in connection with evaluating the obligation to process claims in good faith under section 624.155, all materials, ***1130** including documents, memoranda, and letters, contained in the underlying claim and related litigation file material that was created up to and including the date of resolution of the underlying disputed matter and pertain in any way to coverage, benefits, liability, or damages, should also be produced in a first-party bad faith action. Further, all such materials prepared after the resolution of the underlying disputed matter and

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initiation of the bad faith action may be subject to production upon a showing of good cause or pursuant to an order of the court following an in-camera inspection. *See* Fla. R. Civ. Pro. 1.280(b), 1.350; *Fla. Farm Bureau Gen. Ins. Co. v. Copertino,* 810 So.2d 1076, 1079 (Fla. 4th DCA 2002). However, we caution that where the coverage and bad faith actions are initiated simultaneously, the courts should employ existing tools, such as the abatement of actions and in-camera inspection, to ensure full and fair discovery in both causes of action.[3] In no event should parties be permitted to undermine the plain meaning, spirit, and intent of the Legislature's mandate or this pronouncement by attempting to shield documents that pertain to the processing or litigation of the underlying claim by merely asserting that such documents were prepared in anticipation of litigation of the bad faith action. Obviously, files are opened routinely in the insurance business when claims are presented and that type of material should contain an accurate record of the manner in which the matter has been processed. In the same vein, litigants who choose to file both actions simultaneously must recognize that certain documentation relevant to the bad faith action may not be available for discovery until after resolution of the underlying matter. *See Old Republic Nat'l Title Ins. Co. v. HomeAmerican Credit, Inc.,* 844 So.2d 818, 819 (Fla. 5th DCA 2003) (holding that a party is not entitled to discovery of an insurer's claim file in an action for insurance benefits combined with bad faith until the insurer's obligation to provide coverage has been established); *Allstate Ins. Co. v. Shupack,* 335 So.2d 620, 621 (Fla. 3d DCA 1976) (same). However, when the underlying claim for benefits has been resolved, all files pertaining to the underlying dispute which produced the alleged bad faith are discoverable as in traditional common law third-party bad faith cases for failure to settle third-party claims.

Macola v. Government Employees Ins. Co., **953 So.2d 451 (Fla. 2006)**

The Tender of Policy Limits in Response to a Civil Remedy Notice Does Not Preclude a Common Law Bad Faith Action

We have for review two questions of Florida law certified by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.[1] Because both appellants have filed only common law third-party bad faith causes of action, we rephrase the certified questions into a single question:

DOES THE TENDERING OF THE POLICY LIMITS BY AN INSURER IN RESPONSE TO THE FILING OF A CIVIL REMEDY NOTICE UNDER SECTION 624.155, FLORIDA STATUTES (2005), BY THE INSURED AFTER THE INITIATION OF A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE INSURED BUT BEFORE ENTRY OF AN EXCESS JUDGMENT PRECLUDE A COMMON LAW BAD FAITH CAUSE OF ACTION BY THE INSURED AND INJURED THIRD PARTIES?

For the reasons that follow, we answer the rephrased certified question in the negative.[2]
…

Regarding section 624.155(3)(d), we clearly delineated the effect of this cure provision on a first-party action for bad faith in *Talat.* Because a cause of action for extracontractual damages for first-party bad faith was unavailable under the common law, we strictly construed the civil remedy statute and held that the tender of the policy limits within the sixty-day period cured any alleged violation of subsection (1)(b)(1).*See Talat,* 753 So.2d at 1283–84. We explained that the only remedy was statutory and that the statute conditioned the remedy on notice by the insured and failure by the insurer to pay the damages within the cure period. *See id.* In other words, in the first-party context, "[t]he statutory cause of action for extra-contractual damages simply never comes into existence until expiration of the sixty-day window without the payment of the damages owed under the contract." *Id.* at 1284.

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We have never construed the cure provision in the context of a third-party bad faith action. And, the difference between first-party and third-party bad faith causes of action is critical. As we recently explained in *Ruiz,* a third-party bad faith cause of action arises when the insurer fails to act in good faith in handling a claim brought by a third party against an insured, whereas a first-party bad faith cause of action arises when an insurer fails to act in good faith in the processing of the insured's own first-party claim. *See* 899 So.2d at 1125. Although section 624.155 is in derogation of the common law with respect to first-party bad faith, the statute codifies the common law with respect to third-party bad faith. *Compare Talat,* 753 So.2d at 1283 ("[T]he civil remedy provided in subdivision (1)(b)1 was not in existence for first-party insureds before the adoption of the civil remedy statute."), *with Zebrowski,* 706 So.2d at 277 ("[T]he ***458** enactment of section 624.155(1)(b)(1) had the effect of codifying *Thompson* ... and *Cope* ...."). Thus, the premise for our decision in *Talat*—that the insured had no remedy without the statute—does not apply to third-party actions.

Further, "the essence of a third-party bad faith cause of action is to remedy a situation in which an insured is exposed to an excess judgment because of the insurer's failure to properly or promptly defend the claim." *Cunningham v. Standard Guar. Ins. Co.,* 630 So.2d 179, 181 (Fla.1994) (citing *Cope,* 462 So.2d at 460). Accordingly, where the underlying tort action against the insured no longer exists, either because the injured party has released the insured from liability or the underlying judgment has been satisfied, the cause of action for third-party bad faith no longer exists. *Id.* However, the tender of the policy limits to the insured when the underlying tort action is still pending does not eliminate the underlying tort action or the insured's exposure to an excess verdict. Thus, interpreting section 624.155(3)(d) to allow the tender of the policy limits after the time period to settle has expired to preclude a common law cause of action for third-party bad faith puts the insured in a worse position than he or she would have been in had the Legislature not enacted section 624.155. This result would be inconsistent with the plain language of section 624.155(8) that the civil remedy statute "does not preempt any other remedy or cause of action provided for pursuant to ... the common law of this state."

Perera v. U.S. Fidelity and Guar. Co., 35 So.3d 893 (Fla. 2010)

Although an excess judgment is not always a prerequisite to bringing a bad-faith claim, the existence of a causal connection is a prerequisite-in other words, the claimed damages must be caused by the bad faith.

Harvey v. GEICO General Ins. Co., 259 So.3d 1 (Fla 2018).

Summary of Good Faith Duty

Almost four decades ago, we explained the law of bad faith and the good faith duty insurers owe to their insureds in handling their claims, which still holds true today. *See Boston Old Colony,* 386 So.2d at 785. We explained that "in handling the defense of claims against its insured," the insurer "has a duty to use the same degree of care and diligence as a person of ordinary care and prudence should exercise in the management of his own business." *Id.* This duty arises from the nature of the insurer's role in handling the claim on the insured's behalf—because the insured "has surrendered to the insurer all control over the handling of the claim, including all decisions with regard to litigation and settlement, then the insurer must assume a duty to exercise such control and make such decisions in good faith and with due regard for the interests of the insured." *Id.* We explained in great detail what this duty requires of insurers:

> This good faith duty obligates the insurer to advise the insured of settlement opportunities, to advise as to the probable outcome of the litigation, to warn of ***7** the possibility of an excess judgment, and to advise the insured of any steps he might

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> take to avoid same. The insurer must investigate the facts, give fair consideration to a settlement offer that is not unreasonable under the facts, and settle, if possible, where a reasonably prudent person, faced with the prospect of paying the total recovery, would do so. Because the duty of good faith involves diligence and care in the investigation and evaluation of the claim against the insured, negligence is relevant to the question of good faith.

We reaffirmed this duty insurers owe to their insureds in *Berges*, stating that the insurer "owe[s] a fiduciary duty to act in [the insured's] best interests." 896 So.2d at 677. Indeed, "this is what the insured expects when paying premiums." *Id.* at 683.

5678The obligations set forth in *Boston Old Colony* are not a mere checklist. An insurer is not absolved of liability simply because it advises its insured of settlement opportunities, the probable outcome of the litigation, and the possibility of an excess judgment. Rather, the critical inquiry in a bad faith is whether the insurer diligently, and with the same haste and precision as if it were in the insured's shoes, worked on the insured's behalf to avoid an excess judgment. "[T]he question of whether an insurer has acted in bad faith in handling claims against the insured is determined under the 'totality of the circumstances' standard." *Id.* at 680. Further, it is for the jury to decide whether the insurer failed to "act in good faith with due regard for the interests of the insured." *Boston Old Colony*, 386 So.2d at 785. This Court will not reverse a jury's finding of bad faith where it is supported by competent, substantial evidence, as "it is not the function of [the appellate court] to substitute its judgment for the trier of fact." *Berges*, 896 So.2d at 680.

Insurer's Duty to Initiate Settlement Negotiations

In a case "[w]here liability is clear, and injuries so serious that a judgment in excess of the policy limits is likely, an insurer has an affirmative duty to initiate settlement negotiations." *Powell v. Prudential Prop. & Cas. Ins. Co.*, 584 So.2d 12, 14 (Fla. 3d DCA 1991). In such a case, where "[t]he financial exposure to [the insured] [i]s a ticking financial time bomb" and "[s]uit c[an] be filed at any time," any "delay in making an offer under the circumstances of this case even where there was no assurance that the claim could be settled could be viewed by a fact finder as evidence of bad faith." *Goheagan v. Am. Vehicle Ins. Co.*, 107 So.3d 433, 439 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012) (citing *Boston Old Colony*, 386 So.2d at 785).

Causation

The damages claimed by an insured in a bad faith case "must be caused by the insurer's bad faith." *Perera v. U.S. Fidelity & Guar. Co.*, 35 So.3d 893, 902 (Fla. 2010). However, "the focus in a bad faith case is not on the actions of the claimant but rather on those of the insurer in fulfilling its obligations to the insured." *Berges*, 896 So.2d at 677.

While this Court has stated that "there must be a causal connection between the damages claimed and the insurer's bad faith," *Perera*, 35 So.3d at 902, this Court has never held or even suggested that an insured's actions can let the insurer off the hook when the evidence clearly establishes that the insurer acted in bad faith in handling the insured's claim. In fact, the standard jury instructions on legal cause in a bad faith case belies the Fourth District's conclusion that where the insured's own actions, even "in part" cause the judgment, the insurer cannot be found liable for bad faith. Indeed, the standard legal cause instruction states:

> Bad faith conduct is a legal cause of [loss] [damage] [or] [harm] if it directly and in natural and continuous sequence produces or contributes substantially to producing such [loss] [damage] [or] [harm], so that it can reasonably be said that, but for the bad faith conduct, the [loss] [damage] [or] [harm]would not have occurred.

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Fla. Std. Jury Instr. (Civ.) 404.6(a). Nowhere in this instruction does it state that an insurer can escape liability merely because the insured's actions could have contributed to the excess judgment.[3]

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Way to go on the bill for motor vehicle safety. This bill has been stalled for many years and thank you so much for getting this through.

Mr. Dale

Stay safe

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To All Legislative Members: This request is pending approval by the Executive Office of the Governor and is now in Legislative Consultation. It will be implemented at the end of the consultation period on 2/17/2021 if no formal objection is filed, pursuant to Chapter 216.177 F.S.

Budget Amendment Request #: B0470
Requested by: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Problem Statement:

This amendment requests the transfer of $69,232 of budget authority from the Expense category to the Acquisition of Motor Vehicle category in the General Inspection Trust Fund to purchase two 2021 Police Package Dodge Chargers with the necessary police sirens and other law Enforcement equipment. The requested vehicles will both replace 2007 Ford Crown Victorias involved in separate accidents resulting in total losses. These

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are pursuit vehicles stationed and used at interdiction stations, and the Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement (OALE) does not have sufficient fleet to replace the station vehicles, currently resulting in fewer vehicles available for front-line agricultural law enforcement needs. Because of the immediate need to replace the two totaled vehicles, we are requesting full release of the transferred appropriation in order to procure vehicles immediately. The Expense appropriation is fully released at this time.

On July 21, 2020, our Officer was in route to her assigned duty station, driving vehicle ACS-28476 when she was involved in a single-car accident. The Officer was in Georgia, travelling north on GA 23 and negotiating a left-hand curve when the vehicle began to skid. The front and right side of the vehicle struck several small trees before overturning and landing on its roof in the west ditch of GA 23.

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This Police Pursuit vehicle has been deemed a total loss. It has 139,470 miles and is 13 years old. The Kelly Blue Book value is between $378 and $805 and therefore meets the DMS criteria for replacement. The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement received approval from DMS to dispose of the vehicle.

On September 17, 2020, one of our officers was involved in an accident in Duval County while working an off-duty traffic control detail using ACS-28755. The Officer was stationary in the outside travel lane on I-295, which was closed and blocked off with construction barrels. She then proceeded through the construction barrels and entered the southbound travel lane. A vehicle traveling south in the inside lane struck the left rear of the police vehicle. Lowest repair estimate was $5,502, while the Kelly Blue Book value is between $150 and $474. This Police Pursuit vehicle has

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198,911 miles and is 13 years old and we have received approval from DMS to dispose of the vehicle.

Agency Request:
The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement was not appropriated any budget authority in the Acquisition of Motor Vehicle Category for FY 2020-21. This request is to transfer authority from the Expense Category to the Acquisition of Motor Vehicle Category in order to purchase two 2021 Police Package Dodge Chargers and the necessary police sirens, lights and other police equipment. The new vehicles will replace two totaled 2007 Ford Crown Victorias. The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement has sufficient Expense authority to cover this transfer and these vehicles are needed to perform our mission.

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Budget Amendment Request #: B0489
Requested by: Department of Financial Services

Problem Statement:

The Division of Risk Management manages workers' compensation claims, employment discrimination and civil rights claims, property claims, and general liability and automobile liability claims for the state, including claims for bodily injury, property damage, or death resulting from negligence of a state employee conducting state business or while driving

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a vehicle. The Division utilizes an insurance management system to manage claims. Utilization of this system requires an annual payment for licenses, hosting services, and file storage. The payment is invoiced and paid in January/February each year.

The Division utilizes the budget authority in the Risk Management Information Claims System category to make the annual payment. The Division has received an invoice form the vendor for $552,257 and payment is needed by the first of February. In addition, the Division has also received an invoice for $8,558.75 for the first and second notice of injury transactions for the first four months. The current release of 456,366 is insufficient to pay the current invoices. In order to pay these invoices and to cover an additional $45,841.25 in invoices expected, the Division is requesting early release for the 4th

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quarter. The release request of 152,118 from the State Risk Management Trust Fund, represents the calculated 4th quarter release with the holdback. This request keeps 6% of the original appropriation unreleased in accordance with the current release plan.

Agency Request:
The Division of Risk Management request release of 152,118 in the Risk Management Information Claims System category within the State Risk Management Trust Fund in the State Self Insured Claims Adjustment budget entity. This release request represents the calculated 4th quarter release with the holdback. This request keeps 6% of the original appropriation unreleased in accordance with the current release plan.

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Subject: A Constitutional Minute Week of 24 January 2021

To the Sovereigns of Florida:

As an aside, this is our third Constitutional Minute – we will provide a link to where these are posted in the near future.

An "**INVASION**" is defined as:

- An instance of invading a country or region
- An incursion by a large number of people
- An unwelcome intrusion into another's domain

The Constitution states in Article IV Section 4: "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union, a republican form of government, **and shall protect each of them against INVASION**." Regardless of how the average person defines an invasion today, an excess of 100,000 foreigners from one country, deliberately violating our laws to gain entry into our nation every year is irrefutably tantamount to an **INVADING** political or social force.

- When illegal aliens get involved in our political process to:
- Vote
- Demand representation
- Politically protest
- Or try to participate in our political processes

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Then they become political combatants as an invading force, and are actively working to undermine our laws and government.

In addition to the protection from INVASION, the Constitution also requires Congress to exercise the power "To establish an uniform rule of naturalization… throughout the United States." A "uniform rule of naturalization" does not include giving a race, culture, or an age group preferential treatment over any other immigrant. Uniformity means all immigrants have equal opportunity to immigrate and that the same entrance criteria are applied to all. The truth is there are over ten Million of INVADERS in America today and according to Yale and MIT the place the number well above TWENTY million illegal aliens. Information about the Yale/MIT study can be found here: https://thehill.com/latino/407848-yale-mit-study-22-million-not-11-million-undocumented-immigrants-in-us

Even more important - the Constitution also requires: that ALL "senators and representatives… and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states, shall be bound by oath or affirmation, to support this constitution." This means our public servants are required to "support" the Constitution and "protect" each State from INVASION by ensuring an INVASION of foreigners for social, military, or political purposes is "REPELLED."

When public servants give aid or comfort to those violating the Constitution, or acting with the intent to violate its laws, then these public servants are acting as subversives against the Constitution and deliberately rebelling against the Constitution and laws in pursuance thereof – in essence, committing moral perjury. The framers placed several checks and balances into the Constitution. One such check in the Constitution was requiring all public servants federal and state be bound by a "legal" oath of office. The oath of office was to ensure our public servants would be legally bound to support the Constitution and not bound to support a person, the government itself, or a Party.

After the Civil War, Congress recognized that the oath of office, as well as simply depending upon the honor and character of a person was inadequate. Congress felt the Constitution needed greater teeth to regulate the behavior of ALL public servants both federal and state. This is why Section 3 was added to the 14th Amendment – to protect the Constitution from future rebellious public servants. During the debates in Congress Section 3 was well-defined that a public servant who violates their oath of office would be deemed as "moral perjury." If a public servant commits moral perjury at any level of government they would be violating their oath of office which they are bound to uphold. Therefore, according to Section 3 of the 14th Amendment public servants committing moral perjury would no longer be "qualified" to hold a public office.

This loss of qualification means they must be immediately removed from office and banned from holding any public office for the remainder of their lives. Just like impeachment, this is neither a criminal punishment nor a court process. The Public Servant is deemed no longer qualified to hold office. Public servants who blatantly violate their oath to not "support" the Constitution but support those rebelling against the Constitution are committing "moral perjury."

Supporting the Constitution obligates public servants to perform duties such as protecting each State from INVASION. Consequently, when a member of Congress fails to protect the States from an invasion – this is directly violating their oath by protecting those who are violating our laws; furthermore, when elected officials offering preferential treatment to a certain group of illegal aliens they are also violating the Constitutions "uniform rule of naturalization." Obviously Section 3 is being ignored. If we are to preserve our laws and Constitution we must demand full compliance to the Constitution. Since elected officials have not been inclined to enforce Section 3 at the federal level, then the enforcement must start with the State Legislative bodies.

State Legislators, County Commissioners or Supervisors, Sheriffs and Coroners have the authority to call for Common Law Grand Juries which are capable of enforcing Section 3. Until we use the teeth in the Constitution to remove those deliberately violating the Constitution this problem of non-compliance will continue to get worse.

More importantly, the new Biden Administration is planning on violating the Constitution by no protecting the States from this invasion and is asking Congress to legalize more than ten million invaders. The States must act in every capacity, using the Attorney Generals to sue the Biden Administration and removing members of Congress who openly support and call for violating the Constitution; thus, committing moral perjury.

Best Regards

G. R. Mobley

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From: Burgess, Danny
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 4:18 PM EST
To: Steinbaugh, India <Steinbaugh.India@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Accepted: Conference Call RE: Motor Vehicle Insurance

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From: Burgess, Danny
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 5:24 PM EST
To: Steinbaugh, India <Steinbaugh.India@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Accepted: Conference Call RE: Motor Vehicle Insurance

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From: Burgess, Danny
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:49 PM EST
To: Steinbaugh, India <Steinbaugh.India@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Accepted: HOLD: Conference Call with President Simpson, Senator Passidomo, Senator Burgess, and Staff RE: Amendments to SB 54 Motor Vehicle Insurance

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Brown, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:57 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Accepted: Meeting with Lauren Jones (Brief SB 484)

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From: Gerson, Maggie <Gerson.Maggie@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 1:56 PM EST
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: ACLU

Hey Meagan,

Below is the link to the article Senator Pizzo provided Senator Burgess.

https://www.aclufl.org/en/written-testimony-oppose-hb-1-and-sb-484-anti-protest-bill

Thanks,
Maggie

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From: Knudson, James <KNUDSON.JAMES@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 3:46 PM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>; Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Bad Faith Talking Points
Attachment(s): "Burgess Bad Faith Talking Points.docx"

Per your request, please see the attached.

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Create a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

SB 54 creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance. Policyholders will benefit because the bill requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.

The bill will prevent settlement negotiations where parties try to hide information or place unduly short timeframes on settlement offers. An insurer should only be found in bad faith for failing to settle a claim if the claimant was actually willing to settle and placed reasonable conditions on settlement. Thus, the bill establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:

- Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
- State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
- Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and the amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
- Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed the insured's policy limit.
- Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
- Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of the demand and the ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.

Naturally, a claimant deserves to know whether recovery from an insured's assets is possible before agreeing to a settlement within the insurance policy limits. The bill will allow the claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a 2 hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets.

- The bad faith claimant may withdraw the demand for settlement after the EUO. This is only fair because claimants should not and cannot be forced to settle within policy limits.
- The bill requires the insured to cooperate with the claimant and submit to the EUO. If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, the insurer may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.

The provisions of the bill regarding settlement will show whether an insurer truly refused a settlement offer. If so, then that insurer may have engaged in bad faith. If, however, an insurer is willing to offer its policy limits in return for a waiver of liability for its insured, it is obvious that the insurer was willing to do what is within its power to shield its insured from damages above the insurance policy. Policyholders will benefit because their insurer is incentivized to try and settle for policy limits when appropriate. Further, eliminating large bad faith awards in certain circumstances will create less pressure to settle non-meritorious claims and should lower rates.

The key question in a bad faith failure to settle case is whether the insurer failed to settle when it could and should have done so. If an insurer proves they were willing to settle and

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tender policy limits, then the insurer hasn't acted in bad faith in refusing to settle. Accordingly, the bill provides a safe harbor to the insurer in third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., providing that an insurer is not liable for bad faith if it tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a demand for settlement.

Bad faith claims should consider not only the insurer's actions and omissions, but also the behavior of all the various parties to the lawsuit, because those are relevant regarding whether the fact a settlement didn't occur is because of the insurer, or whether other parties' actions were the cause. The bill requires the trier of fact, when determining if an insurer in bad faith failed to settle, to consider certain actions of the insurer such as compliance with best practices along with certain actions of the insured and claimant.

The bill also prohibits punitive damages in a bad faith failure to settle action. A bad faith action provides strong punishment for an insurer's bad behavior The bad faith action itself provides extra-contractual damages that can range into the tens-of-millions of dollars. Given that fact, punitive damages are unnecessary.

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From: Ida Eskamani <ida.eskamani@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:17 PM EST
To: Ida Eskamani <ida.eskamani@gmail.com>
Subject: Black History Month, Right to Protest & Our Opposition to HB 1 / SB 484
Attachment(s): "ACLU of Florida Opposition to HB 1-SB 484.pdf"

Good Evening Members & Staff,

I hope this message finds you well! On behalf of Florida Rising and on the eve of Black History Month, I wanted to take a moment to share resources with you in our continued opposition to HB 1 / SB 484, along with one of many examples of historic acts of nonviolent civil disobedience this legislation will silence.

An overview of last week's first committee hearing islinked here. The bill has found opposition from racial justice advocates, public defenders, law enforcement, faith leaders, and even Ariana Grande. Attached is a 2-pager by the ACLU which provides a summary of the legislation.

Pictured: Protesters attempt to block the delivery of toxic PCB waste to a landfill in Warren County, N.C., in 1982. It was in response to the state's decision to locate a hazardous waste landfill in a low-income, predominantly Black area of Warren County that the term "environmental racism" was first used by the Rev. Ben Chavis. Read more here.

"A white man pulled a gun at a Florida protest. Black men took the blame". In the Tampa Bay Times story, a woman tells drivers of Black Lives Matter protestors **"You can run them over. DeSantis said so!"** This bill does not include the stand your ground expansion the Governor originally supported, but it does **allow a counter-protester to escape civil liability for injuring or killing a protester with their car, with a gun, or by any other means.**

- A poll released last week found that of all tested issues, “protecting our constitutional right to free assembly and free speech” was rated as the most important, with 71% saying it was “extremely important.” 71% of Democrats and 74% of Republicans placed it in the “extremely important” category.
- Linked here is a 2020 study by the Economic Policy Institute, which details the prevalence of preemption in the South, and how it is embedded in a racist history.

As always, if you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out.

Warmest,

-Ida

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ACLU Florida

OPPOSE SB 484/HB 1 - Punishing Racial Justice Protesters Act (Anti-Protest Act)

The ACLU of Florida opposes this bill because it is designed to further silence, punish, and criminalize those advocating for racial justice and an end to law enforcement's excessive use of force against Black and brown people.

The Bill is Intended to Silence Dissent and Punish Protesters Seeking Justice For Police Brutality

SB 484(Sen. Burgess)/HB 1(Rep. Fernandez-Barquin) was originally proposed last September by Governor Ron DeSantis to crack down on racial justice protests in the wake of George Floyd's murder. This bill attacks our free speech rights, intentionally chilling the act of protesting by threatening overly harsh criminal penalties that will be imposed disproportionately on people of color. Florida law enforcement officers and our criminal legal system do not need harsher penalties to be misapplied against Black and brown communities exercising their First Amendment rights.

The Bill is Overbroad and Vague and Will Chill Speech and Assembly

Vague and overly broad key definitions in this bill unconstitutionally threaten our First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly. For example, a new overly broad definition of "riot" would allow for the arrest and charge of a third-degree felony based on the riotous conduct of others, even though the individual arrested was lawfully exercising their First Amendment rights and did not engage in any violent and disorderly acts.

The Bill is Contrary to Criminal Justice Reform Efforts

This bill would result in more people, primarily Black and brown individuals, being incarcerated in jails and prisons for longer periods of time. By harshly increasing penalties and prison sentence lengths, creating brand new felonies, and deeming misdemeanors to be felonies resulting in felony disenfranchisement and all the collateral consequences of felony convictions (loss of voting rights, barriers to employment, education, and housing), this heavy-handed bill will exacerbate our overly high incarceration rates and undermine our criminal justice reform efforts.

The Bill is Unnecessary: Florida Statutes Already Criminalize Violence and Destruction of Property

This bill is entirely unnecessary. Current Florida law already criminalizes unlawful assembly, violence, property damage, traffic violations, violence directed at law enforcement, riots and sedition. Florida has more than enough laws currently on the books that punish the behaviors described in SB 484/HB 1. In addition to the above, Chapter 876, Florida Statutes, "Criminal Anarchy, Treason, and Other Crimes Against Public Disorder" provide law enforcement with an entirely separate arsenal to punish those who seek to violently overthrow our government. While the Governor is disengously trying to "rebrand" this bill as necessary in light of the attempted violent white-supremacist coup on our nation's Capitol, tellingly, this bill does not even mention Chapter 876.

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The Bill Protects Confederate Monuments

Further evidencing the bill's intent to punish those calling for racial justice, the bill seeks to protect confederate monuments by creating a new second degree felony offense, punished by up to 15 years imprisonment, for pulling down or destroying 'memorials' that honor or recount "the military service of any past or present United States Armed Forces military personnel," or public service of a resident of the United States. Current statutes already protect against damage to property; the purpose of this bill is to elevate the protection of confederate monuments and harshly criminalize and disenfranchise those who seek their removal.

The Bill Prohibits Release Until First Appearance for Individuals Exercising Their First Amendment Rights

Throughout the bill, there are several offenses that would no longer be eligible for release on bail prior to first appearance. These "no release until first appearance" provisions require individuals to be held in custody beyond that which is currently required by law. Most outrageously, under SB 484/HB 1, individuals arrested for the minor offense of unlawful assembly "shall be held in custody until brought before the court for admittance to bail." Thus, under this bill, anyone peacefully protesting should be prepared to spend the night in jail.

The Bill Usurps Local Control of Policing Decisions and Waives Sovereign Immunity

The bill allows the Governor, with the Cabinet, to reject and amend any city budget. This provision will require the municipality to spend taxpayer and staff resources to defend any appeal that is brought by any resident with regard to any amount of reduction in funding. Given the economic realities stemming from COVID, municipalities need flexibility within their budget to address public health and safety.

It also waives sovereign immunity for municipalities, allowing individuals to bring civil lawsuits against municipalities *for any amount of damages* for personal injury, wrongful death or property damage based on an after-the-fact determination of whether law enforcement's response to the unlawful assembly or riot was reasonable. Under current law, damages against municipalities are typically capped at $200,000, this bill would make municipalities liable for unlimited amounts of damages.

The Bill Will Increase Violence Against Protesters

The bill will embolden and encourage violence against protesters peacefully exercising their First Amendment rights by allowing a counter-protester to escape civil liability for injuring or killing a protester with their car, with a gun, or by any other means.

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From: Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 11:42 AM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: call with Sen. Burgess

Natalie---hope all is well with you. Glad to see that you have joined the Burgess Team! He is a GREAT guy. I would like to schedule a short call with Sen. Burgess to discuss legislation to protect veteran's monuments and graves.

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From: Jake <jake@flanews.com>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 11:32 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Cap News Interview Request

Hey just following up on this. Is it looking like we may be able to set something up?

-Jake

On Jan 8, 2021, at 9:36 AM, Jake <jake@flanews.com> wrote:

Hello and good morning all,

This is Jake Stofan with Capitol News Service in Tallahassee. I'm doing a story today on Senator Burgess' Combating Public Disorder bill and was curious if he might have a few minutes to do a zoom interview before 1 pm on it?

Feel free to call/text or email back to coordinate.

Thanks!

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Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 9:33 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
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From: NOREPLY_RequestMessage@flsen.gov <NOREPLY_RequestMessage@flsen.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 8:28 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
CC: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>; Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>; Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>; Senate Bill Filing <SenateBillFiling@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Co-introducer Request

Senator Dennis Baxley (12) requests to be made co-introducer of SB 484.

Go to the Leagis Portal to manage all co-introducer requests.

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From: Green, Sheri <GREEN.SHERI@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:50 PM EST
To: Letarte, Christie <LETARTE.CHRISTIE@flsenate.gov>; Senate Committee - Banking and Insurance <SenateCommittee-BankingandInsurance@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 01 (Broxson) <SenateDistrict01Broxson@leg.state.fl.us>; Senate District 13 (Stewart) <SenateDistrict13Stewart@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 19 (Rouson) <SenateDistrict19Rouson@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 20 (Burgess) <SenateDistrict20Burgess@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 21 (Boyd) <SenateDistrict21Boyd@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 22 (Stargel) <SenateDistrict22Stargel@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 23 (Gruters) <SenateDistrict23Gruters@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 24 (Brandes) <SenateDistrict24Brandes@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 27 (Rodrigues) <SenateDistrict27Rodrigues@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 28 (Passidomo) <SenateDistrict28Passidomo@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 33 (Thurston) <SenateDistrict33Thurston@flsenate.gov>; Senate District 40 (Taddeo) <SenateDistrict40Taddeo@flsenate.gov>; Senate E-Packet <SenateE-Packet@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Committee Meeting Notice: BI 1/26/21 3:30pm
Attachment(s): "tmp2515.PDF"

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The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

BANKING AND INSURANCE
Senator Boyd, Chair
Senator Broxson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2021
TIME: 3:30—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room,* 412 Knott Building

AMENDMENT DEADLINE: The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Monday, January 25, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

MEMBERS: Senator Boyd, Chair; Senator Broxson, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Burgess, Gruters, Passidomo, Rodrigues, Rouson, Stargel, Stewart, Taddeo, and Thurston

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SB 54 by Burgess—Motor Vehicle Insurance

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From: Georgiades, Celia <GEORGIADES.CELIA@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 2:41 PM EST
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Subject: Committee Meeting Notice: JU 02-15-21, 2:30 p.m.
Attachment(s): "Meeting Notice.pdf"

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The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

JUDICIARY
Senator Brandes, Chair
Senator Gibson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 15, 2021
TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room,* 412 Knott Building

AMENDMENT DEADLINE: The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Friday, February 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

MEMBERS: Senator Brandes, Chair; Senator Gibson, Vice Chair; Senators Baxley, Boyd, Bradley, Broxson, Mayfield, Polsky, Rodrigues, Rouson, and Thurston

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CS/SB 54 by Banking and Insurance / Burgess—Motor Vehicle Insurance

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CS/SB 228 by Commerce and Tourism / Bradley—Notaries Public

CS/SB 234 by Criminal Justice / Book—Registration of Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders

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SB 270 by Perry—Construction Defects

SB 354 by Harrell—Restitution

SB 474 by Bracy—Prosecuting Children as Adults

SB 622 by Perry—Liens and Bonds

SB 402 by Rodrigues—Public Notice and Voting Rights Restoration Database

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SB 686 by Brandes—Offers of Judgment

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From: (BIPPA) Barrier Island Preservation & Protection Assn. <bippafl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 10:02 AM EST
To: Mayfield, Debbie <Mayfield.Debbie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Compelling Reason to Vote "NO" on S 522/ H 219
Attachment(s): "BIPPA VR's to State Congress R2 1-19-21.docx"

Dear Senator,

The reasoning to "Vote No" on S 522 is attached.
It is compelling because it explains the bad experience that an entire county of 600,000 residents went through which could have been avoided if officials surveyed residents with this simple yes or no question BEFORE jumping ahead:

"Do you want commercial tourist activities in the form of Vacation Rentals in your neighborhood?"

The answer in Brevard County was overwhelmingly "NO".

Please read the attached and save the other 21 million Florida residents from going through the roller coaster ride that we did in Brevard.

Thank You,

Mark Shantzis,
President
Barrier Islands Preservation and Protection Association (BIPPA)

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Vacation Rentals Do Not Belong in Residential Neighborhoods

Florida Voters Are Against Neighborhood Daily Rentals!

Vote "NO" on H-219/S-522

Barrier Islands Preservation and Protection Association (BIPPA), in partnership with many other community organizations and NGO's representing thousands of Brevard County voting homeowners, in an overwhelming display of property rights, recently affirmed the desire to:

1) Keep Vacation Rentals (VR's) out of residentially zoned neighborhoods, and
2) Retain the local "home rule" control of Vacation Rentals

Brevard County is arguably Florida's most geographically diverse and voter representative, and as such, the voters of Brevard are a clear indication of what the rest of Florida residents believe:

Where residents live and raise their families is clearly incompatible with commercial tourist activities. Chaotic operating services constantly coming and going, and unknown tourists, none of whom vote or think much about protecting the people or natural resources of the local neighborhoods, are unacceptable.

THE most important take-away from a 4-1 commission vote against VR's in neighborhoods was that **permanent resident voter's property right** to live in a neighborhood atmosphere is very important. And that the property right of owners specifically to make a profit and of government to collect commercial sales taxes, on residentially zoned property, is not.

In fact, even the tourists that occupy VR's agree!

These tourists that have left their safe and secure neighborhoods to go on vacation will be the first to tell you that they do not want VR's in their neighborhood back home, but are more than happy to party somewhere else.

So why is this issue constantly coming up in our State legislature?

The answer is that the State legislature is failing to properly inform the general public of potentially important life-style changing legislation. State legislators are making the same mistake initially made by Brevard Commissioners.

What we found in Brevard is that when the public was uninformed of the pending passage of permitting VR's and of losing local control, 4 of 5 commissioners decided ON THEIR OWN that it would be a good idea and drafted an ordinance. But just 6 weeks after BIPPA's awareness campaign began, Brevard commissioners overwhelmingly opposed VR's in residentially zoned areas.

The key element was AWARENESS!

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Once the public became aware of the issue, volunteer voters generated over 25,000 thousand of face-book (FB) hits while gathering over 1,500 petition signatures and 2,000 e-mails to county officials in opposition to daily vacation rentals in Brevard County. In just 6 weeks!

So many people showed up against daily vacation rentals in neighborhoods that 3 separate government buildings were needed to accommodate the crowd (with another 300 protesters with signs outside due to COVID concerns).

The opposition was so strong and clear that for only the second time in BIPPA's 30 years of activism, no commissioner would "second" the (vacation rental) motion.

Once the Commissioners got the message that voters would turn them out of office if the Commissioners allowed VR's in residential neighborhoods, they did what they were elected to do, and followed their constituent's desire to live peacefully without VR's next door to them.

You should do the same and Vote "NO" on H-219/ S-522.

Further, two economic risks associated with commercial uses in residential neighborhoods is just too great to ignore:

1) Legislation throughout the country is still evolving and will be litigated for years to come. It's just too early in the curve to force VR's into neighborhoods before the concept has stabilized. This is also the general legal consensus of Florida County Attorneys.
2) Home builders will suffer indeterminable losses when residents flee neighborhoods, dumping an unmanageable supply of used homes on the market. Other issues related to declining property values are clear when you hear the horror stories of people who are unfortunate enough to live next to an out-of-town (many out of country) owned and managed commercial tourist property.

Through our awareness campaign, and after weeks of research, BIPPA found that the vast majority of voting residents of Florida's counties and cities are opposed to commercial tourist activities in neighborhoods. Research has shown that voters clearly want to locally manage this very dynamic and still unsettled zoning issue.

If legislators continue to pursue approval of daily vacation rentals in neighborhoods, like was done in Brevard County, you can bet that the voters will rise up again, but this time State-wide and in each County, to replace those legislators that are not listening.

Listen to Florida's permanent resident voters: Vote "NO" on H-219/S-522

Barrier Island Preservation and Protection Association (BIPPA)
"Leading Efforts To Preserve The Balance of Quality-of-Life with Population Growth,
Wildlife and Habitat on the Barrier Islands for over 30 Years"
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: ClaireMarie <oclaire99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 4:15 PM EST
To: Brodeur, Jason (web) <brodeur.jason.web@flsenate.gov>; Broxson, Doug (WEB) <Broxson.Doug.Web@flsenate.gov>; Burgess, Danny (Web) <Burgess.Danny.Web@flsenate.gov>; Cruz, Janet (Web) <Cruz.Janet.Web@flsenate.gov>; Diaz, Manny(Web) <Diaz.Manny.Web@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Concerned & Frightened American

Dear Representatives,

As one of your concerned constituents I wish to express the way I feel about what is going on in America today and ask you how the average everyday American can help to fix it and how helpless we feel that the election was aloud to cheat us of one of the best Presidents we have had in years. Just consider all the good he has done: Like space exploration is back on track, illegal immigration is way down, unemployment was at its lowest in ten years before the Pandemic, consumer confidence was way up along with the market. The Keystone pipeline was approved, Veterans are now allowed Private Healthcare options and many burdensome regulations have been cut, the TTP withdrawal and NATO allies increased their contributions. And while fighting America's decline Mr. Trump donated all his salary. Oh, and let's not forget the wall. It is all of this that makes me wonder why those four States were allowed to blatantly cheat the American people.

I don't believe that the reckless siege on the white house was initiated by Trump supporters. Trumps only intention was to rally support. Just like the other protests that have ensued around the nation, I believe that they all were infiltrated by groups of destructive people as a vehicle to get away with their violent behavior and have it blamed on others.

The citizens of America need a fair election in order to accept the results. I would like you to propose that the entire election in those doubtful states be totally re-voted and re-counted, or perhaps run the entire election again due to the obvious fraud that took place. The vote as well as the counting should be carefully monitored for the results.

Another issue is the one of Nancy Pelosi’s never ending attack on President Trump. She is a hateful person and will stop at nothing to get her way. I wonder who her next mark will be?

Well, thank you for reading about my frustrations. I can only hope and pray that all goes well going forward.

Respectfully yours,

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Esposito, Robert <Robert.Esposito@dot.state.fl.us>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 10:43 AM EST
To: Simpson, Wilton (Web) <SIMPSON.WILTON.WEB@flsenate.gov>; Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>; Maggard, Randy <Randy.Maggard@myfloridahouse.gov>; Zika, Ardian <Ardian.Zika@myfloridahouse.gov>; Driskell, Fentrice <Fentrice.Driskell@myfloridahouse.gov>; Christina Fitzpatrick <cfitzpatrick@pascocountyfl.net>; jmariano@pascocountyfl.net <jmariano@pascocountyfl.net>; Kathryn Starkey <kstarkey@pascocountyfl.net>; Mike Moore <mikemoore@pascocountyfl.net>; mmiller@pascocountyfl.net <mmiller@pascocountyfl.net>; roakley@pascocountyfl.net <roakley@pascocountyfl.net>; Terry Ewing-Chow (tewingchow@pascocountyfl.net) <tewingchow@pascocountyfl.net>; traisor@pascocountyfl.net <traisor@pascocountyfl.net>
CC: Parker, Judy <PARKER.JUDY@flsenate.gov>; Timmons, Brooks <Timmons.Brooks@flsenate.gov>; Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>; Hawes, Jeffrey <Jeffrey.Hawes@myfloridahouse.gov>; Ringeisen, Robin <Robin.Ringeisen@myfloridahouse.gov>; Smith, Paulette <Paulette.Smith@myfloridahouse.gov>
Subject: CSX Closure on SR 52
Attachment(s): "SR 52 Detour Map for CSX Closure.jpg"

Dear Elected Officials and Staff:

SR 52 to be Closed Weekend of February 5th for CSX Crossing Replacement

Shady Hills, FL -- SR 52 is scheduled to be closed in both directions to all through-traffic at the railroad crossing between Shady Hills Road and US 41 from after 9 p.m. on Thursday, February 4 to 6 a.m. Monday, February 8. The closure is needed to replace the CSX crossing on SR 52 between Kent Grove Drive and Pierce Lake Road / Giddens Road.

Local traffic access will be maintained, but no vehicles will be allowed into the construction zone near the railroad tracks. Giddens Road will be closed at SR 52 and detoured to Kent Grove Drive.

DETOUR: SR 52 traffic will be detoured using Shady Hills Road, County Line Road, and US 41. Motorists are advised to plan extra time into their schedules as this is a lengthy detour.

Sincerely,

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Florida Department of Transportation
District 7 Government Affairs Liaison
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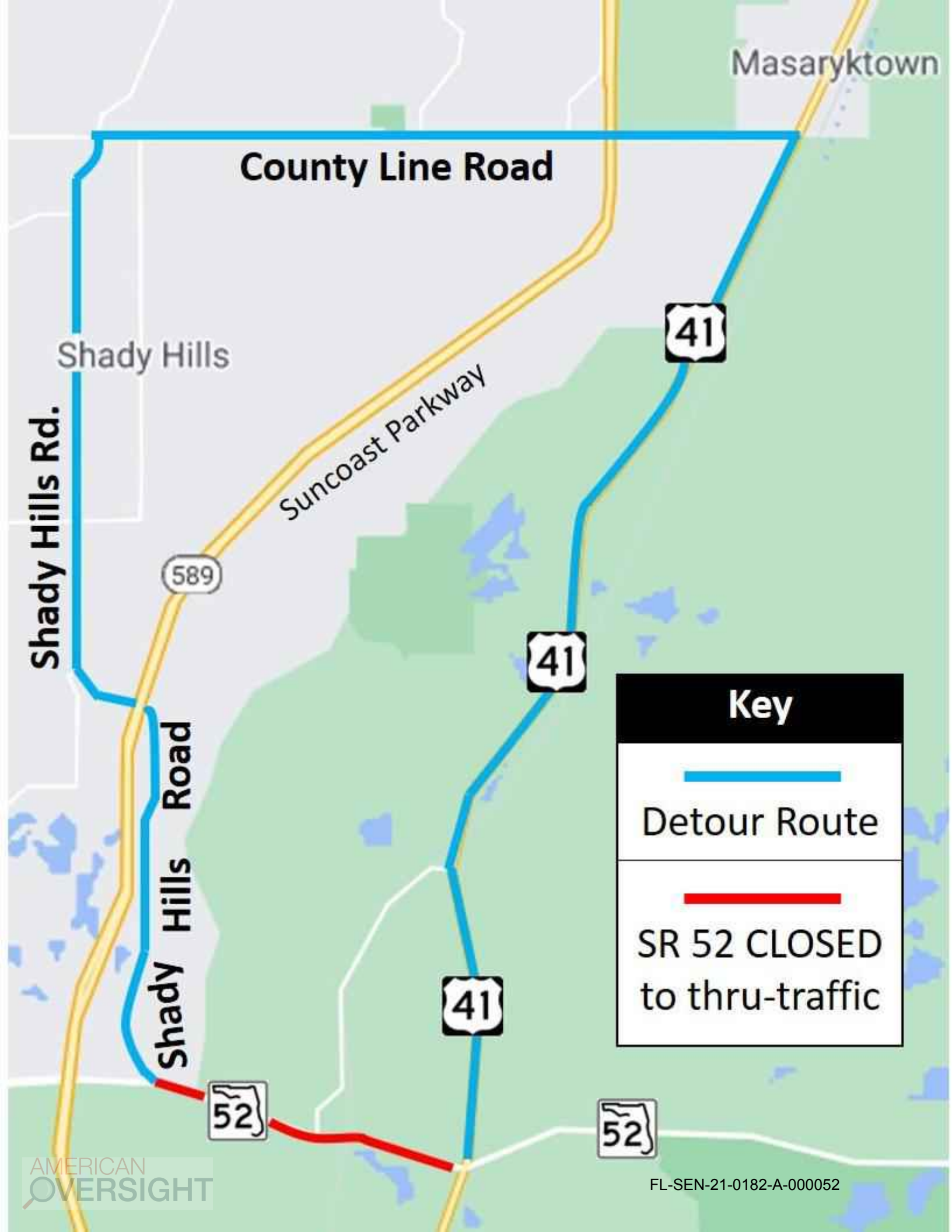
AMERICAN OVERSIGHT



AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Phillips, Trent <Phillips.Trent@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 4:36 PM EST
To: Senate District 20 (Burgess) <SenateDistrict20Burgess@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Daily Brief 1/12
Attachment(s): "Burgess_DailyBrief_Jan-12-21.docx"

Team Burgess,

Please see your attached daily brief for Tuesday, January 12th.

Kind regards,

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Tuesday, January 12, 2021

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM — 03:00 PM
Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security - 37 Senate Building

- Public Testimony will be received from Room A2 at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 W. Pensacola St., Tallahassee, FL 32306
- Opening remarks by Senator Tom Wright, Chair
- Introduction of Committee Members
- Introduction by Chair of Committee Staff
- Presentation by Major General James S. Hartsell, Deputy Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
- Presentation by Beth Medina, Vice President, Enterprise Florida, on the Florida Defense Support Task Force and the Florida Defense Alliance
- Presentation by Jared Moskowitz, Director, Division of Emergency Management, Executive Office of the Governor

03:30 PM — 06:00 PM
Banking and Insurance - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
- Property Insurance Presentations:
- Commissioner David Altmaier-Florida Office of Insurance Regulation
- Barry Gilway, President, CEO and Executive Director - Citizens Property Insurance Corporation

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

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SB 512	Public Records/Application for a De Novo Banking Charter	Filed
SB 520	Social Media Websites	Filed
SB 532	Workforce Education	Filed

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

FL-SEN-21-0182-A-000054

Children, Families, and Elder Affairs 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Presentation by Chad Poppell, Secretary, the Department of Children and Families on the: -Agency's investigation of the issues raised in the USA Today Investigative Series and the specific response to address all identified breakdowns. -Status on the implementation of: -CS/SB 1482 (2020) and other issues related to the former Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
-The Family First Prevention Services Act. -Agency's response for handling child welfare cases during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Presentation by Barbara Palmer, Director, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities on the: -Status on the implementation of CS/SB 82 (2020). -Agency's response to: -Outbreaks in facilities and delivery of services during the COVID-19 pandemic. -Staffing issues at various APD facilities. -Status on the waitlist for iBudget.
Presentation by Richard Prudom, Secretary, the Department of Elder Affairs on the: -Status on any staffing issues within the Office of Public and Professional Guardians and an update on any backlog of disciplinary cases. -Agency's response for providing services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Presentation by Jim Zingale, Exeuctive Director of the Department of Revenue on the: -Status of child support enforcement and any relevant information on trends and case law changes.
Other Related Meeting Documents

Criminal Justice 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Committee Presentation: An Overview of the Florida Criminal Justice System
Other Related Meeting Documents

Education 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Introduction of Committee Members and Staff
Overview of State K-12 Scholarship Programs
Overview of State Financial Aid Programs
Other Related Meeting Documents

Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security 12:30 — 03:00 PM
Public Testimony will be received from Room A2 at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 W. Pensacola St., Tallahassee, FL 32306
Opening remarks by Senator Tom Wright, Chair
Introduction of Committee Members
Introduction by Chair of Committee Staff
Presentation by Major General James S. Hartsell, Deputy Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
Presentation by Beth Medina, Vice President, Enterprise Florida, on the Florida Defense Support Task Force and the Florida Defense Alliance
Presentation by Jared Moskowitz, Director, Division of Emergency Management, Executive Office of the Governor
Other Related Meeting Documents

Banking and Insurance 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Property Insurance Presentations:
Commissioner David Altmaier-Florida Office of Insurance Regulation
Barry Gilway, President, CEO and Executive Director - Citizens Property Insurance Corporation
Other Related Meeting Documents

Transportation 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Introduction of Committee Members and Staff
Overview of the Committee's Jurisdiction
Agency Overview: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
Agency Overview: Florida Department of Transportation

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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Overview of Transportation Funding in Florida
Presentation on Transportation and Resiliency in Florida
Update on the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Program
Presentation on Florida's Transportation and Expressway Authorities
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Wilton Simpson @WiltonSimpson

The right to protest is very important, but there is absolutely no excuse for attacking law enforcement and destroying property.

Debbie Mayfield @debbie_mayfield

Every American has the right to peacefully protest. However, the violent attacks on law enforcement and the destruction of our Capital is unacceptable. This is unamerican and I condemn these violent acts.

Danny Burgess @DannyBurgessFL

Let me be clear. Violent civil unrest is unacceptable no matter where it occurs, when it happens or who is responsible and perpetrators will be held accountable under SB 484.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Orlando Sentinel: Florida lawmakers, staff face new COVID-19 measures in return to Capitol

WUSF Tampa: Senator Jeff Brandes Backs Clean Energy Bills For 2021 Legislative Session

WMBB Panama City: Gov. Ron DeSantis touts new sites for coronavirus vaccine

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Oatmeal, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries

Lunch: Moe's Fajita Bar, Salad Bar, Chips, Queso, Guac, Salsa, Cookies

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Phillips, Trent <Phillips.Trent@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:58 PM EST
To: Senate District 20 (Burgess) <SenateDistrict20Burgess@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Daily Brief 1/13
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Team Burgess,

Please see your attached daily brief for Wednesday, January 13th.

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Wednesday, January 13, 2021

SCHEDULE

09:00 AM — 11:30 AM
Agriculture - Not Meeting

12:30 PM — 03:00 PM
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
- Introduction of Senators
- Subcommittee Overview
- Introduction of Health and Human Services Agency Heads

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

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SB 512	Public Records/Application for a De Novo Banking Charter	Filed
SB 520	Social Media Websites	Filed
SB 532	Workforce Education	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Health Policy 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Discussion of Florida's COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts by the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Health
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Introduction of Senators
Subcommittee Overview
Introduction of Health and Human Services Agency Heads

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Subcommittee Overview
Presentation on the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Grants Programs by the Department of Economic Opportunity, Office of Disaster Recovery
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Overview of State Technology by Jamie Grant, State Chief Information Officer (CIO)
Update on Coral Reef Protection Efforts, Department of Environmental Protection
Update on Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Chairman's Comments
Overview of Subcommittee Jurisdiction and Crime Trends
Agency Presentation of Key Budget Issues and Reduction Issues Department of Corrections Department of Juvenile Justice Department of Legal Affairs Department of Law Enforcement Commission on Offender Review
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Introduction of Members and Staff
Update on the CARES Act Funding for Education
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

George Gainer @SenatorGainer

Today, @GovRonDeSantis announced an expansion of the program to provide COVID-19 vaccines at Publix stores in NWFL. The vaccines will be by appt only at 7 Publix locations in Okaloosa county. Publix will start taking appts for the new locations on Wed at publix.com/covid-vaccine

Jim Boyd @JimBoydFL

We honor the life of Master Corporal Brian LaVigne who lost his life in the line of duty last night. My deepest condolences to the LaVigne family and the @HCSOSheriff office.

Danny Burgess @DannyBurgessFL

Earlier today, I launched the inaugural edition of The Burgess Bulletin. I'll be sending regular updates from Tallahassee through the end of the 2021 Legislative Session. Read it: conta.cc/3nDcX1m Sign up for the next edition: tinyurl.com/y6r7axjv

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

WWSB Sarasota: DeSantis vows to act ‘very quickly’ if disorderly protests erupt

WUSF Tampa: Florida Senate May Consider Permanent Post To Address Climate Change

Naples Daily News: State efforts seek to revise Big Cypress Basin boundary

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Oatmeal, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries

Lunch: Olive Garden Pasta, Meat Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Marinara Sauce, Meatballs, Chicken, Sausage, House Salad, Breadsticks

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Phillips, Trent <Phillips.Trent@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:55 PM EST
To: Senate District 20 (Burgess) <SenateDistrict20Burgess@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Daily Brief 1/14
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Team Burgess,

Please see your attached daily brief for Thursday, January 14th.

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Thursday, January 14, 2021

SCHEDULE

11:30 AM — 01:30 PM
Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response - 110 Senate Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
- Welcome
- Member Introductions and Priorities
- Presentation by the State Surgeon General, Scott Rivkees, M.D.
- Hospitals Panel Discussion

02:00 PM — 04:00 PM
Joint Administrative Procedures Committee - Not Meeting

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

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SB 416	POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial	Filed
SB 418	Public Records/Persons Seeking Shelter	Filed
SB 484	Combating Public Disorder	Filed
SB 494	Administration of Vaccines	Filed
SB 512	Public Records/Application for a De Novo Banking Charter	Filed
SB 520	Social Media Websites	Filed
SB 532	Workforce Education	Filed
SB 602	Business Organizations	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Appropriations 09:00 — 11:00 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Update on the Long-Range Financial Outlook and Revenue Forecast (Adjusted by Fall Conference Series and Recent Events) by Amy Baker, Coordinator, Office of Economic and Demographic Research
Other Related Meeting Documents

Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response 11:30 — 01:30 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32306
Welcome
Member Introductions and Priorities
Presentation by the State Surgeon General, Scott Rivkees, M.D.

Hospitals Panel Discussion
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Ana Maria Rodriguez @SenatorAMR

Interested in joining our newsletter? Send us your email and we'll add you to our list! #senatoramr #sd39 #joinournewsletter

Debbie Mayfield @debbie_mayfield

Brevard County will be opening 1000 vaccination appointments this morning. The appointments will be for next Tuesday and Wednesday. Please monitor the Brevard Health website to sign up.

FL Senate Majority @FLSenateGOP

With the filing of SB 80, Senator @jasonbrodeur commits to increasing protections for children in Florida's welfare system. This legislation seeks to reduce trauma related to inconsistent transition and sibling placement for children in out-of-home care. flsenate.gov/Media/PressRel…

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Florida Daily: Jason Brodeur Files Bill to Help Children in Out-of-Home Care

Tampa Bay Times: State says troubled domestic violence system 'stabilized,' ready for new vendor

WJCT Jacksonville: Florida's Insurance Commissioner Says Roofing Claims Raising Insurance Rates

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Bagel Bagel Breakfast Wraps, Bagel Melts, Fruit Bowl

Lunch: Masa's Edemame, Spring Rolls, House Salad, Mongolian Beef, Masa Chili Chicken, Fried Rice, Steamed Rice, California Rolls, Shrimp Tempora Rolls, Dirty Harry Rolls

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 4:23 PM EST
To: Senate District 20 (Burgess) <SenateDistrict20Burgess@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Daily Brief 1/25
Attachment(s): "Burgess_DailyBrief_Jan-25-21.docx"

Team Burgess,

Please see your attached daily brief for Monday, January 25th.

Kind regards,

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Monday, January 25, 2021

SCHEDULE

01:00 PM — 02:00 PM
Procedural Briefing for Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs – 412 Knott Building

02:30 PM — 05:00 PM
Commerce and Tourism - 110 Senate Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Introduction of Committee Members and Staff
- Brief Overview of the Committee's Jurisdiction
- SB 228 - Notaries Public (Bradley)
- SB 50 - Sales and Use Tax (Gruters)

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

Bill Display Name	Subject	Current Location
SB 54	Motor Vehicle Insurance	On agenda (BI)
SB 416	POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial	In committee/council (MS)
SB 418	Public Records/Persons Seeking Shelter	In committee/council (MS)
SB 484	Combating Public Disorder	In committee/council (CJ)
SB 494	Administration of Vaccines	In committee/council (HP)
SB 512	Public Records/Application for a De Novo Banking Charter	In committee/council (BI)
SB 520	Social Media Websites	In committee/council (JU)
SB 532	Workforce Education	In committee/council (ED)
SB 602	Business Organizations	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Commerce and Tourism 02:30 — 05:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Introduction of Committee Members and Staff
Brief Overview of the Committee's Jurisdiction
SB 228 by Senator Bradley—Notaries Public
SB 50 by Senator Gruters and others—Sales and Use Tax
Other Related Meeting Documents

Judiciary 02:30 — 05:00 PM

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Welcome
Presentation by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability: --Several Factors Hinder Homeowner and Auto Glass Insurance Fraud Processing

SB 402 by Senator Rodrigues—Public Notice and Voting Rights Restoration Database
SB 72 by Senator Brandes—Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Jason Brodeur @jasonbrodeur

Florida has become a national leader in vaccine distribution despite Federal supply shortages. Thank you to all our healthcare workers and Health Department employees who are working around the clock to get these vaccines out. foxnews.com/health/world-w…

Ben Albritton @Sen_Albritton

All Floridians deserve access to broadband internet. I am relieved to see the Federal Communications Commission's investment in the expansion of broadband to underserved rural areas of Florida. floridapolitics.com/archives/39108…

Ileana Garcia @IleanaGarciaUSA

New COVID-19 mobile vaccination program launched in Little Havana | Miami Herald miamiherald.com/news/coronavir…

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

News 4 Jax: Florida Senate pandemic chair takes aim at lockdowns

WJCT Public Media: Online Sales Tax Collection Bill Goes To Florida Senate Committee

FOX News: 100-year-old World War II veteran becomes 1 millionth Florida senior citizen to receive coronavirus vaccine

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Bacon, Bradley's Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Oatmeal

Lunch: Vertigo's Chicken Sandwich and Burger Bar, Salad, Chips, Cookies

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: Phillips, Trent <Phillips.Trent@flsenate.gov>
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To: Senate District 20 (Burgess) <SenateDistrict20Burgess@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Daily Brief 1/26
Attachment(s): "Burgess_DailyBrief_Jan-26-21.docx"

Team Burgess,

Daily brief attached for Tuesday, January 26th.

Kind regards,

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Tuesday, January 26, 2021

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM — 03:00 PM
Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security - 37 Senate Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Presentation by Major General James Eifert, Adjutant General of the Florida National Guard, Department of Military Affairs
- Presentation by Frank DiBello, President and CEO, Space Florida
- Presentation by Mark Phillips, Special Agent in Charge, Office of Statewide Investigative Services, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

03:30 PM — 06:00 PM
Banking and Insurance - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- **SB 54 - Motor Vehicle Insurance (Burgess)**

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

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SB 602	Business Organizations	Filed
SB 760	Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)	Filed
SB 764	Veterans Treatment Courts	Filed
SB 770	Military Affairs	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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Children, Families, and Elder Affairs 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by Richard Prudom, Secretary, the Department of Elder Affairs on the : - Status on any staffing issues within the Office of Public and Professional Guardians and an update on any backlog of disciplinary cases.
Presentation by Barbara Palmer, Director, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities on the: - Status on the implementation of CS/SB 82 (2020). - Agency's response to: - Outbreaks in facilities and delivery of services during the COVID-19 pandemic. - Staffing issues at various APD facilities. - Status on the waitlist for iBudget.
Presentation by Office of Program Policy and Governmental Analysis (OPPAGA) on the study and findings related to the Guardian Ad Litem Program.
Other Related Meeting Documents

Criminal Justice 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 44 by Senator Wright—Drones
SB 144 by Senator Brandes—Searches of Cellular Phones and Other Electronic Devices
SB 166 by Senator Perry—Public Records/Nonjudicial Record of the Arrest of a Minor
SB 206 by Senator Pizzo—Visiting County and Municipal Detention Facilities
SB 234 by Senator Book—Sexual Offender Registration
SB 274 by Senator Perry—Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction
SB 288 by Senator Rouson—Victims of Reform School Abuse
Other Related Meeting Documents

Education 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 52 by Senator Rodrigues—Postsecondary Education
SB 264 by Senator Rodrigues—Higher Education
SB 220 by Senator Brandes and others—Public Records and Public Meetings
Presentations on the alignment between postsecondary education and labor market demand
Adrienne Johnston, Director of the Division of Workforce Services, Department of Economic Opportunity
Henry Mack, Chancellor of the Division of Career and Adult Education, Department of Education
Kathy Hebda, Chancellor of the Division of Florida Colleges, Department of Education
Marshall Criser, Chancellor of the State University System of Florida
Other Related Meeting Documents

Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by Major General James Eifert, Adjutant General of the Florida National Guard, Department of Military Affairs
Presentation by Frank DiBello, President and CEO, Space Florida
Presentation by Mark Phillips, Special Agent in Charge, Office of Statewide Investigative Services, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Other Related Meeting Documents

Regulated Industries 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Introduction of Senators and Staff
SB 56 by Senator Rodriguez—Community Association Assessment Notices
SB 46 by Senator Hutson—Craft Distilleries
Staff Overview of Committee Jurisdiction
Other Related Meeting Documents

Banking and Insurance 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 54 by Senator Burgess and others—Motor Vehicle Insurance
Other Related Meeting Documents

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Community Affairs 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 58 by Senator Rodriguez—Hospitals' Community Benefit Reporting
SB 334 by Senator Gruters—Regulation of Smoking in Public Places
SB 62 by Senator Bradley—Regional Planning Councils
SB 378 by Senator Bradley—Payment for Construction Services
Other Related Meeting Documents

Transportation 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7004 by the Committee on Transportation—OGSR/Financial Information/Guarantor of a Private Entity Applicant
SB 376 by Senator Gibson—Jacksonville Transportation Authority Leases
Presentation by the Florida Department of Transportation on Electric Vehicles and Transportation Revenue Trends
Update by the Florida Department of Transportation on the SunPass Program
Presentation by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles on Motorist Modernization and Mobile Driver Licenses
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Ben Albritton @Sen_Albritton

Happy National Florida Day. Join me in celebrating our state's beauty, diversity and contributions to our world. I hope we can all agree that living in Florida is a blessing. #NationalFloridaDay

Debbie Mayfield @debbie_mayfield

Happy birthday @AaronPBean! Always a pleasure to work with you. Wishing you the best day!

FL Senate Majority @FLSenateGOP

Florida is open for business! The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider SB 72 by Senator @JeffreyBrandes. SB 72 protects businesses from fraudulent, opportunistic lawsuits related to COVID-19. Watch LIVE at 2:30 p.m. on thefloridachannel.org

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

News 4 Jax: Another disaster preparedness sales tax 'holiday' proposed

WUSF Tampa: Florida Retirement System Could See Major Change For State Workers

WUWF Northwest Florida: Broxson: Look For 'Difficult Days' in 2021 Session

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Biscuits, Tomato Gravy, Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Oatmeal

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Lunch: Zoes Kitchen's Chicken and Steak Kabobs, Hummus and Pita, Turmeric Rice, Pasta Salad, Greek Salad, Cookies

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Team Burgess,

Daily brief attached for Wednesday, January 27th.

Kind regards,

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Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Wednesday, January 27, 2021

SCHEDULE

09:00 AM — 11:30 AM
Agriculture - 110 Senate Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Update on the State Hemp Program by Holly Bell, Director of Cannabis, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Overview of the Florida Department of Citrus by Shannon Shepp, Executive Director, and Dr. Marisa Zansler, Director of Economic and Market Research, Florida Department of Citrus
- Presentation by Thomas Mantz, President and CEO of Feeding Tampa Bay and Robin Safely, Executive Director of Feeding America
- Presentations on the effect of COVID-19 on the Agriculture Industry
- SB 336 - Large-scale Agricultural Pollution Reduction Pilot Program (Rouson)
- SB 374 - Fair Repair of Agricultural Equipment (Bradley)

12:30 PM — 03:00 PM
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Update on Implementation of Senate Bill 82 by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Update on Implementation of Senate Bill 1326 - Child Welfare Incentive Pilots by the Department of Children and Families
- Report on All Additional Funding Received by the Department of Health for Response to COVID-19

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Presentations on the effect of COVID-19 on the Agriculture Industry
SB 336 by Senator Rouson—Large-scale Agricultural Pollution Reduction Pilot Program
SB 374 by Senator Bradley—Fair Repair of Agricultural Equipment
Other Related Meeting Documents

Governmental Oversight and Accountability
09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SJR 204 by Senator Brandes—Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission
SR 150 by Senator Diaz—Individual Liberty and Democracy
SB 222 by Senator Cruz—Abandoned Cemeteries
SB 400 by Senator Rodrigues—Public Records
SB 78 by Senator Rodrigues—Dues and Uniform Assessments
Other Related Meeting Documents

Health Policy 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 170 by Senator Hooper and others—Podiatric Medicine
SB 122 by Senator Baxley and others—Surrendered Newborn Infants
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7000 by the Committee on Health Policy—OGSR/Nurse Licensure Compact
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7002 by the Committee on Health Policy—OGSR/Trade Secrets/Department of Health
Workshop on health care related laws and policies that have been set aside or altered during the current public health emergency
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Update on Implementation of Senate Bill 82 by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
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Report on All Additional Funding Received by the Department of Health for Response to COVID-19
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Agency Presentation of Budget Reduction Issues for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Agency Legislative Budget Request Schedule VIIB-2): Executive

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Office of the Governor - Division of Emergency Management Department of Economic Opportunity Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Department of Military Affairs Department of State Department of Transportation

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Overview of the Implementation of SB 712 (Ch. 2020-150, L.O.F) "The Clean Waterways Act" by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Overview of the Implementation of SB 712 (Ch. 2020-150, L.O.F) "The Clean Waterways Act" by the Department of Environmental Protection
Overview of Activities of the Department of Citrus and Market Situation of the Citrus Industry
Overview of the Florida Citrus Industry by Florida Citrus Mutual
Overview of Research Activities and Citrus Greening by the Citrus Research and Development Foundation
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Agency Presentation of Key Budget Issues and Reduction Issues State Court System Justice Administrative Commission Statewide Guardian ad Litem Program State Attorneys Public Defenders Capital Collateral Regional Counsels Offices of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsels
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Jason Brodeur @jasonbrodeur

Yesterday, legislation to protect local businesses from frivolous COVID liability lawsuits passed its first Senate committee. It is imperative we begin rebuilding our local economy, but we cannot do that without serious liability reform.

Ben Albritton @Sen_Albritton

Learn more about food insecurity and the integral role Florida's growers play to ensure families don't go hungry this winter. #FarmersFeedingFlorida feedingflorida.org/food-access/fa…

FL Senate Majority @FLSenateGOP

SB 56 by @SenatorAMR ensures condominium owners are informed of assessment changes enacted by their associations and helps reduce late-fees caused by inconsistent delivery of assessments. This pro-consumer bill passed out of the Regulated Industries Committee today.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Tallahassee Democrat: Florida Senate panel OKs first bill to protect businesses from COVID lawsuits

CBS Miami: Citizens Eyes Rate Hike, As Insurance Changes Proposed

My Panhandle News 13: Simpson expects COVID-19 restrictions to stay through session

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MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Pastries, Yogurt, Oatmeal

Lunch: Cracker Barrel's Sunday Homestyle Chicken, Meatloaf, Mixed Green Salad, Carrots, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Biscuits, Corn Muffins, Coca Cola Fudge Cake

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Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Thursday, January 28, 2021

SCHEDULE

11:30 AM — 01:30 PM
Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Presentation by the Division of Emergency Management
- Presentation by the Florida National Guard

02:00 PM — 04:00 PM
Joint Administrative Procedures Committee - Reed Hall

- Overview of the Role of the Committee
- Approval of Committee Rules
- Workshop on proposed legislation relating to chapter 120, Florida Statutes
- Reports and Appearances
- Workshop| - Discussion and testimony only on the following (no vote to be taken):
- This meeting will be live-streamed on <https://thefloridachannel.org/>. Audience seating will be socially distanced and limited to the press and those persons wishing to provide substantive testimony on the filed bills or draft legislation. Persons who wish to attend must register at www.myfloridahouse.gov <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov>, and pick up a pass at the Legislative Welcome Center on the 4th Floor of the Capitol beginning two hours before the start of the meeting. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration closes three hours before the meeting starts.

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

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CS/SB 54	Motor Vehicle Insurance	Pending Reference Review
SB 416	POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial	On agenda (MS)
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SB 484	Combating Public Disorder	In committee/council (CJ)
SB 494	Administration of Vaccines	On agenda (HP)
SB 512	Public Records/Application for a De Novo Banking Charter	In committee/council (BI)
SB 520	Social Media Websites	In committee/council (JU)

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SB 532	Workforce Education	In committee/council (ED)
SB 602	Business Organizations	Filed
SB 760	Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)	Filed
SB 764	Veterans Treatment Courts	Filed
SB 770	Military Affairs	Filed
SB 818	Mental Health Professionals	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Finance and Tax 09:00 — 11:00 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32302
Introduction of Committee Members and Staff
Department of Revenue Tax Concepts
Other Related Meeting Documents

Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response 11:30 — 01:30 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by the Division of Emergency Management
Presentation by the Florida National Guard
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Danny Burgess @DannyBurgessFL

Yesterday I passed my first bill as a Senator, SB 54, through the B&I Committee. Thank you Chair @JimBoydFL, @Kathleen4SWFL, & @darrylrouson for your help on this transformative piece of legislation. This bill repeals PIP, requires BI & stabilizes the insurance market. #FlaPol

Ana Maria Rodriguez @SenatorAMR

Today we pray for the families of those who were victims of the atrocities that occurred during the Holocaust. We vow to never forget. #sd39 #holocaustmemorial #neverforget #senatoramr

FL Senate Majority @FLSenateGOP

SR 150 by @SenMannyDiazJr rejects democratic socialism in favor of our true American values of individual liberty and democracy. Watch the Gov't Oversight Committee consider SR 150 at 9 a.m. on thefloridachannel.org

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Orlando Sentinel: Florida leaders aim to kill constitution revision commission

Tampa Bay Times: Florida Senate resolution denounces democratic socialism

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News 4 Jax: Florida gets boost in tax revenues in December

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Maple Street Biscuit Company Build-Your-Own Biscuit Bar, Fresh Fruit Salad, Grits

Lunch: Chick-Fil-A Chicken Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Wrap, Chicken Nuggets, Kale Salad, Cookies

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Team Burgess,

Daily brief attached for Tuesday, February 2nd.

Kind regards,

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Tuesday, February 2, 2021

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM — 03:00 PM
Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security - 37 Senate Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- SB 260 - Services for Veterans and Their Families (Harrell)
- **SB 416 - POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial (Burgess)**
  - **A 438864 - Delete lines 19 - 41 and insert: (Burgess)**
- SPB 7010 - OGSR/Space Florida ()

03:30 PM — 06:00 PM
Banking and Insurance - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- SB 76 - Residential Property Insurance (Boyd)
- SB 168 - Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program (Hooper)
- |Consideration of proposed bill:
- SPB 7014 - OGSR/Office of Insurance Regulation ()

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SB 520	Social Media Websites	In committee/council (JU)
SB 532	Workforce Education	In committee/council (ED)
SB 602	Business Organizations	In committee/council (CM)
SB 760	Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)	In committee/council (ED)
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SB 770	Military Affairs	In committee/council (MS)
SB 818	Mental Health Professionals	Filed

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SB 922	Veterans' Preference in Employment	Filed
SB 952	Water Management Districts	Filed
SB 958	Specialty License Plates/Honor Flight	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Appropriations 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Update on Federal Assistance Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic by the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget
Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Recommendations
Other Related Meeting Documents

Ethics and Elections 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Introduction of Committee Members and Staff
Brief Overview of Committee's Jurisdiction
Presentation by the Department of State: 2020 Election
Presentation by the Florida Supervisors of Elections: 2020 Election and Legislative Priorities
Presentation by the Florida Commission on Ethics: Legislative Priorities
Other Related Meeting Documents

Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 260 by Senator Harrell and others—Services for Veterans and Their Families
SB 416 by Senator Burgess and others—POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7010 by the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security—OGSR/Space Florida
Other Related Meeting Documents

Banking and Insurance 03:30 — 06:00 PM
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SB 76 by Senator Boyd—Residential Property Insurance
SB 168 by Senator Hooper—Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7014 by the Committee on Banking and Insurance—OGSR/Office of Insurance Regulation
Other Related Meeting Documents

Community Affairs 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, 32301
SB 132 by Senator Hutson—Rental of Homestead Property
SB 510 by Senator Hooper—State Funds
SB 60 by Senator Bradley—County and Municipal Code Enforcement
Other Related Meeting Documents

Transportation 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 184 by Senator Berman—Purple Alert
Presentation of Agency Legislative Proposals: Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Department of Transportation
Overview of Florida's Airports and Seaports: Florida Airports Council Florida Ports Council
Presentation by the Florida Public Transportation Association on the Impact of COVID-19 on Transit Operations
Other Related Meeting Documents

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TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Wilton Simpson @WiltonSimpson

Stopped by the State EOC this morning to thank @FLSERT for their hard work on behalf of all Floridians, and for helping the Senate conduct committee meetings as safely as possible. @JaredEMoskowitz

Debbie Mayfield @debbie_mayfield

The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet today at 2:30. SB78, SB88 and SB498 will be heard. Watch live on the Florida Channel!

Kathleen Passidomo @Kathleen4SWFL

Join me this #BlackHistoryMonth in celebrating the countless contributions made to our nation by the African American community. Floridian Zora Neale Hurston authored many novels portraying the struggles of African Americans, including “Their Eyes Were Watching God.”

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

FOX 35 Orlando: School voucher revamp set for hearing in Florida Senate

Spectrum Bay News 9 Tampa: Facing 2 Possible Disasters, Size of Florida's Guard Force Worries Some Leaders

WJCT Jacksonville: Florida Launches New Statewide COVID Vaccine Appointment Registration Site

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Oatmeal

Lunch: Gordo's Cuban Sandwich Tray, Grilled Chicken, Shredded Pork, Fried Plantains, Rice, House Salad

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Have a good weekend,

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Monday, February 1, 2021

SCHEDULE

02:30 PM — 05:00 PM
Commerce and Tourism - Not Meeting

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SB 602	Business Organizations	In committee/council (CM)
SB 760	Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)	In committee/council (ED)
SB 764	Veterans Treatment Courts	In committee/council (MS)
SB 770	Military Affairs	In committee/council (MS)
SB 818	Mental Health Professionals	Filed
SB 922	Veterans' Preference in Employment	Filed
SB 952	Water Management Districts	Filed
SB 958	Specialty License Plates/Honor Flight	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Environment and Natural Resources 02:30 — 05:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by the Department of Environmental Protection on Biosolids Rule Ratification
Presentation by the Department of Environmental Protection on the Central Florida Water Initiative Rule Ratification
SB 64 by Senator Albritton—Reclaimed Water
SB 524 by Senator Hooper—Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Trust Funds
SB 578 by Senator Wright—Marina Evacuations
SB 588 by Senator Book—Conservation Area Designations/Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area

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|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7006 by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources—OGSR/Trade Secrets/Department of Environmental Protection
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7008 by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources—OGSR/Trade Secrets/Department of Environmental Protection
Senate Confirmation Hearing:| A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.
2405 Andrews Jr., Angus "Gus" G.
2405 Ralston, Kellie Rebello
2405 Patronis, Nicholas Jimmy
End Appointee Header
Other Related Meeting Documents

Judiciary 02:30 — 05:00 PM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability:
Several Factors Hinder Homeowner and Auto Glass Insurance Fraud Processing
Presentation by Retired Judge Greg Holder:
Abusive Litigation Tactics, Attorney Fees, and Lawyer Discipline
SB 78 by Senator Rodrigues—Dues and Uniform Assessments
SB 88 by Senator Brodeur—Farming Operations
SB 498 by Senator Gruters and others—Safety of Religious Institutions
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

George Gainer @SenatorGainer

Florida has launched a statewide preregistration system to schedule #COVID19 vaccine appts for individuals 65 + & frontline health care workers. Individuals can pre-register for vaccine appointments & be notified when appts are available in their area at myvaccine.fl.gov.

Ana Maria Rodriguez @SenatorAMR

Proud to chair Senate Finance and Tax Committee for the next two years! With great honor we held our first meeting yesterday. #senatoramr #sd39 #financeandtax

Ileana Garcia @IleanaGarciaUSA

Thank you @DuranForFlorida for the opportunity to join you on this and work together. Ileana Garcia, Nick Duran seek specialty license plate to help preserve Biscayne Bay floridapolitics.com/archives/39919…

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

News Channel 8 Tampa: Florida emergency director says supply still No.1 issue with COVID-19 vaccine rollout

Hernando Sun: Business protection bill moves forward

Orlando Sentinel: Florida colleges top U.S. News rankings of online programs

Sarasota Magazine: Foundation Seeks Specialty License Plate to Support Florida State Parks

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Breakfast: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Oatmeal

Lunch: Bonefish Bang Bang Shrimp Taco Bar, Jasmine Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Salad, Cookies

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Team Burgess,

Daily brief attached for Wednesday, February 3rd.

Have a nice evening,

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Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Wednesday, February 3, 2021

SCHEDULE

12:30 PM — 03:00 PM
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Recommendations: Agency for Health Care Administration Agency for Persons with Disabilities Department of Children and Families Department of Elderly Affairs Department of Health Department of Veterans' Affairs

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

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SB 416	POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial	Acted on by committee/council, pending report (MS)
SB 418	Public Records/Persons Seeking Shelter	In committee/council (MS)
SB 484	Combating Public Disorder	In committee/council (CJ)
SB 494	Administration of Vaccines	On agenda (HP)
SB 512	Public Records/Application for a De Novo Banking Charter	In committee/council (BI)
SB 520	Social Media Websites	In committee/council (JU)
SB 532	Workforce Education	In committee/council (ED)
SB 602	Business Organizations	In committee/council (CM)
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SB 770	Military Affairs	In committee/council (MS)
SB 818	Mental Health Professionals	Filed
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FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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Children, Families, and Elder Affairs 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 68 by Senator Garcia—Public Records/Staff and Volunteers of Domestic Violence Centers
SB 70 by Senator Garcia—Domestic Violence Centers
SB 252 by Senator Stewart—Child Care Facilities
SB 368 by Senator Baxley—Elder-focused Dispute Resolution Process
SB 380 by Senator Perry—Child Restraint Requirements
Other Related Meeting Documents

Criminal Justice 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 232 by Senator Brandes—Criminal Justice
SB 246 by Senator Brandes—Public Meetings and Records/Conditional Aging Medical Release Program
SB 248 by Senator Brandes—Public Meetings and Records/Conditional Medical Release Program |Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7012 by the Committee on Criminal Justice—OGSR/Criminal History Information of Juveniles
Other Related Meeting Documents

Education 09:00 — 11:30 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 48 by Senator Diaz and others—Educational Scholarship Programs
SB 146 by Senator Brandes—Civic Education
SB 282 by Senator Baxley and others—Moments of Silence in Public Schools
SB 200 by Senator Berman—Student Retention
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Recommendations: Agency for Health Care Administration Agency for Persons with Disabilities Department of Children and Families Department of Elderly Affairs Department of Health Department of Veterans' Affairs
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development 12:30 — 03:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Recommendations: Executive Office of the Governor - Division of Emergency Management Department of Economic Opportunity Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Department of Military Affairs Department of State Department of Transportation
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government 03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation on the Governor's Environment Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Recommendations: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Department of Citrus Department of Environmental Protection Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Presentation on the Governor's General Government Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Recommendations: Department of Business and Professional Regulation Department of Financial Services Office of Financial Regualtion Office of Insurance Regulation Department of Lottery Department of Management Services Division of Administrative Hearings Florida Commission on Human Relations Public Employees Relations Commission Public Service Commission Department of Revenue
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice 03:30 — 06:00 PM

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PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Recommendations: Department of Corrections Department of Juvenile Justice Department of Law Enforcement Department of Legal Affairs/Attorney General Florida Commission on Offender Review State Courts Public Defenders State Attorneys Regional Conflict Counsels Statewide Guardian ad Litem Capital Collateral Regional Counsels Justice Administrative Commission
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
03:30 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Recommendations: Department of Education Office of Early Learning Board of Governors
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Debbie Mayfield @debbie_mayfield

My prayers go out to those injured, and to the families of the fallen FBI agents. A big reminder of the sacrifices our law enforcement officers make.

Ben Albritton @Sen_Albritton

A sincere thanks to the members of the Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources for your support for SB 64. A healthy & abundant supply of water is essential to Florida's future. And...

Jason Brodeur @jasonbrodeur

Even our dogs are getting back to work in Florida! Cool effort to make our COVID mitigation efforts even more efficient. clickorlando.com/news/local/202…

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Tampa Bay Times: Florida gets Medicaid funding boost from the federal government

WFLA News Radio Tampa: Florida Declares War on Big Tech Bias

Tallahassee Democrat: Bill to allow guns in churches, synagogues, mosques advances in Florida Senate

Daytona Beach News-Journal: Florida state senators raise questions about $96.6B budget proposal from Gov. DeSantis

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Oatmeal

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Lunch: Tour of Italy Italian Kitchen Spaghetti and Meatballs, Smoked Butter Ravioli, Greek Salad, Caesar Salad, Cookies

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Daily brief attached for Thursday, Feb. 4th.

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Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Thursday, February 4, 2021

SCHEDULE

08:30 AM — 11:00 AM **Schedule Conflict**
Agriculture - 110 Senate Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECIEVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Presentation on and Discussion of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- SB 526 - Animal Cremation (Harrell)

Health Policy - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL. 32301
- SB 530 - Nonopioid Alternatives (Perry)
- **SB 494 - Administration of Vaccines (Burgess)**
  - **A 165344 - Between lines 42 and 43 insert: (Burgess)**
- SB 388 - Injured Police Canines (Wright)
- SB 352 - Massage Therapy (Rodriguez)
- SB 348 - Medicaid (Rodriguez)
- SB 272 - Rare Disease Advisory Council (Baxley)
- SJR 340 - Supermajority Vote Required to Enact a Single-payor Healthcare System (Diaz)

11:30 AM — 01:30 PM
Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Presentation by the Agency for Health Care Administration
- Presentation by the Florida Health Care Association

02:00 PM — 04:00 PM
Joint Administrative Procedures Committee - Not Meeting

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

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SB 602	Business Organizations	In committee/council (CM)
SB 760	Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)	In committee/council (ED)
SB 764	Veterans Treatment Courts	In committee/council (MS)
SB 770	Military Affairs	In committee/council (MS)
SB 818	Mental Health Professionals	Filed
SB 922	Veterans' Preference in Employment	Filed
SB 952	Water Management Districts	Filed
SB 958	Specialty License Plates/Honor Flight	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Agriculture 08:30 — 11:00 AM
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Presentation on and Discussion of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
SB 526 by Senator Harrell—Animal Cremation
Other Related Meeting Documents

Governmental Oversight and Accountability 08:30 — 11:00 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation on History of Funded Status of the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan by Amy Baker, Coordinator, Office of Economic and Demographic Research
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7016 by the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—Florida Retirement System Investment Plan
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7018 by the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—Employer Contributions to Fund Retiree Benefits
SB 84 by Senator Rodrigues—Retirement
Other Related Meeting Documents

Health Policy 08:30 — 11:00 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL. 32301
SB 530 by Senator Perry—Nonopioid Alternatives
SB 494 by Senator Burgess—Administration of Vaccines
SB 388 by Senator Wright—Injured Police Canines
SB 352 by Senator Rodriguez—Massage Therapy
SB 348 by Senator Rodriguez—Medicaid
SB 272 by Senator Baxley—Rare Disease Advisory Council
SJR 340 by Senator Diaz—Supermajority Vote Required to Enact a Single-payor Healthcare System
Other Related Meeting Documents

Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response 11:30 — 01:30 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by the Agency for Health Care Administration
Presentation by the Florida Health Care Association

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Other Related Meeting Documents

Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight
02:00 — 04:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL. 32301
Introduction of Members
Interview of Public Counsel candidates
Other Related Meeting Documents

Joint Legislative Auditing Committee 02:00 — 04:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation of the Auditor General's Summary of Significant Findings and Financial Trends Identified in Local Government Audit Reports for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year
The Committee is expected to consider taking action against local governmental entities that have failed to file an annual financial report and/or annual financial audit report (if required) in accordance with ss. 218.32(1) and 218.39, F.S.
The Committee is expected to consider taking action against local governmental entities that have failed to provide the Auditor General with significant items missing from audit reports submitted in accordance with s. 218.39, F.S.
The Committee is expected to consider taking action against local governmental entities that have met a condition of a financial emergency and have failed to respond to the Governor's Office, pursuant to s. 218.503(3), F.S.
The Committee is expected to consider taking action against educational and local govermental entities that have failed to take full corrective action in response to repeat audit findings, pursuant to ss. 11.45(7)(j) and 218.39(8), F.S.
Consideration of the Department of the Lottery's audit for the 2020-21 fiscal year
Overview of the audits of Lobbying Firm Compensation Reports performed in 2020

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Ileana Garcia @IleanaGarciaUSA

Senator Ileana Garcia Advances Legislation to Protect Victims of Domestic Violence
capitalsoup.com/2021/02/03/sen…

Jeff Brandes @JeffreyBrandes

While legislators may carry the torch of criminal justice reform, that torch is fueled by mothers, sisters, and daughters who passionately advocate for second chances and powerful reforms that will promote public safety and allow the State to show grace to their loved ones.

Ana Maria Rodriguez @SenatorAMR

If you are seeking updates on the COVID-19 vaccines, please text FLCOVID19 to 888777 #senatoramr #covidvaccines #sd39 #stayuptodate

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

WFSU Tallahassee: Florida Senator Pushes Mental Health Hotline For Veterans

WINK News Fort Myers: 2 Florida bills seek to improve child safety

Fox 13 News Tampa: Florida's cruise industry recovery likely to be a long haul, experts say

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MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Bagel Bagel's Assorted Breakfast Wraps, Bagel Melts, Scones, Bagels, Fruit

Lunch: Chicken Salad Chick's Croissant Sandwich Platter, Broccoli Salad, House Salad, Tomato Bisque Soup, Buttercream Cookies

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Daily brief attached for Tuesday, Feb. 9th.

Best regards,

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

SCHEDULE

11:00 AM — 12:30 PM
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Presentation on Medicaid by the Agency for Health Care Administration
- SB 122 - Surrendered Newborn Infants (Baxley)

04:00 PM — 06:00 PM
Joint Administrative Procedures Committee - Reed Hall

- Consideration of a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on recommended legislation relating to chapter 120, Florida Statutes
- Reports and Appearances
- The Chair requests that all amendments should be filed by 6 p.m. on February 8, 2021, including amendments filed by Members of the Committee/Subcommittee. This meeting will be live-streamed on https://thefloridachannel.org/. Audience seating will be socially distanced and limited to the press and those persons wishing to provide substantive testimony on the filed bills or draft legislation. Persons who wish to attend must register at www.myfloridahouse.gov, and pick up a pass at the Legislative Welcome Center on the 4th Floor of the Capitol beginning two hours before the start of the meeting. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration closes three hours before the meeting starts.

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SB 484	Combating Public Disorder	In committee/council (CJ)
CS/SB 494	Administration of Vaccines	In committee/council (RC)
SB 512	Public Records/Application for a De Novo Banking Charter	In committee/council (BI)
SB 520	Social Media Websites	In committee/council (JU)
SB 532	Workforce Education	In committee/council (ED)
SB 602	Business Organizations	In committee/council (CM)
SB 760	Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)	On agenda (ED)
SB 764	Veterans Treatment Courts	In committee/council (MS)

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SB 770	Military Affairs	In committee/council (MS)
SB 818	Mental Health Professionals	In committee/council (HP)
SB 922	Veterans' Preference in Employment	In committee/council (MS)
SB 952	Water Management Districts	On agenda (EN)
SB 958	Specialty License Plates/Honor Flight	In committee/council (TR)
SB 1058	Sanitary Sewer Lateral Inspection Programs	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services 11:00 — 12:30 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation on Medicaid by the Agency for Health Care Administration
SB 122 by Senator Baxley and others—Surrendered Newborn Infants
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development 11:00 — 12:30 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation on the State and Federal Revenue Impacts to the Five-Year Work Program by the Florida Department of Transportation
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice 02:00 — 03:30 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A2 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
SB 274 by Senator Perry and others—Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction
Presentation on Restorative Justice by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability
Other Related Meeting Documents

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
02:00 — 03:30 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
CS/SB 52 by the Committee on Education and Senator Rodrigues—Postsecondary Education
CS/SB 264 by the Committee on Education and Senator Rodrigues—Higher Education
Other Related Meeting Documents

Joint Administrative Procedures Committee
04:00 — 06:00 PM
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Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight
04:00 — 06:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W. PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Public Comment on the Public Counsel candidates
Member deliberation and selection of the Public Counsel

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TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Danny Burgess @DannyBurgessFL

.@Buccaneers WIN! Congratulations to our hometown team for keeping the here in #TampaBay! #Superbowl

Debbie Mayfield @debbie_mayfield

This week's edition of the Mayfield Minute is now available! Read about Committee Week 3 by clicking here: conta.cc/3aMa4Hq

Keith Perry @KeithPerryFL

By tapping into the power of incentives, we can encourage incarcerated people to assume responsibility for their rehabilitation and their time inside prison to build character, learn the values and skills necessary for success, and earn a second chance. ocala.com/story/opinion/…

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Daytona Beach News-Journal: Florida senator's proposal gives health care providers protections from some COVID-related suits

WPTV West Palm Beach: Florida lawmakers work to make some pandemic policies permanent

Florida Daily: Ashley Moody: More Than $40 Million Headed to Florida After Opioid Medication Settlement

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Oatmeal

Lunch: Madison Social: Bruschetta Chicken, Herb & Olive Oil Linguine, Parmesan Roasted Broccoli, Caesar Salad, Brownies

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Team Burgess,

Please see your attached daily brief for Monday, January 11th.

See you next week,

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Monday, January 11, 2021

SCHEDULE

02:30 PM — 05:00 PM
Commerce and Tourism - Not Meeting

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

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SB 416	POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial	Filed
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SB 494	Administration of Vaccines	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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Overview by the Department of Environmental Protection on the Implementation of SB 712 "The Clean Waterways Act."
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Overview by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on the Implementation of SB 712 and Agricultural Best Management Practices
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Overview of the Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection within the Department of Environmental Protection
Update by the Department of Environmental Protection on the Implementation of the Florida Springs and Aquifer Protection Act
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TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Danny Burgess @DannyBurgessFL

Business owners have endured so much in this pandemic. As we continue to navigate the ongoing crisis, this legislation will help protect businesses who are trying to do the right thing from the threat of potentially limitless civil liability.

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Ana Maria Rodriguez @SenatorAMR

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month We are in critical need for donations nationwide. Please contact your local @oneblood or @RedCross for locations if you are interested in donating. #donateblood #sd39 #senatoramr #volunteer

Keith Perry @KeithPerryFL

Happy New Year! As always, it is a great honor to serve and represent the members of District 8. Share this newsletter with your friends and family so that they too can stay informed with our community, state, and legislative updates. mailchi.mp/1de3a6b08f9b/d…

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

News Channel 8 Tampa: Florida lawmakers file bill to provide COVID-19 liability protections

WTXL Tallahassee: Florida House and Senate file identical bills to combat violence, disorder, looting

CBS 4 Miami: Florida Senate Panels To Meet Over 4 Days

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast - Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Oatmeal, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries

Lunch - 4 Rivers: Beef Brisket, Pulled Chicken, Mac-N-Cheese, Salad, Banana Pudding

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Draft Press Release… we are just waiting to add the Governor's quote.

For Immediate Release
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House and Senate File Legislation to Protect Peaceful Protests, Combat Violent Disorder

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (Jan. 6, 2021) -- In response to the violent mobs in Washington, D.C., the Florida House of Representatives and Senate filed identical bills to combat violence, disorder and looting in Florida. Statements from House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senate President Wilton Simpson, Representative Juan Fernandez Barquin, sponsor of House Bill 1, and Senator Danny Burgess, sponsor of Senate Bill 484, are below.

House Speaker Chris Sprowls (R-Palm Harbor)
"In a democracy, rioting, violence and lawlessness are repugnant and unacceptable. This isn't a peaceful protest. It's an act of domestic terrorism. It's a tragic, cowardly and un-American spectacle. Together we are taking immediate action in Florida by filing the Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act. We will work together with Governor DeSantis and the Senate to protect Floridians from this kind of nonsensical violence. And when these types of despicable acts happen, law enforcement and prosecutors will have the tools and the support they need to keep Floridians safe, communities whole and property undamaged."

Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby)
"Our constitutional right to protest has played a critical role in the great history of our democracy. I fully respect the right of every American to peacefully protest; however, there is absolutely no excuse for attacking law enforcement and destroying property. Over the last few months, Governor DeSantis has discussed strengthening our state laws to increase penalties for bad actors who turn otherwise peaceful and constitutional protests into violent attacks on law enforcement officers. I am proud to support our Governor and join with our House colleagues to make it clear that peaceful protests are welcome, but violent, destructive mobs will not be tolerated in Florida."

State Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R-Miami-Dade)
"What I witnessed today in Washington was disgusting, and I repudiate the violence and destruction that took place there. Today I filed legislation in the Florida House to make sure it doesn't happen here in Florida. It is never acceptable for a civil society to behave in this way, and this bill will ensure that it is unwelcome in Florida. It does not matter if you are Republican or Democrat, we are a society of laws, and all must follow the law."

State Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills)
"We are a nation of law and order, not violence, destruction and unrest. We respect the right to peacefully protest, but the shameful conduct we witnessed at the United States Capitol today and episodes of violent civil unrest that we have witnessed over the last several months have no place in our democracy. This legislation makes it clear that here in Florida criminals who seek to thwart peaceful protests by willfully inciting violence, attacking law enforcement and destroying public or private property will be held accountable."

Follow the bills at www.myfloridahouse.gov and www.flsenate.gov.

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Subject: DROP HB 1

Dear Elected Representatives:

I am writing to urge you to oppose HB1. This is a dangerous and unnecessary bill that is poised to harm our democracy. Common sense should tell you that we already have laws on the books that address the issues this bill purports to address. And a simple review of the recent successful case against the sheriff's office in Jacksonville related to actions taken against peaceful protestors over the summer will reveal that even those existing laws are abused.

I strongly oppose any more measures that will punish those who exercise their right to express dissent against government policies and institutions.

This bill was proposed before the disturbing events of January 6 of this year, and I am disheartened to see Governor DeSantis disingenuously try and peddle this harmful bill again under the false pretext of preventing violence similar to what we saw at the Capitol. This bill was written in response to and is designed to target civil rights protestors and they will be the ones to bear the brunt of these measures should they be enacted.

Please stand up for our democracy and OPPOSE this bill quickly and decisively.

Thank you,
Rhea Myerscough
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Attachment(s): "Prison Releasee Reoffender Brief.docx"

Dear Senator:

Attached please find my report regarding Florida's mandatory maximum prison releasee reoffender law under statute 775.082(9)(a)1. This report was written in support of SB 210 filed this session by Senator Jeff Brandes. I felt it was important to understand the history of how this law came to be. I have outlined other points I thought were helpful in understanding the costs associated with this law, and compared it to other legislation which helps one understand why it's actually an unnecessary piece of legislation.

My personal goal is for this law to undergo a complete retroactive repeal, but I am not naive enough to think this will happen anytime soon, or at all, and that is why I am in support of SB 210 which amends the PRR's sentencing structure to an acceptable level until repeal can become an actuality.

Although I had hoped to include references to the current reentry services Florida offers, time constraints did not permit me to do so. I have received some information from a fellow reformer pertaining to these programs which I would be happy to forward upon request, but as of this writing these have not been verified personally by me. I also possess PRR deviation reports from the 19th District and would be happy to email them to you at your request.

Thank you in advance for your time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
Heather Gatheridge
Florida PRR Families United

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Prison Releasee Reoffender Brief

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Over 200 study participants currently incarcerated under the PRR

Abstract:
In May of 1997, the Florida legislature passed HB 1371 which created the "Prison Releasee Reoffender Act." This outline includes, but is not limited to, the definition and history of this Act, explaining in great detail why this Act is draconian, egregious and wholly unnecessary, the catalyst for the drafting, and ultimate passing, of this bill, which was contrary to the reasoning the legislature provided as to why this Act was necessary; how the Act violates various Articles of the Florida Constitution; and the exorbitant costs associated with the implementation of this Act since its inception.

Definition:
The Prison Releasee Reoffender Act (hereafter PRR) under 775.082(9)(a)1 is a mandatory maximum statute.[1] In its original form, to qualify to be sentenced as a PRR an individual would have committed, or attempted to commit, any one of the enumerated offenses[2] within 3 years after being released from a state correctional facility operated by the Department of Corrections, or a private vendor.

If the state attorney determines that a defendant is a PRR as defined in subparagraph 1, the state attorney may seek to have the court sentence the defendant as a PRR. Upon proof from the state attorney that establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that a defendant is a PRR as defined in this section, the defendant is not eligible to be sentenced under the usual sentencing guidelines and the court *must* sentence the individual under the PRR guidelines.[3] The burden of proof needed to qualify an individual as a PRR is simply a preponderance of the evidence and includes a determination of the defendant's last date of release from a correctional institution/prison sentence in order to show it was within 3 years of the most recent offense, and whether the defendant has committed one of the enumerated offenses. A defendant sentenced under the PRR must serve 100% of the sentence and is not eligible for gain time, parole, control release, or any form of early release.[4]

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[1] State v. Cotton, 769 So.2d 345 (Fla. 2000)
[2] Treason; murder; manslaughter; sexual battery; carjacking; home invasion robbery; robbery; arson; kidnapping; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; aggravated battery; aggravated stalking; aircraft piracy; unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive device or bomb; any felony that involves use or threat of physical force or violence against an individual; armed burglary; burglary of a dwelling or burglary of an occupied structure; or any felony violation of s. 790.97, 800.04, 827.03, 827.071 or 847.0135.
[3] For a felony punishable by life, by a term of imprisonment for life; For a felony of the first degree, by a term of imprisonment of 30 years; For a felony of the second degree, by a term of imprisonment of 15 years; For a felony of the third degree, by a term of imprisonment of 5 years.
[4] 775.082 (9)(1)a, Fla. Statute

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History:

Although the legislature in 1997 utilized "public safety" as the catalyst for drafting the PRR by stating, "WHEREAS, the people of this state and the millions of people who visit our state deserve public safety and protection from violent felony offenders who have previously been sentenced to prison and who continue to prey on society by reoffending,"[5] this section will prove that the catalyst was simply due to overcrowding and gain time litigation, starting with this statement which precedes the earlier statement with regard to public safety, "WHEREAS, recent court decisions have mandated the early release of violent felony offenders."[6]

Since the early 1970's, Florida has had a severe prison overcrowding problem which resulted in litigation (specifically, Costello v. Wainwright, 397 F. Supp. 20,22 (M.D. Fla.1975)) to not only ease the overcrowding, but to ensure the Department of Corrections (hereafter DOC) provide adequate medical care (the inadequate care was felt to be, in part, due to overcrowding). As an example of the severity of the overcrowding during that time, in 1973 the normal capacity for the existing institutions of the Division of Corrections was 7,000 with an *"emergency"* capacity of 8,300. The actual inmate population on February 8, 1973, was approximately 10,300. The Lake Butler Reception and Medical Center, which was designed for 700 inmates, actually had a population of 1,300.[7]

Pursuant to Costello v. Wainwright, the DOC entered into a consent decree that provided for the capping of the prison population within certain limits. Over the years, the Florida legislature enacted various gain time statutes **related to overcrowding** due to the Costello consent decree. In 1983, the legislature enacted an Emergency Gain Time statute[8] which did not become active until prison overcrowding surpassed 98% of lawful capacity. On June 2, 1986, the triggering threshold percentile was increased to 99% capacity.[9] On February 5, 1987, the legislature enacted the Administrative Gain Time Statute[10] which superseded the Emergency Gain Time statute due to a triggering threshold percentile of 98%, which was lower than the 99% for Emergency Gain Time. The Emergency Gain Time statute was repealed effective June 17, 1993[11] and no credits were ever given under this statute. Under the Administrative Gain Time statute, DOC awarded a total of 720 days to individual prisoners between February of 1987 and June of 1988. Effective July 1, 1988, the Administrative Gain Time Statute was repealed and the Provisional Credits statute took its place with a triggering threshold percentile of 97.5.[12]

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[5] Chapter 97-239, House Bill 1371, Laws of Florida
[6] Chapter 97-239, House Bill 1371, Laws of Florida
[7] Gomez v. Singletary 733 So. 2d 499 (1998)
[8] 944.598, Fla. Stat. (1983)
[9] Chapter 86-46, Laws of Florida ; 944.598, Fla. Stat. (Supp.1986)
[10] Chapter 87-2, Laws of Florida
[11] Chapter 93-406, Laws of Florida
[12] 944.277, Flat. Stat. (Supp. 1988); Chapter 88-122, Laws of Florida

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In 1989, the provisional credit statute was revised to exclude inmates ever convicted of committing, or attempting to commit, murder in the first, second, or third degree, and was applicable to offenses committed on or after January 1, 1990.[13] It was again amended in 1992 and, although it still contained the murder/attempted murder exclusions, it did not specify an effective date.[14] In 1992, then-Attorney General Robert Butterworth issued an opinion which surmised that the lack of an effective date in the 1992 provisional credits amendment indicated the legislature intended it to have retroactive application.[15] After AG Butterworth's opinion, the legislature enacted 944.278 (1993) which retroactively cancelled all awards of administrative gain time and provisional credits for ***all*** inmates serving a sentence in the custody of the DOC or serving a state sentence in custody of another jurisdiction.[16] As a result, credits for 2,789 individuals who were still in custody were cancelled, and rearrest warrants were issued for 164 individuals who had been released.[17]

Pursuant to AG Butterworth's opinion and the 1993 amendment which cancelled all administrative gain time and provisional credits, litigation challenging the revocation of credits ensued. Although denied at the State level, one such case, Lynce v. Mathis, made its way to the United States Supreme Court. Kenneth Lynce was one of the 164 individuals who had been rearrested. In summary, Lynce argued that the retroactive cancellation of provisional credits violated the ex post facto clause of the United States Constitution. The United States Supreme Court agreed and reversed and remanded the case for further proceedings. The Lynce case was argued on November 4, 1996 and decided on February 19, 1997.[18]

Due to the Lynce decision, another similar case, Calamia v. Singletary, on petition for writ of certiorari, the Florida Supreme Court granted the writ of habeas corpus of Russell Calamia and a writ of mandamus for Jeffrey Lynn Hock which reinstated their administrative and provisional gain time. This decision was May 22, 1997.[19]

Although author/sociologist Heather Schoenfeld indicates in her book, Building The Prison State, that the PRR was drafted immediately following the Calamia decision by Representatives Victor Crist and Adam Putnam,[20] we can see from the Journal of the House of Representatives that the first reading of HB 1371, which created the Prison Releasee Reoffender Act, occurred on March 13, 1997,[21] roughly two months prior to the Calamia decision (May 22, 1997), and roughly one month following the Lynce decision (February 19, 1997), and the PRR was ultimately signed into law on May 30, 1997.

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[13] 944.277(1)(h) and (i) (1989)
[14] Herring v. Singletary, 879 F. Supp. 1180
[15] AGO 92-96
[16] Herring v. Singletary, 879 F. Supp. 1180; 944.278, Fla. Stat. (1993); Chapter 88-122 and Chapter 93-406 Laws of Florida
[17] Lynce v. Mathis, 519 U.S. 433 (1997)
[18] Lynce v. Mathis, 519 U.S. 433 (1997)
[19] Calamia v. Singletary, 694 So. 2d 733 (1997)
[20] Building The Prison State, page 167
[21] Journal of the House of Representatives, March 13, 1997, page 195

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Not only did HB 1371 create the PRR Act, it also amended Florida statute 947.141, violations of conditional release, control release, or conditional medical release, by utilizing one simple word to ensure anyone who violated terms of early release (even if that early release was due to overcrowding as "control release" is utilized when overcrowding occurs) would forfeit all gain time or commutation of time for good conduct as follows (words stricken are deletions, words underlined are additions), whereas before the revocation of gain time credits had been discretionary:

(6) Whenever a conditional release, control release, or conditional medical release is revoked by a panel of no fewer than two commissioners and the releasee is ordered to be returned to prison, the releasee, by reason of the misconduct, shall ~~may~~ be deemed to have forfeited all gain time or commutation of time for good conduct, as provided by law, earned up to the date of release.[22]

In addition to overcrowding litigation, the analyses utilized litigation related to gain time. Gain time is a behavioral management tool used to encourage satisfactory behavior. At the time, there were four types of gain time under statute 944.275 including basic gain time, incentive gain time, educational gain time and meritorious gain time. This section was amended in 1993 and 1995 to repeal basic gain time and reduce the amount of incentive gain time the DOC could award which specifically required all individuals sentenced to state prison for crimes committed on or after October 1, 1995, to serve no less than 85% of their sentence, which effectively implemented the "85% rule."[23]

On March 20, 1996, Attorney General Robert Butterworth released an opinion concluding that the department could exercise its "discretion" under the statute by adopting a rule that prohibited certain classes of inmates from receiving incentive gain-time.[24] Based on this opinion, the DOC amended Rule 33-11.0065 of the administrative code and denied future incentive gain time awards to individuals who had 85% or less of any sentence remaining to be served.[25] The amended rule affected over 20,000 individuals[26] and was projected to lengthen the time served in prison on average by several years. A small number of individuals (153) were projected to serve more than 20 years longer as a result of the amended rule.[27]

Once again, in prison litigation, specifically Gwong v. Singletary, 683 So. 2d 109 (1996), the Florida Supreme Court ruled that the DOC could not change the manner in which incentive gain time was previously awarded and that such retrospective change violated the ex post facto clause of the U.S. Constitution.[28] As a result, approximately 500 individuals were immediately released in November and December of 1996. By August 1997, approximately 1,800 additional individuals were projected to be released. The individuals affected by Gwong, mostly convicted of murder and sexual battery, were scheduled to be released by these dates anyway prior to the DOC's adoption of the amended rule and the Florida Supreme Court decision.[29]

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[22] Chapter 97-239, Section 4(6), Laws of Florida
[23] Gwong v. Singletary, 683 So. 2d 109 (1996); House of Representatives h1371s2z.cp, page 4
[24] Op Atty. Gen. Fla. 96-22 (1996)
[25] House of Representatives h1371s2z.cp, page 3
[26] Gwong v. Singletary, 683 So. 2d 108 (1996)
[27] House of Representatives h1371s2z.cp, page 4
[28] House of Representatives h1371s2z.cp, page 4
[29] House of Representatives h1371s2z.cp, page 4

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We can determine through the original PRR bill analyses that the intent of the legislature at the time in drafting the bill was due to the early release statutes due to overcrowding, as well as litigation regarding gain time. The House's Committee on Crime and Punishment's final bill research and economic impact statement begins its substantive analysis not with concerns for public safety, nor outcry at violent crime rates or the introduction of specific cases which could perpetuate the necessity of such an act, but with detailing the creation and repeal of early release statutes, keeping the prison population below thresholds for early release, the cancellation of administrative gain time and provisional release credits, incentive gain time litigation issues, and definition of habitual offenders and habitual violent offenders.[30]

Along with quantifying the affected individuals in Gwong, the analyses also quantified the number of individuals affected by the Lynce decision, indicating approximately 2,700 individuals would have their sentence reduced from 30 days up to 7 years. Of those affected, approximately 500 either had been or would be immediately released during the first two weeks of March, 1997. The remaining individuals would be released, on average, of 10 to 12 individuals per month for several years. Of the 2,700 affected individuals, the DOC estimated that 1,800 (67%) would be under some type of supervision, or placed under the custody of another law enforcement agency.[31]

Although one could argue the legislature *was* concerned for public safety due to the offense categories of those whose early release credits were reinstated, and who had incentive gain time reinstated, the low number of individuals affected (4,500 combining both issues) hardly made it a crises situation. For example, according to the 1997-1998 Florida DOC annual report, 2,269 individuals were released during the fiscal year whose offenses were murder/manslaughter (882) and sexual offenses (1,387), many of which could most probably be included in the offense categories of those who received reinstatement of credits. Dividing the total (2,269) by 12 months, approximately 189 individuals who had been incarcerated with violent offenses were released *per month*. Furthermore, one could possibly incorporate the category of "other violent" offenses from that same fiscal year of 3,202. Adding that category to the others, for a total of 5,471 indicates approximately 455 releases per month of "violent" offenders.[32]

Though one could possibly also argue the violent crime rate at the time and/or recidivism rates, nothing in the original bill analyses, or even the bill itself, refers in any way, shape or form to either of those being a catalyst for the impetus of the PRR, a bill which was ultimately sponsored by 35 representatives and by 2 House committees[33], and was passed unanimously in the House and without the Governor's signature.[34]

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[30] h1371s2z.cp, pages 2-4
[31] h1371s2z.cp, page 3
[32] Florida Department of Corrections Annual Report, 1997-1998 Fiscal Year
[33] Representatives Villalobos, Putnam, Crist, Harrington, Ball, Warner, Flanagan, Culp, Morroni, Morse, Fasano, Valdes, Lacasa, Goode, Thrasher, Bronson, Smith, Wiles, Livingston, Laurent, Bainter, Dockery, Byrd, Posey, Cosgrove, Melvin, Sanderson, Argenziano, Brooks, Edwards, Spratt, Barreiro, Casey, Minton and Feeney; Committees on Criminal Justice Appropriations, Crime and Punishment, HB 1371.
[34] Chapter 97-239, page 7, Laws of Florida

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Once again, although the legislature at the time hinted at public safety being the issue by stating "the people of this state and the millions of people who visit our state deserve public safety," even *if* referring to the murders of tourists that took place in the state, those crimes occurred in the early 1990's, yet it wasn't until the reinstatement of early release credits and the Gwong decision that the PRR was drafted. Furthermore, the legislature stated, "and protection from *violent felony offenders* (emphasis added) who have previously been sentenced to prison and who *continue to prey on society by reoffending* (emphasis added),"[35] yet the first prison sentence which helps qualify an individual for the PRR does ***not*** have to be a violent offense. For example, an individual who is sentenced to a 1 year and 1 day prison sentence for manufacture/sale/distribute of marijuana, and then commits a robbery within 3 years, qualifies as a PRR, even though the first prison sentence was for a drug offense and *not* a violent offense. Also, it simply takes *only* those 2 offenses for an individual to be sentenced under the PRR.

Although the legislature also indicated they found "the best deterrent to prevent prison releasees from committing future crimes is to require that any releasee who commits new serious felonies must be sentenced to the maximum term of incarceration allowed by law, and serve 100% of the court-imposed sentence,"[36] neither the bill itself, nor the bill analyses, substantiates this claim in any way, shape or form. There is no included data, or even mere mention, that this statement is true.

In summary, it is conclusive that due to overcrowding and the retroactive cancellation of provisional release credits and the resultant prison litigation culminating in the U. S. Supreme Court Lynce v. Mathis decision, as well as due to the retroactive amendment to incentive gain time, both of which violated the ex post facto clause of the U.S. Constitution, that without those two issues the PRR never would have been drafted. Thus, it is due to the State's egregious misuse of their authority that the PRR statute was drafted, passed, and to this day is costing Florida taxpayers millions of dollars each year due to the excessive nature of the law.

Let me be clear. Once again, although the legislature at the time wanted to blame the court decisions, and wanted to instill a false sense of fear regarding public safety by insinuating individuals were being released "early" because of the court decisions, these individuals **would have been released anyway**, but it was ***not*** due to court decisions, it was due to Attorney General Robert Butterworth's misapplication of retroactivity of provisional and gain time credits, credits which were given **due to overcrowding** (provisional) and credits that were actually **earned** (gain time credits). Thus, if anyone was to "blame," it would be the State for, first of all, not addressing the overcrowding problem properly pre- and post-Costello, and making early release credits a necessity because of not engaging in due diligence.

Amendments

[35] Chapter 97-239, page 3, Laws of Florida
[36] Chapter 97-239, page 3, Laws of Florida

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Since the passing of the PRR Act in 1997, the PRR portion of 775.082 has undergone several amendments which have increased eligibility, as well as harshness. Following are the amendments I am aware of at the time of the writing of this report:

1. In June of 1998, Gregory Thomas filed an appeal of his PRR sentence which challenged the definition of "sentence" under the PRR statute. Almost one month later, his appeal was assigned a number, 98-02761. In May of 1999, the legislature passed HB 121 which created the "Three-Strike Violent Felony Offender Act." This act also redefined the term "prison releasee reoffender." The term was revised to include "any defendant who commits or attempts to commit any offense listed in subparagraph (a)1.a.-r **while the defendant was serving a prison sentence or on an escape status from a state correctional facility operated by the DOC or a private vendor**." Prior to this amendment, the definition of a PRR was simply anyone who committed or attempted to commit a qualifying offense within 3 years of being released from a state correctional facility or a private vendor. On October 6, 1999 the 2nd District Court of Appeals filed their decision to Thomas's appeal, which reversed the PRR designation and remanded for deletion of that portion of his sentence. Mr. Thomas had walked away from his work release employment and did not return to the work release facility he was staying at. Two days later, he was charged with burglary and attempted burglary, as well as escape. The 2nd DCA decided the PRR statute did not actually define "released" and that their reading of the statute convinced them it indicated a release initiated by the state, not a "self-release" as in an "escape." As further delineated in Graff v. State, 785 So.2d 649 (Fla. 2d DCA 2001), in accordance with Thomas, Graff's PRR sentence was reversed and remanded for deletion. Lawrence Graff was also confined to a work release center when he escaped from the facility, and while on escape status he allegedly committed strong-arm robbery and aggravated battery. Footnote 1 of that decision reads, "We note that the legislature in 1999 added section 775.082(9)(a)(2) to address the situation presented in this case by including the definition of a "prison releasee reoffender" persons who commit one of the enumerated offenses while serving a prison sentence or on escape status from a state correctional facility…" Due to the appealability of such ambiguity, even before Mr. Thomas's case was decided, the legislature passed legislation to further delineate and define the term "release." What this did was not only include those on "escape" status, but also included the verbiage of **while serving a prison sentence**, which simply cast a wider net of eligibility.

   This amendment also removed the very clear and concise instances where the state attorney could deviate from the PRR to read, "…unless the state attorney determines that extenuating circumstances exist which preclude the just prosecution of the offender, including whether the victim recommends that the offender not be sentenced as provided in this subsection." As we noted earlier, there were four specific instances where a state attorney could deviate/offer a plea including insufficient evidence, unobtainable material witness testimony, the victim does not want the offender to receive the mandatory prison sentence and provides written statement to that affect, and lastly, the extenuating circumstances. What this portion of the amendment did was generalize the "extenuating circumstances" utilized for deviation, which in turn gave further power to the state attorney as to their individual interpretation of what extenuating circumstances consist of.

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However, the 2nd District Court of Appeals issued an opinion declaring HB 121 (chapter 99-188) unconstitutional as they determined it violated the "one subject and matter" requirement of Article III, section 6 of Florida's Constitution. Therefore, in April of 2002 the legislature passed HB 1399 which simply reenacted sections of HB 121, including the PRR portion, to satisfy the Second District's opinion. It did not change any of the language, but simply reenacted the sections and made them retroactive to when HB 121 was signed into law.

2. On June 15, 2001, the Governor signed into law SB 676 which amended the following:
    a. Changed q. under the qualifying offenses list from "Burglary of an occupied structure or dwelling," to "Burglary of a dwelling or burglary of an occupied structure.
    b. The next change further widens the PRR eligibility net by adding to the definition of within 3 years after being released from a state correctional facility operated by the DOC or a private vendor to include, "…**or within 3 years after being released from a correctional institution of another state, the District of Columbia, the United States, any possession or territory of the United States, or any foreign jurisdiction, following incarceration for an offense for which the sentence is punishable by more than 1 year in this state**. Therefore, a defendant could have committed a crime in Georgia that was a misdemeanor, but in Florida was a sentence of more than 1 year, and that individual would then qualify as a PRR. Furthermore, whereas defendants had to have served their prior qualifying prison time in a Florida prison, an individual who spent at least 1 year in prison in another state, any US possession or territory, or even any foreign jurisdiction, would now qualify as a PRR. There was no regard for the previously committed offense, only that the individual had been sentenced to prison for at least 1 year.
    c. The next change widens criteria even further by adding to while the defendant was serving a prison sentence or on escape status from a state correctional facility operated by the DOC or a private vendor to include, "…**or while the defendant was on escape status from a correctional institution of another state, the District of Columbia, the United States, any possession or territory of the United States, or any foreign jurisdiction following incarceration for an offense for which the sentence is punishable by more than 1 year in this state.** Once again, there was no regard for the nature of the previous committed offense, simply that the defendant had been in prison and had escaped. This amendment was signed into law on June 15, 2001, a little over one month after the Graff decision.

3. In 2013, Dazarian Lewars was convicted of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and was sentenced to 15 years as a PRR. Lewars appealed, arguing that he did not qualify as a PRR because he was not released from a DOC-operated facility, or private vendor, within 3 years of the burglary as he had spent a 24-month sentence solely in a county jail and never transferred to actual prison due to an accumulation of jail credit while he was awaiting a violation of probation hearing and sentencing. On December 13, 2018 the Florida Supreme Court upheld

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the decision of the 2nd District Court in Lewars v. State which, briefly, affirmed their opinion that release from a county jail did not satisfy PRR designation.[37]

4. On 6/28/2019, HB 7125, also known as the Florida First Step Act, was signed into law. Included in this bill was an amendment to the PRR. As you may have already ascertained, the amendment involved release from a county detention facility, to read as follows: "…within 3 years of being released from a state correctional facility operated by the Department of Corrections or a private vendor, **a county detention facility following incarceration for an offense for which the sentence pronounced was a prison sentence**.[38] To solidify the still ambiguous nature of "county detention facility," the final bill analysis for HB 7125 defined it further as follows: "A county detention facility means county jail, a county stockade, a county work camp, a county residential probation center, and any other place except a municipal detention facility used by a county or county officer for the detention of persons charged with or convicted of either felony or misdemeanor."[39] On page 88 of the analysis, it reads, **"This bill amends s. 775.082, F.S., expanding the pool of offenders eligible for a mandatory minimum sentence for a "prison releasee reoffender."** Also according to this analysis, as reported by the DOC, in FY 2017-2018 there were roughly 570 individuals who would be impacted by the bill language who were sentenced to time served and released before going to prison. The CJEC determined the new provision would increase the need for prison beds by an indeterminate amount. To put this into perspective, ***not*** having the county facility language in place in fiscal year 2017-2018 saved the state roughly $12,932,160.

Comparison to Habitual Offender Enhancements

When the PRR was drafted, Florida had several habitual offender enhancements under 775.084 including habitual felony offender (hereafter HFO), habitual violent felony offender (hereafter HVFO), and violent career criminal (hereafter VCC). Briefly, at the time the PRR was drafted the habitual offender laws basically doubled (enhanced) the statutory maximum sentences under 775.082 as *potential* maximum sentences for the HFO and HVFO, and as a mandatory minimum for the VCC. However, the enhancements under the HVFO were lower than those under the PRR. More importantly, a court had the discretion to decline to impose all three sentences if the court found that such sentencing was not necessary for the protection of the public.[40] Unlike the habitual offender statute, the imposition of sentence under the PRR is mandatory and certain, and the court would have no discretion to decline the imposition of the prescribed sentence. Furthermore, at the time, to qualify as a habitual felony offender an individual must have been previously convicted of *two* or more similar felonies, and the current felony for which the individual was being sentenced would have occurred within 5 years of the last felony conviction or release from prison, whichever is later.[41] In regards to the PRR, when it was initially drafted an individual need only have been released from a state correctional facility within 3 years of the most recent offense.[42] As confirmed by the bill analysis, and as noted previously, unlike the

[37] State of Florida v. Dazarian Cordell Lewars, SC17-1002
[38] CS/HB 7125, page 81, 2014-2018
[39] House of Representatives Staff Analysis Final Bill Analysis, page 21
[40] Senate Staff Analysis and Economic Impact Statement, CS/SB 2362, Criminal Justice Committee, pages 2, 3 and 4
[41] House of Representatives h1371s1b.cp, page 4
[42] Chapter 97-239, Laws of Florida, page 4

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habitual offender statute, the application of the PRR was *not* based on a certain number of prior convictions, nor a certain *type* of prior offense,[43] even though the legislature, as mentioned earlier, insinuated the bill was being drafted for the protection from "violent felony offenders" who have previously been sentenced to prison and who "continue to prey on society by reoffending,"[44] but by the legislature's own admission we know this to be false since it was known to *not* be based on a certain number or even the type of prior offense. One simply cannot categorize someone as inherently violent based on *one* offense, and cannot describe someone as habitual when the determination is not based on a certain number of prior convictions. That is the design of the habitual offender statutes, *which were already in effect*.

Furthermore, since the PRR is based on one prior prison sentence, and the HFO statutes are based on the number and type of offense, an individual can be sentenced as ***both*** a PRR and a HFO. For example, a defendant convicted of burglary may be sentenced to 25 years under the HVFO with 15 of those years served as a PRR.

In summary, as noted by the bill analysis, the PRR was distinguishable from the habitual offender statute in its certainty of punishment and its mandatory nature. Not only does it not allow for the court to depart downward from the proposed sentence, the mandatory minimum imposed is the ***maximum*** *statutory penalty* under 775.082.[45] The state attorney is not *required* to pursue PRR sentencing, even if a defendant meets the criteria, and the state attorney *can* seek to have the defendant sentenced under the usual sentencing guidelines, or if he/she meets relevant criteria, sentenced under one of the habitual offender sentences.
However, it should be emphasized that when a state attorney *does* pursue sentencing under the PRR and proves the defendant qualifies, the court *must* impose the appropriate ***statutory maximum*** term of imprisonment.[46]

Cost
Although the original bill analyses indicate the fiscal impact on state agencies/funds and local governments was "indeterminate,"[47] the Criminal Justice Estimating Conference (hereafter CJEC), which provides an official estimate of the fiscal and prison bed impact, on March 21, 1997 estimated the total cost for 10 years (1997-2007) would be $1,575,094,620. This estimate assumed prosecutors would pursue PRR sentences for *all* qualifying individuals.[48] However, on April 10, 1997 the CJEC met to consider the bed impact of the PRR which estimated total funds required for the same 10-year period mentioned previously would be $2,069,190,199. Contrary to the initial estimate which assumed *all* qualifying individuals would be sentenced as a PRR, the April estimate assumed only 87.9% of eligible offenders would be sentenced as a PRR.[49] It should also be noted that in the preliminary CJEC estimate on the prison bed impact, it was emphasized that the estimate assumed the bill would be the only change to occur in the current forecast. Other bills passed by the legislature could *increase* the

[43] House of Representatives h1371s1b.cp, page 10(V)(1)
[44] Chapter 97-239, Laws of Florida, page 1
[45] Senate Staff Analysis and Economic Impact Statement, CS/SB 2362 (Ways and Means), page 6 (III)
[46] Senate Staff Analysis and Economic Impact Statement, CS/SB 2362 (Ways and Means), page 6 (III)
[47] House Committee on Crime and Punishment h1371s1b.cp, pages 8 and 9
[48] House Committee on Crime and Punishment h1371s2z.cp (final bill statement) page 10, appendix A
[49] Senate Staff Analysis and Impact Statement CS/SB 2362, page 8, 9

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costs further.[50] Later, we will elucidate several amendments to the PRR which have widened the eligibility criteria which has most probably increased associated costs. In summary, the analyses concluded that the long-term impacts of the PRR bill were difficult to estimate due to prosecutorial and judicial behavior, but stated "will probably be *substantial* (emphasis added) in both the operating and capital costs."[51]

According to the DOC's 2018-2019 Annual Report, it now costs $22,688 *per year* to house just one individual in prison, with costs having gradually increased over the last 5 years.[52] For further perspective on cost, Florida PRR Families United (hereafter FPFU), a reform group aimed at retroactive repeal of the PRR, did an informal project related to plea deals. Although the PRR was originally drafted to *prohibit* pleas,[53] with the certain and mandatory nature of the statute, as well as lack of gain time incentives, the PRR is a wonderful bargaining tool for prosecutors and courts to clear dockets. Although plea information was requested from all twenty state attorneys' offices, the information was either reportedly completely lacking, insufficient, time-restrictive, or cost prohibitive with one office quoting more than half a million dollars to retrieve the requested records. Through FPFU, a small sampling of questionnaires were sent to PRR individuals currently incarcerated, with a majority of questionnaires being sent to those given a life sentence for robbery since that is the majority offense category for life sentences.[54]

This sampling revealed that of those with a life sentence, 100 were offered pleas ranging from 3 years to life (the life sentence pleas, a total of 8, are not included as each individual's life is indeterminate) with the average plea offered being 18 years. ***For clarification, when the State offers a plea, they are saying with absolute certainty that they are <u>more</u> than comfortable from a public safety, length of sentence for crime committed, and victim impact perspective with that individual serving the offered amount of time.*** Hypothetically speaking, if someone enters prison at age 20 and is given an 18-year PRR (100%) plea deal, the cost for those 18 years is $408,384 (18 x $22,688). The average life expectancy for a male is approximately 78 years.[55] Therefore, someone given a life sentence at age 20 with an expected 58 more years to live will cost the State $1,315,904 which is a difference of $907,520. *That is for only one individual*. As you may have deduced, the defendants in these cases obviously rejected the plea offers and were given a life sentence at trial. Hence, although the State was comfortable offering substantially lesser sentences via a plea, these individuals are now serving life sentences simply for exercising their constitutional right to a trial, aptly called a "trial penalty."[56]

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[50] Senate Staff Analysis and Impact Statement CS/SB 2362, page 9
[51] House Committee on Criminal Justice Appropriations h1371s2c.cj, page 10
[52] Florida DOC 2018-2019 Annual Report, page 12
[53] Senate Staff Analysis and Economic Impact Statement, CS/SB 2362, April 10, 1997, page 1
[54] Florida Department of Corrections via public records request, March 2019
[55] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, United States Life Tables 2017
[56] The Trial Penalty: The Sixth Amendment Right to Trial on the Verge of Extinction and How to Save It, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, July 10, 2018

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The Florida DOC 2018-2019 Annual Report indicates the majority of admissions for that fiscal year, 35.3%, were individuals in the 25-34 range. For argument's sake, let us assume the average age of PRR individuals when sentenced is at the high end of the majority, or 34. Utilizing the 18-year average plea, the cost once again for one individual is $408,384 (18 x $22,688). With a difference now of 44 years (78-34 = 44), that would make the cost $998,272 (44 x $22,688) which is a difference of $589,888. Again, for only one individual.

Now let's assume one-quarter of the estimated current PRR population with life sentences (1,750 from the SB 1716 bill analysis), or 437.5, were age 20 when sentenced. At an estimated cost of $1,315,904 (58 years x $22,688) x 437.5 that would total $575,708,000. Compared to the same estimate for those with an average 18-year plea at a cost of $408,384 x 437.5 which is $178,668,000 with a difference of $397,040,000. We can also assume that the same percentage of individuals (437.5) was 34 at the time of admission. At a cost of $998,272 (44 x $22,688) that would total $436,744,000 (437.5 x $998,272) as compared to the 18-year average plea cost of $178,668,000 with a difference of $258,076,000. This is still a significant amount. Furthermore, this is assuming the cost of incarceration for one individual for one year stays the same. Although these are estimates due to the extreme difficulty with data collection, these are not at all unreasonable estimates.

Anti-Murder Act of 2007

In order to further emphasize the "public safety" ruse the 1997 legislature utilized as a sort of justification for drafting and passing the PRR as quickly and with so little regard to issues of future fiscal responsibility, constitutional issues, prison management issues, etc., I would like to highlight legislation that was passed almost a decade after the PRR for comparison purposes, including cost.

On February 1, 2004, 11-year-old Carlie Brucia from Sarasota, FL was abducted when she was walking home from a friend's house, which was only a mile away, after a sleepover. Her body was found on February 6 and a man named Joseph P. Smith was charged with, and ultimately convicted of, murder, kidnapping and rape.[57] Joseph Smith was a drug addict with a long criminal record and was on probation for drug offenses. Two months before the murder, a judge had declined to charge Smith with violation of probation because he hadn't paid all of his court fines and fees.[58]

Almost a year later, in February of 2005, Jessica Lunsford, age 9, was taken from her home in Homasassa, FL, and her body was discovered 3 weeks later. A registered sex offender, John E. Couey, confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica.[59] It was also determined by investigators that the little girl had been raped.

Approximately 2 months later in April of 2005, 13-year-old Sarah Lunde was murdered in her home in Hillsborough County by a convicted rapist who was on probation after being released from prison in

[57] Florida Girl Abducted on Video is Found Dead; Mechanic with Criminal Record is Charged, The New York Times, February 7, 2004
[58] Tatiana Morales, "Mechanic Charged in Carlie's Death," CBS News, February 6, 2004
[59] "The Body of a Missing Florida Girl is Found, Associated Press, The New York Times, March 20, 2005

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2002. David Lee Onstott had previously dated Sarah's mother. Sarah's body was found 6 days after she disappeared partially submerged in a pond near her home.[60]

Also in 2004, what is considered to be one of the worst mass murders in Volusia County occurred on August 6 in Deltona. Known as the "Xbox Murders," six people were murdered when they were beaten to death with aluminum baseball bats by four men. The group of men was said to be led by Troy Victorino, who was on probation for beating a man with a walking stick 8 years earlier. The Deltona massacre is reported as having occurred because one of the victims had apparently discovered several items at her grandparent's home, which was vacant at the time as her grandparents lived part of the year in Maine, and believing these items to belong to "squatters," the victim may have discarded some of them, including an Xbox believed to have belonged to Victorino. Victorino was livid about the victim throwing his things away, and it is believed that was the catalyst for the brutal murders.[61]

Following the murder of Sarah Lunde, then-Attorney General Charlie Crist proposed that a new law be drafted which would ensure that violent felons who violate probation are locked up unless they can convince a judge that they do not pose a danger to the community. This bill was called the Anti-Murder Act of 2005.[62] Although there was certainly enough justification for such a bill with the above-mentioned events which had occurred within a little over a year, both related bills, HB 451 and CS/SB 608, died in Justice Appropriations, with the reason being cost, citing the $350 million to $630 million in additional court and prison resources.[63] Though judges do not normally voice their opinion on such matters, at least one judge, Stanford Blake, spoke out against the bill stating, "judges have to have discretion."[64] In fact, the Anti-Murder Act of 2005 took ***two*** years to pass, even though Charlie Crist proposed the Act again in the 2006 legislative session, even modifying it to *lower* the cost estimate. The sponsor of the House version, Rep. Joe Negron, even modified the list of qualifying offenses to "make those as limited to the serious felonies as possible."[65]

At the time, the St. Petersburg Times editorial board opined that the Act would remove discretion from judges and "could unnecessarily burden the state's prisons."[66] In response, Charlie Crist wrote a letter to the editor stating, "Getting even one potential killer off the street makes it a cost-effective proposition, not even considering its broader benefits to society."[67] Although the House supported the Act, the Senate never took up the bill, citing a cost of $118 million by 2010. The Senate president at the time, Tom Lee, told reporters, "at the end of the day, it was just a question of how much money are we going to spend to grow the criminal justice infrastructure in our state in 2006?"[68]
Remember, three innocent little girls had been kidnapped, raped and murdered in just a little over a year's time. And yet, it took *two* years to pass any type of legislation related to those brutal murders (notwithstanding the Jessica Lunsford Act, which mostly dealt with sex offender registration and

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[60] "Building the Prison State," Heather Schoenfeld, page 180
[61] "14 Years Later, 2004 Deltona Massacre Resonates," The Daytona Beach News Journal, August 10, 2018
[62] Message from Attorney General Charlie Crist, May 6, 2005
[63] Florida Legislature, 37th regular session
[64] "Costly Bill Targets Violent Felons, Scott Hiaasen, Miami Herald, April 4, 2005, IB
[65] "Crist Sticking to His Theme," Steve Bousquet, St. Petersburg Times, June 22, 2006, IB
[66] "The Anti-Murder Act," St. Petersburg Times, April 27, 2006, 14A
[67] "Anti-Murder Act Is a Sound Way to Protect State Residents," Charlie Crist, St. Petersburg Times, May 3, 2006
[68] "Crist Sticking To His Theme," Steve Bousquet, St. Petersburg Times, June 22, 2006, IB

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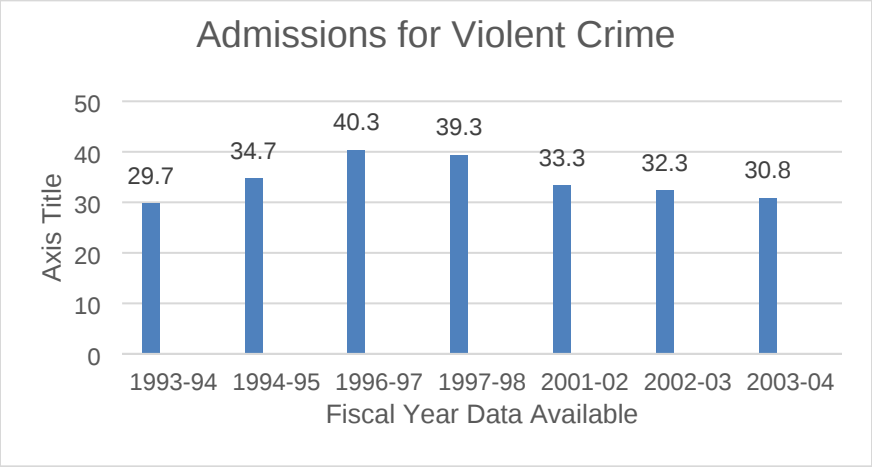
reporting[69]), simply due to cost. The legislature in 1997, however, passed the PRR bill with lightning speed. There weren't three little girls who were no longer alive, there weren't three families who were mourning the murders of their innocent daughters. It was simply because a few thousand individuals had their gain time restored due to the State violating the Ex Post Facto clause, and not one of those released individuals had committed another crime. The PRR was passed almost *unanimously* with absolutely *no* regard to the future fiscal impact. My question is, why? A bill that was estimated to cost between anywhere from $1.5 to $2 billion over 10 years, but with the *actual* cost being completely and utterly indeterminate. What was so important about *this* piece of legislation, but the lives of three little girls meant so little that "cost" kept legislation related to their murders from passing for two years.

Violent Crime Rate

Some of you may be surmising that perhaps the PRR was passed, in part, due to an increase in the violent crime rate. Although the reported violent crime rate in Florida for Part I crimes[70] from 1990 to 1993 had increased to around 160,000 total violent crimes per year, the violent crime rate actually started to decline after 1993 by 2.4% in 1994 and by 7.2% in 1995. There was a modest decrease of only 0.7% in 1996, and another modest decrease of 0.3% in 1997. Although the violent crime rate continued to decrease/remain steady over the next 7 years, it once again started to increase in 2005, then starting its decline again in 2009.[71]

Although I do not have the data for fiscal years 1995-96, 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01[72], the prison admissions for violent crime are as follows:[73]



[69] Chapter 2005-28, Laws of Florida
[70] Murder, forcible sex offenses, robbery and aggravated assault per the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Statewide Reported Violent Crime, 1971-2018
[71] Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Statewide Reported Violent Crime, 1971-2018
[72] Available annual reports provided from the DOC included dead links to admissions data for these years.
[73] Corresponding DOC Annual Reports, with exception to 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 which were taken from Annual Report for fiscal year 2004-2005

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Although the violent crime rate from 1993 (161,789) to 1997 (146,929) had decreased by almost 10%[74], the rate of prison admissions for violent crime actually increased by the same amount, approximately 10% (see table above). Furthermore, although the violent crime rate over the next 10 years continued to fluctuate quite modestly, and the rate of prison admissions for violent crime did decrease for the same time period, from 2007 to 2018 the violent crime rate has continued to decline, down to 81,896 in 2018 (a year which data includes the 17 individuals killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting on 02/14/2018), yet the prison admissions for violent crimes has remained relatively the same at around 30%.[75]

Recidivism

The Florida Department of Corrections defines recidivism as a return to prison as the result of *either* a new conviction *or* a violation of post-prison supervision, including technical violations, within 3 years of their prison release date. According to the 1996-1997 DOC Annual Report, the total recidivism rate at that time was a very low 18%. The recidivism rate from 2009 to 2016 has remained, on average, approximately 25%.[76] Note that a majority of individuals recidivate within 3 years of being released, which interestingly correlates to that which qualifies someone as a PRR.

Constitutional Issues

Although important, this section will be somewhat brief, mainly because numerous issues regarding the PRR have been addressed in the courts with few, if any, finding relief, and most appeals simply being met with legislation to "fix" the appealable issue. It is important to note constitutional issues for the simple reason that in the Senate analyses of the PRR, at least one constitutional issue related to due process was mentioned as follows:

"The legislation contains no provision for providing notice to the defendant prior to judgement being pronounced (emphasis added). It is fundamental to due process that "reasonable notice and an opportunity to appear and be heard (be provided) before judgement is pronounced." State ex rel. Barancik v. Gates, 134 So.2d 497, 500 (Fla. 1961). Although the legislation apprises each releasee that he or she may be subject to the prison releasee reoffender sanction, there is ***no actual notice by the state to the defendant prior to judgement of the state attorney's intent to pursue such sanction*** *(emphasis added).* ***This is in contrast to current habitualization, so that the defendant can prepare to defend himself or herself*** *(emphasis added). See, Massey v. State, 589 So.2d 336, 337 (Fla. 5th DCA 1991) ("Lack of any notice, written or otherwise, is a due process violation…"), approved, Massey v. State, 609 So.2d 598 (Fla. 1992). Ashley v. State, 614 So.2d 486 (Fla. 1993, citing Massey."*[77]

When an individual is released from prison, they are required to sign a "notice" which indicates the individual's name, DOC number and release date, which states, "You are hereby notified that if you commit or attempt to commit one of the following offenses within three years of your release from incarceration, you may be sentenced to the mandatory minimum sentencing provisions of section

[74] FLDLE Florida Statewide Reported Violent Crime, 1971-2018
[75] FL DOC Annual Reports for indicated fiscal years
[76] Florida Prison Recidivism Report, Releases from 2008-2018
[77] Senate Staff Analysis and Economic Impact Statement, CS/SB 2362, April 10, 1997, page 8

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775.082, F.S., of the "**Prison Releasee Reoffender Punishment Act."** It then goes on to list the qualifying offenses, and at the bottom in bold states, "I acknowledge receipt of this notification of the "Prison Releasee Reoffender Punishment Act." Refusal to sign this notice will not preclude you from being sentenced pursuant to section 775.082, F.S."[78] Now, let's say someone commits a robbery 2 years and 8 months from the date of their release from prison. How many of those individuals are going to recall signing, or even seeing, this warning notice? How many individuals would recall this notice even after 3 months, 6 months, a year? Furthermore, since the notice does not detail the actual penalties under the PRR and simply lists the statute number, how many individuals who are released from prison are going to research the specifics of that particular statute? Also, although notice is given to defendants sentenced under the HFO statutes by the court, the PRR "notice" is required to be given by the DOC, which has nothing to do with an individual's actual case that they are being assessed for as to qualifying as a PRR. Clearly this is an issue of due process, no matter how many times the courts refuse to declare it, and even though the State is not required to demonstrate that the person received notice in order for the court to sentence the person as a prison releasee reoffender. The lack of notice in and of itself should constitute a violation of due process. I have had individuals sentenced as PRR who have indicated to me that if they had known they were going to receive such a harsh sentence, they would have taken the offered plea agreement. Furthermore, many individuals have been sentenced as PRR whose first prison sentence was *prior* to the passing of the Act and therefore those individuals absolutely did not receive notice, yet the courts have yet to rectify this injustice as the PRR was clearly prospective, yet utilizing prison sentences *prior* to the initiation of the act is retrospective and anyone who was sentenced as a PRR in this fashion should not have qualified.

Due process is defined as fair treatment of the judicial system. The Florida Constitution Article I, section 9, states, "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law." By law, and because of this warning "notice" the DOC shows people upon their release from prison, actual notice of the intent to sentence someone as a PRR is ***not*** required. However, it ***is*** required under the habitual offender laws.

Article I, section 17, of Florida's Constitution forbids the imposition of a punishment that is not only cruel, but also unusual. Although Florida's felony murder rule, and the 10-20-Life law are certainly in company with the PRR as far as cruelty, the PRR is unusual in several ways as follows (please note, if there is any redundancy from that already discussed prior, this is intentional as I feel it is important to emphasize these issues as completely as possible):

1. First, the PRR is not a "minimum mandatory" in that once determined to be a PRR, the court ***must*** impose the statutory ***maximum***. For instance, if robbery with a firearm carries a statutory maximum of being punishable ***by*** life, the court under the usual guidelines may sentence ***up to*** and including life, whereas under the PRR, the court would have no choice but to sentence the individual ***to a life sentence, which is the maximum sentence allowed***.
2. Under the usual guidelines, the court may sentence the defendant to a lesser sentence than the statutory maximum. Under the PRR, the court has ***absolutely no discretion*** and ***must*** sentence the defendant according to the PRR guidelines. The ***only*** discretion the court has

[78] See Appendix A

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when it comes to the PRR is the ability to sentence a defendant to ***more*** than the statutory maximum. However, if a court is already bound to give a defendant the statutory maximum, what would be the point of giving more than the maximum allowed?

3. Under the PRR, an individual ***must*** serve 100% of his/her sentence with no opportunities for gain time, parole, control release, or any form of early release. It is very important to note here that the House of Representatives' Committee on Crime and Punishment noted in their final bill analysis that, "Because the penalties involved under the bill are minimum mandatory sentences, the DOC may face some disciplinary problems with those offenders serving sentences with no prospect for gain time awarded for good behavior."[79] How much more unusual is it for the legislature to pass legislation that renders an individual without the possibility of any form of redemption, knowing full well it most probably would cause more problems for the DOC?
4. Once again, the PRR does ***not*** take into consideration the ***type*** of prior offense, nor a certain number of prior offenses. Certainly, if it had it would simply be an almost exact replica of the habitual offender enhancements, and then what would be the purpose?

The Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution also forbids the imposition of a sentence that is cruel and unusual, but this includes sentences that are disproportionate to the crime committed. If the State is comfortable offering a 15-year sentence for robbery with a firearm, how proportionate is it to receive a life sentence at trial for the same offense?

Furthermore, the PRR is disproportionate in that it differentiates between a defendant who committed a crime 2 years and 364 days after being released from a prison sentence and a defendant who committed the same crime 3 years and 1 day after being released from a prison sentence. Once again, there is no regard to offense type regarding the first prison sentence, only that the individual was previously in prison, and was released within 3 years of the most recent qualifying offense.

When the bill was originally drafted, it indicated that plea bargaining was prohibited and could only be utilized in certain circumstances.[80] These circumstances included:

1. The prosecuting attorney does not have sufficient evidence to prove the highest charge available.
2. The testimony of the material witness cannot be obtained.
3. The victim does not want the offender to receive the mandatory prison sentence and provides written statement to that effect.
4. Other extenuating circumstances exist which preclude the just prosecution of the offender.

At the time, for every case that the defendant did not meet PRR criteria and did not receive the mandatory minimum prison sentence, the state attorney was to explain the sentencing deviation in writing and maintain the deviation in the case file, with a report regarding these deviations to be sent to the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association (hereafter FPAA) on a quarterly basis. This information

[79] House of Representatives Committee on Crime and Punishment Final Bill Research and Economic Impact Statement, h1371s2z.cp, May 30, 1997, page 11
[80] Senate Staff Analysis and Economic Impact Statement, CS/SB 2362, page 1

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was to be made available to the public for at least a 10-year period. At this time, however, that portion of the bill states the offender is to be punished to the fullest extent of the law "unless the state attorney determines that extenuating circumstances exist which preclude the just prosecution of the offender, including whether the victim recommends that the offender ***not*** be sentenced as per the PRR guidelines. Therefore, the PRR is also disproportionate in that not everyone is afforded a plea offer, and even for those that are offered a plea, these pleas are all disproportionate.

On October 8, 2020 I received copies of PRR deviations from the State Attorneys office of the 19th judicial district. One example is of a defendant accused of second-degree murder and robbery. The defendant was willing to open plea to all charges if the State agreed to waive the PRR designation. The deviation was granted and the defendant received a life sentence for the second-degree murder, and 15 years for the robbery, both sentences imposed by a judge because without the PRR designation the judge had discretion, and in this case where someone was actually murdered, a life sentence would seem appropriate. The case is now on appeal. Once again, however, not everyone is offered a plea because the State Attorney decides the definition of "extenuating circumstances," and in this particular case those circumstances included that although they felt they had a strong case, they also felt it possible the jury could return a verdict of manslaughter as it appeared the murder was the result of a drug deal gone bad (for marijuana, according to court documents)[81]. Additionally, the state felt the plea would avoid any unknown or appellate issues. Without the deviation, and being sentenced as PRR, the defendant faced a mandatory life in prison sentence if convicted. With the deviation, however, the sentence would be left up to the court and could impose any sentence from the bottom of the guideline (27.5 years) ***up to*** life in prison. To reiterate, even though the defendant in this case actually killed someone, the State was more than comfortable with the possibility of the court sentencing the defendant to 27.5 years when they offered and were granted a plea deviation from the PRR. I will note here that of those individuals I mentioned earlier whom the FPFU sampled regarding plea deals, of those who provided score sheets, for 31 individuals there was ***no*** victim injury. Zero. For 4 individuals there was slight, for 5 individuals moderate, and for 1 individual severe. The two highest categories of victim injury on the score sheet are death (120 points) and second-degree murder (240 points), yet none of these individuals sentenced to life had anything over severe, and the majority were none.

In another case, part of the reasoning for the deviation was the judge for the case was one who was felt to be "hypercritical" of law enforcement and there was concern with law enforcement affidavits. In the same case, the victims were elderly and were concerned about having to testify at a trial, and the defendant was willing to take a 20-year plea. Therefore, the PRR is also disproportionate not only dependent apparently on the personal disposition of the judge in the case, but in that it technically allows the wishes of a victim to determine sentencing. Now, if the wishes of the victim were not only heard, but also abided by, in ***all*** PRR cases, one could not as easily argue disproportionality. However, we know this to not be the case. Some victims are unaware they are able to request a lesser sentence, or request that the defendant not be charged at all. And, even if some victims are aware, their wishes are not always adhered to. In 2005, Jonathan Beaudry was charged with robbery with a gun or deadly weapon. He had robbed a cab driver with a steak knife of $220. Mr. Beaudry was introduced to drugs at a young age by a family member, and this robbery was the result of his drug addiction. Mr.

[81] Okeechobee County Clerk of Courts, case #472020CF000238CFAXMX, arrest affidavit

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Beaudry's victim wrote a statement indicating he did not want him to receive a life sentence, but his wishes were ignored and Mr. Beaudry was given a life sentence. The prior prison stay which qualified Mr. Beaudry as a PRR was for introduction of contraband into a detention facility, a non-violent crime.

In the last example, an individual charged with 2 counts of robbery with a deadly weapon while wearing a mask, an offense punishable by life, 2 counts of aggravated assault with a weapon with no intent to kill, and grand theft, was determined to be an "accomplice" and was instrumental in securing convictions for the actual gunman (life) and the getaway driver (13 years on violation of probation) and was therefore offered a 15-year sentence, which he accepted, and which the victims in the case were comfortable with. However, if the defendant, being simply an accomplice, had refused the plea and gone to trial and was found guilty, the court would have had no choice but to sentence the individual to a life sentence under the PRR. Not every defendant has an accomplice, or accomplices, to garner a plea offer. However, this is the perfect case to highlight yet another example of disproportionality, besides the plea offers, in that this individual was still ultimately sentenced as a PRR. Yet, there are individuals, as noted above, who are offered pleas where the PRR is omitted completely.

To finish off the constitutional issues, we now address separation of powers which is located in Article II, section 3 of the Florida Constitution. Although this issue has also been argued in the courts, it is important to note simply due to the instances where it is stated that it is the State Attorney, and not the court, which has discretion in determining not only the eligibility of a defendant as a PRR, but also, as proven by the plea deviations, the definition of "extenuating circumstances," and whether or not a victim is able to determine sentencing with their wishes for or against prosecution as a PRR in order to determine whether an individual is, or isn't, offered a plea. The State Attorney is an executive function and determines charges and whether to prosecute someone charged with a crime. Sentencing, however, is a judicial function. With the PRR, once a defendant is determined to qualify as a PRR, a function which rests solely with the State Attorney, the court has no discretion as to sentencing, except to sentence above the statutory maximum as discussed earlier, a discretion so minute it's hardly worth including as part of the statute when one considers the mandatory prison term is the ***maximum*** statutory sentence allowed.

The original bill, HB 1371, reads as follows (all emphases are added): "If the ***state attorney*** determines that a defendant is a prison releasee reoffender as defined in subparagraph 1., the ***state attorney*** may seek to ***have the court*** sentence the defendant as a prison releasee reoffender. Upon proof from the ***state attorney*** that establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that a defendant is a prison releasee reoffender as defined in this section, such defendant is not eligible for sentencing under the usual guidelines…"[82] It also reads as follows: "For every case in which the offender meets the criteria in paragraph (a) and does not receive the mandatory minimum prison sentence, the ***state attorney*** must explain the sentence deviation in writing…"

The HB 1371 analyses describe the discretion multiple times as follows:

[82] Chapter 97-239, HB1371, page 4

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1. Page 1 of the Senate Staff Analysis and Economic Impact Statement, CS/SB 2362, Ways and Means Committee reads under the summary: "CS/SB 2362 provides that when a ***state attorney*** pursues ***sentencing***...," though sentencing is clearly a judicial function. In contrast, this same report states on page 2 regarding the habitual offender statutes, "If a state attorney pursues a habitual offender ***sanction*** (not sentence) against a defendant...," which would clearly be in the purview of the executive branch. This same verbiage is used for the HVFO and VCC.
2. On page 6 of the same report as in number 1, it reads, "if a ***state attorney*** determines that a defendant is a prison releasee reoffender the ***state attorney*** *may* seek to have the *court* sentence the defendant as a prison releasee reoffender." Now, this statement *does* intimate the court has some discretion in the matter, but the court only needs to determine if the defendant has committed a qualifying offense and has done so within 3 years of being released from prison, in order to confirm or deny the individual qualifies as a PRR. Thereafter, there is absolutely no discretion as to sentencing, except as noted previously. The judge is not able to entertain mitigating circumstances, does not determine the definition of extenuating circumstances, and is not able to take into consideration the wishes of the victim, which are all under the discretion of the State Attorney. Once the State Attorney proves that the defendant is a PRR and the court either confirms or denies this designation, sentencing is determined solely by the PRR designation, which once again is pursued by the State Attorney, not the court.
3. In the same report also on page 6, last paragraph, it reads as follows: "The state attorney is not required to pursue ***sentencing*** the defendant as a prison releasee reoffender. Even if the defendant meets the criteria for a prison releasee reoffender, the ***state attorney can seek to have the defendant sentenced under the sentencing guidelines*** or…" and "when the ***state attorney does pursue sentencing*** of the defendant as a prison releasee reoffender and proves that the defendant is a prison releassee reoffender, ***the court must impose the appropriate mandatory minimum term of imprisonment***.
4. In the same report, on page 10 under VII, Related Issues, it states, "***This CS gives the state attorney total discretion to pursue prison releasee reoffender sentencing***. If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant ***qualifies***, ***it has no discretion and must impose the statutory maximum allowable for the offense***. And, "the provisions of this CS do not authorize a court to impose a lesser sentence ***even if the court believes the defendant presents no present danger to the public***. Ergo, even if the court used their discretion in determining the defendant did not pose a danger to the public and wanted to impose a lesser sentence, he/she could not do so. That is the very definition of discretion, yet the court has no discretion in sentencing, a duty of the judiciary. This point is further elucidated with the following last sentence from the same paragraph, "This distinction could raise arguments that the bill empowers assistant state attorneys to be the ***ultimate sentencing authority***, rather than the elected judiciary. This CS passed the Committee with 24 yays and 0 nays.

The points above are reiterated in the Senate's Criminal Justice Committee CS pages 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10 and page 1 of the Statement of Substantial Changes Contained in Committee Substitute (passed with 7 yays and 1 nay); and the House of Representatives Committee on Criminal Justice Appropriations Bill Research and Economic Impact Statement of April 2, 1997 pages 1 and 5.

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Recent Legislation

In the 2020 legislative session, Senator Jeff Brandes introduced SB 1716 which amended the sentencing structure under the PRR as follows:

a. For a felony punishable by life, to a term of imprisonment of 25 years (currently life).
b. For a felony of the first degree, to a term of imprisonment of 20 years (currently 30 years).
c. For a felony of the second degree, to a term of imprisonment of 10 years (currently 15 years).
d. For a felony of the third degree, to a term of imprisonment of 3 years (currently 5 years).

This bill also allowed for the accrual of gain time for anyone sentenced as a PRR, whereas the current law does not. These amendments were to be applied retroactively. According to the Senate Bill Analysis and Fiscal Impact statement for SB 1716, the legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (hereafter EDR) indicated there were 7,396 potentially eligible PRR individuals incarcerated with varying mandatory sentences as follows: 1,126 with 5 years; 3,579 with 15 years; 799 with 30 years; 1,750 with life sentences; and 142 listed as "other." Although the bed impact could not be absolutely quantified, it was determined that with the bill proposals there would be a significant impact on the prison population.[83] However, this bill died in committee.

Hypothetically, if SB 1716 had passed last session and those in the 5 and 15-year categories had served enough time to subsequently be released, that would be an annual savings of $106,747,040 (combined total of 4,705 x $22,688); over 5 years, a savings of $533,735,200; over 10 years a savings of $1,067,470,400. Furthermore, the amendment for felonies punishable by life to 25 years is still 10 years ***more*** than the majority of plea offerings (15 years) where the individual ultimately received a life sentence at trial.

In relation to cost, it's important to note that with laws like the PRR, and other mandatory minimums, in which individuals are not only serving longer prison sentences, but in the case of the PRR who are then having to serve 100% of that sentence, this most probably adds to the elderly inmate population, which in turn substantially increases the cost. According to the DOC 2018-2019 Annual Report, as of June 30, 2019 elderly inmates (defined as 50 or older per statute 944.02) accounted for 25% of the total inmate population (an increase of 2.6% from the previous year).[84] The National Institute of Corrections has indicated that the annual cost of incarcerating those 55 or older who have chronic or terminal illnesses is 2 or 3 times that for all others on average, according to a Pew research study, and in this same study Florida was 7th overall in elderly inmate population for fiscal year 2015 when compared to other reporting states.[85]

[83] Senate Bill Analysis and Fiscal Impact Statement, February 5, 2020, page 7, 8
[84] Florida DOC 2018-2019 Annual Report, page 19
[85] Aging Prison Populations Drive Up Costs, Matt McKillop and Alex Boucher, February 20, 2018

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VOI/TIS Theory

Although I have no doubt that the appeals regarding administrative/provisional credits related to overcrowding, as well as gain time credits, and the incorrect application of retroactivity in the opinions by Attorney General Butterworth were responsible for the drafting and passing of the PRR, I have my own theory about what may have been the catalyst, or at least contributed to, the apparent expeditious nature of passing this bill. Title II, Subtitle A of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 ("Crime Act") (Pub. L. 103-322), established the Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-in-Sentencing (hereafter VOI/TIS) Incentive Grant Program. Briefly, this program was developed to help states remove violent offenders from the community, and encouraged states to implement TIS laws. This program provided formula grants to states to build or expand correctional facilities and jails to **increase** secure confinement space for violent offenders. From fiscal years 1996 to 2001, half of the funds were made available for the VOI portion, and half were available as incentive awards to states that implemented TIS laws. During FYs 1996-2001, more than $2.7 billion was allocated for the VOI/TIS program.

VOI funds were allocated to states using a three-tiered formula, with each tier using different criteria for eligibility. Eligible states could receive funding under all three tiers. Florida received the second highest total award of $236,967,649. Although the funding for each year from 1996 to 2001 was relatively equal,[86] and though a majority of states for 1996 received the exact same amount ($1,248,453), in fiscal year 1997 Florida received $73,077,414 which is almost double most of the subsequent years. It should be noted that this amount is taken from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (hereafter BJA) report. If one compares these figures to the semi-annual report provided by the state[87], there is a discrepancy. The semi-annual report indicates Florida received $31,221,730 in 1996 and $43,104,137. With this difference, it appears that funds that should have belonged in 1997 were added to the amount reported by the BJA for FY 1996 of $1,248,453 ($77,077,414 - $43,104,137 = $29,973,277). Add $29,937,277 to $1,248,453 and that equals the amount Florida reported for FY 1996 of $31,221,730. I obviously do not have a reason as to why there is this discrepancy, whether honest human error, intentional, misunderstanding/miscalculation, etc., but either way there *is* a discrepancy. Although everyone makes mistakes, I would be remiss to think that an error such as this was made by the BJA in a report to Congress. Eighty-five percent of the funds from the VOI grants were available for the first two tiers, and the remaining 15% of the total funds were reserved for the third tier.

The eligibility requirements for the VOI portion of the grants are as follows:

1. Tier 1: To have qualified for VOI funds, a state needed to provide an assurance in its application for funding that it had implemented, or was planning to implement, correctional policies and programs, including truth-in-sentencing laws that (1) ensured that violent offenders

[86] Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Report to Congress, Violent Offender Incarceration and Truth-In-Sentencing Incentive Formula Grant Program, February 2012, page 5; 1998 of $47,202,272; 1999 of $41,204,384; 2000 of $36,997,672; 2001 of $37,237,454.

[87] Violent offender Incarceration and Truth-In-Sentencing (VOITIS) Semi-Annual Report, January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

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served a substantial portion of the sentence imposed; (2) provided sufficiently severe punishment for violent offenders, including violent juvenile offenders; and (3) ensured that the prison time served was appropriately related to the determination that the inmate was a violent offender and thus was deemed necessary to protect the public.

2. Tier 2: A state that received a grant under Tier 1 was eligible for Tier 2 funds if it demonstrated that, since 1993, it had increased (1) the percentage of persons arrested for a Part 1 violent crime who were sentenced to prison; (2) the average prison time actually served by Part 1 violent offenders; or (3) the average percentage of a sentence served by persons convicted of a Part 1 violent crime.
3. Tier 3: A state that received a grant under Tier 1 (and Tier 2, if applicable) was eligible for Tier 3 funds if it demonstrated that, since 1993, it had increased (1) the percentage of persons arrested for a Part 1 violent crime who were sentenced to prison; (2) the average percentage of a sentence served by persons convicted of a Part 1 violent crime; or (3) by 10 percent or more, over the most recent 3-year period, the number of persons convicted of Part 1 violent crimes that had made new court commitments.

Using this information, let's note a few things. One could certainly argue Florida utilized TIS implementation to garner grant funds, and I'm assuming it did, however as noted previously in this report Florida implemented the 85% TIS rule in 1995, one year after the passing of the 1994 crime bill, and one year *prior* to federal funds being appropriated to states. Unfortunately, as of this writing I have yet to receive copies of the requested grant applications from FYs 1996-2001 in order to confirm/deny this information, and therefore these are only assumptions, but assumptions I feel are worthy of contemplation as the passing of the PRR portion of 775.082 certainly qualifies as implementation of a policy which satisfies all three tiers.

In December of 1993, over 5,000 members of a group called STOP (Stop Turning Out Prisoners) approved a petition drive for a constitutional amendment that would require prisoners to serve at least 85% of their sentences. This was after one STOP member inaccurately claimed in an article in the Orlando Sentinel that "We are disgusted that many Florida felons serve less than 15% of their sentence."[88] In July of 1994, the Florida Supreme Court ruled against the proposed STOP ballot amendment. By 1995, however, prisoners were already serving an average of 60% of their sentences and the guideline changes and the end of early releases would increase the average time served to 75% by 1996.[89] However, then-Senator Charlie Crist sponsored a bill shortly thereafter which was similar to the STOP ballot initiative. This bill passed unanimously in the Senate and overwhelmingly in the House. However, the 85% requirement would again require more prison beds (15,000) and subsequently an increase in operating expenses.

The question, then, became how to pay for the prison expansion afforded by the 1995 legislation of $2 billion over the next 5 years. Despite resistance to the suggestion of cutting Medicaid funding to help pay for prisons, lawmakers voted to do just that by 4%. In addition, the legislature cut funds for welfare and social services by making the AFDC application procedure more difficult, reducing benefits for poor

[88] "Tell Officials to Stop Turning Out Criminals," Orlando Sentinel, August 25, 1993
[89] Florida Department of Corrections, "Report on Increasing Lawful Capacity to 150%," January 11, 1995, S18, Box 2162, FSA

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pregnant women and aid to county public health clinics, and laying off HRS employees. By making these cuts, the legislature was able to fund 3,552 new prison beds ($80 million), operating costs for the 17,000 expected new prison beds for FY 1995-96 ($219.5 million), 2,942 new DOC positions, and a 6% pay raise for corrections officers (interestingly, at the same time teachers received only a 3% raise).[90] Of note, the grant funds received from the 1994 federal crime bill would cover almost half of the needed beds. According to the 2012 BJA report, Florida used its VOI/TIS funds to add 7,673 correctional beds, with 6,426 in operation, according to the last progress report.

To summarize, it is my *theory* that the PRR was passed, at least in part, as swiftly and with such little regard to the future fiscal impact due to the State needing to implement a program or policy that would help to satisfy the tier requirements of the VOI/TIS grants. At the time, there were already habitual offender enhancements. TIS had been implemented in 1995. They would need something that ensured violent offenders served a substantial portion of the sentence imposed (100%), provided sufficient punishment (certain punishment with the maximum statutory punishment allowed), increased the average prison time actually served by Part 1 violent offenders (many of the qualifying PRR offenses are Part 1), increased the average percentage of a sentence served by persons convicted of Part 1 offenses, etc. Once I receive the remainder of the requested records relating to the VOI/TIS grants, I will amend this report with that information whether it proves or disproves my theory. Regardless of the "cause" or catalyst, the prison releasee reoffender act is a draconian, disproportionate and unnecessary piece of legislation.

Relevant Articles/Case Studies

In an article in the St. Thomas Law Review, author Desiree Cuason hit on several key points regarding the PRR.[91] Of note, Ms. Cuason states the PRR *mandates* the courts *automatically* sentence a defendant who commits one of the qualifying crimes within 3 years of being released from a Florida prison to the *statutory maximum.* Although Ms. Cuason compares the PRR to other "three strikes" laws during that time period, the PRR is inherently different in that it is a "two strikes" law. The 1994 Crime Bill required federal courts to sentence persons charged with a current felony to the statutory maximum if they had previously been convicted of at least two other serious violent felonies, or any combination of two or more serious violent felonies, or drug offense. As we've discussed in detail, the PRR does not take into consideration the type, or number of prior offense(s). She goes on to state, "The only significant difference between the federal "Three Strikes" law and the Act is that the federal law provides the offender with ***two*** changes, while the Florida statute does not."

Although Ms. Cuason opines that the PRR does not constitute cruel and unusual punishment as it does not impose a sentence of death, nor does it impose a sentence so severe that it shocks the conscience of the court, but how is that not so when someone is offered a 15-year plea deal, or even a 3, 5, 7, 10-

[90] "Prisons, Courts Top Spending List," Miami Herald, April 7, 1995, A28.
[91] "Another Three-Strikes Law: An In-Depth Look at Florida's Prisoner Releasee Reoffender Punishment Act," 1998

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year plea, and then receives a life sentence at trial? How is it not so severe when someone receives a life sentence for robbery where no one was physically harmed, yet people who have committed murder have been released?

This report also touches on the issue of disproportionality by noting, “In order to determine whether mandatory sentences fall within the purview of the Eighth Amendment Cruel and Unusual Punishment Clause, courts must consider "whether under the circumstances the nature of the punishment is grossly disproportionate to the offense and goes beyond any legitimate penal goal so as to shock the general conscience and violate principles of fundamental fairness."' Failure of a defendant to refrain from reoffending, combined with the failure of previous sentences to deter such defendant, justifies the imposition of statutory maximums that the Act provides. Therefore, the imposition of such statutory maximums are not disproportionate to the qualifying crimes.” However, the PRR takes into consideration only ***one*** previous sentence, and therefore even by the definition of the federal “Three Strikes” law it is highly disproportionate for someone to receive a life sentence based on that one prior offense, especially given that even the *type* of prior offense is irrelevant.

Another discrepancy in this article is found on page 645 and reads, “If found guilty of committing one of the qualified crimes within three years of being released from a Florida prison, the reoffender will be sentence to the maximum penalty. The word “commits,” found in the amended language of chapter 775, mandates the finding of guilt.” However, as we know, even though an individual may have been offered a plea, that plea could still have included sentencing under the PRR, and in that respect an individual was not *found* guilty but *admitted* guilt to avoid an even longer PRR sentence.

Under section III, the author notes the PRR could contribute to even more prison overcrowding with longer prison terms with no chance of early release, and that courts would sentence individuals to statutory maximums for what could be a minor crime, and that this would cause a tremendous strain on the financial resources of the State. And, though it is indicated in this report that there is no violation of the separation of powers, Ms. Cuason states, “With the implementation of the Act, judges will virtually have no voice in the sentencing scheme in that if the offender qualifies, courts will *automatically* impose the statutory maximum, and prevents judges from exercising discretion, and recommends that based on their experiences in applying general principles, concepts and standards, lawmakers should give discretion back to judges. Although she states sentencing is left up to the legislature and this in and of itself does not violate the separation of powers, however when someone is sentenced as a PRR the usual sentencing guidelines are bypassed, and this is exactly why it *does* violate the separation of powers.

In her summary and recommendations, Ms. Cuason suggests alternatives to sentencing such as partial and short-term confinement, intensive supervision, electronic monitoring and community service. But, more importantly, lawmakers must develop new ways of preventing future crimes with things such as early intervention school programs, job training and placement programs to educate troubled youth.

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In another case study from 2002, author Pamala Griset brilliantly displays the history prior to the passing of the PRR and how amendments to gain time were the ultimate catalyst to its passing.[92] Regarding its definition, she wrote:

"*The PRR was a mandatory sentencing law that clearly designated the prosecutor as the most powerful person in sentencing. Prosecutors were not required under the law to file PRR status for qualifying offenders, but when they did, judges could not intervene. Judges could not impose a lesser sentence by departure because the PRR bypassed the sentencing guidelines. Nor were any other avenues for mercy left to judicial discretion. The legislature sought to encourage prosecutors to file PRR status, however, by requiring them to write reasons, to be made public, for not filing against qualifying offenders."*

This report refers to the court decisions I've already discussed, Gwong v. Singletary and Lynce v. Mathis, and also reiterates how upset the legislature was regarding these decisions and utilized the PRR in retaliation. As noted, one of the individuals she interviewed stated, "'The PRR evolved from the late 1980s. There were so many variations of sentencing because every year the Legislature changed its sentencing policy, so the DOC had different rules for everyone, depending on the date of their crime. The Legislature said 'no more gain time,' but the courts said 'no, you can't arbitrarily take it away.' Hundreds of offenders were released early, and many might commit crimes, so the Legislature said 'whenever they're released, if they commit another crime, then they get a long, long sentence.'' Another interviewee noted, "'giving them the statutory maximum, no gain time... was overkill. What was really needed was supervising them closely once they were released. But it [the PRR] got caught up in politics, and the Speaker put his entire weight behind passing it. He said 'we're not going home without this bill.' He held hostage everything else.'' Other interviewees, including some prosecutors, indicated the PRR was unnecessary as there were already habitual offender laws to cover every potential situation, but they did note that the PRR was different in "the extent of power allocated to prosecutors and removed from judges."

Plea Questionnaire Findings

FPFU sent out approximately 500 questionnaires to random individuals incarcerated in several of Florida's correctional institutions. Of those 500 questionnaires, 204 were returned with findings noted below:

1. A total of 129 of respondents, or 63%, were offered a plea.
2. Of the total of 129 plea respondents, 84% (109) were black, 15% (19) were white and 1% (1) were Hispanic (1).
3. The average plea offered was 18 years with 100 of those respondents ultimately being given a life sentence.
4. Of those 129 plea respondents who provided their score sheet (45), the average lowest possible sentence that could have been given under the usual guidelines is 10 years.
5. Of those 129 plea respondents who provided their score sheet which included the victim injury section (44), in 80% of the cases (35) there was zero victim injury, in 11% (5) there was slight

[92] "New Sentencing Laws Follow Old Patterns: A Florida Case Study," 2002, page 296, paragraphs 1-3

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victim injury, in 7% (3) there was moderate victim injury and in 2% (1) there was severe victim injury.

6. A total of 75 respondents, or 37%, were not offered a plea.
7. Of the 75 respondents who were not offered a plea, 83% (62) were black, 16% (12) were white, and 1% (1) were Hispanic.
8. Of the 75 respondents not offered a plea who provided their score sheet (25), the average lowest possible sentence under the normal guidelines was 9.5 years.
9. Of the 75 respondents not offered a plea who provided their score sheet which included the victim injury section (26), in 81% (21) of the cases there was zero victim injury, in 8% (2) there was slight victim injury, in 3% (1) there was moderate victim injury, and in 8% (2) there was severe victim injury.
10. Of the 75 respondents who were not offered a plea, 97% (73) received life sentences and 3% (2) received 30 years.

Racial/Ethnic Impact

The plea study noted above, although not as broad as one would like it to have been, still recognizes the racial disparity of the PRR. Although I still have not received a response to my public records request to the DOC on 10/17/2020 asking for everyone sentenced under the PRR since its inception sorted by race only, I have perused the Racial/Ethnic Impact Statement which was prepared for last session's SB 1716 by the Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. According to this report, "it was found that there is racial/ethnic disparity in the rate of qualifying offenders sentenced as PRR's. Black offenders were more likely to be sentenced as PRR's for all felony types than were Hispanic and White offenders." It goes on to state, "Prior research has not examined potential racial/ethnic differences among offenders sentenced to prison under Florida's PRR Act. Research estimating the impact of the PRR shortly after its implementation, however, suggested that the Act resulted in large increases to the prison population, especially among offenders who otherwise would not have been sentenced to prison if they had not been designated as a PRR (Cuason, 1998; Griset, 2002)."

Advocacy

Several years ago, I started a petition on Change.org which calls for the retroactive repeal of the PRR. As of the writing of this report, the petition has 4,875 signatures. In 2020, Brenda "Kay" Spitzbarth started Florida PRR Families United to bring awareness to this egregious law as her son is one of the PRR individuals who spent his time in a county jail prior to the 2019 amendment, yet he has continued to be denied relief, even following the Lewars decision.

Federal First Step Act

On December 21, 2018, President Trump signed into law the First Step Act (FSA). This Act included a summary of the following provisions related to federal sentencing reform:

1. Changes to Mandatory Minimums for Certain Drug Offenders: The FSA makes changes to the penalties for some federal offenses. The FSA modifies mandatory minimum sentences for some drug traffickers with prior drug convictions by increasing the threshold for prior convictions that count toward triggering higher mandatory minimums for repeat offenders, reducing the 20-year mandatory minimum (applicable where the offender has one prior qualifying conviction) to a 15-year mandatory minimum,

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and reducing a life-in-prison mandatory minimum (applicable where the offender has two or more prior qualifying convictions) to a 25-year mandatory minimum.
2. Retroactivity of the Fair Sentencing Act: The FSA made the provisions of the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-220) retroactive so that currently incarcerated offenders who received longer sentences for possession of crack cocaine than they would have received if sentenced for possession of the same amount of powder cocaine before the enactment of the Fair Sentencing Act can submit a petition in federal court to have their sentences reduced.[93]

As a result of these provisions, over 3,000 individuals were released from federal prison as of July 2019, and approximately 1,700 other federal sentences were reduced. The U.S. Sentencing Commission (USSC) indicated 25% of those sentence reductions were granted to prisoners in three states—Florida, South Carolina and Virginia. Over 91% were African-American, and most were male. I have included a brief summary of this Act to show that even the Federal Government is not immune to reform, and to retroactivity of those reforms.[94] However, one of the criticisms of the FSA was that lowering the prison population would necessarily increase crime rates. However, as per the 2020 report "Explaining the Past and Projecting Future Crime Rates,"[95] there is clear evidence that lowering state and federal imprisonment rates will not necessarily trigger increases in crime. They gave an example of 4 states where prison populations had been lowered by over 20% and crime rates had also declined by substantial amounts. By 2017, New York had reduced its prison population by 32%, but also had a 43% reduction in the UCR crime rate. New Jersey had a 38% reduction in the prison population, with a 48% reduction in the UCR crime rate. Maryland had a 17% reduction in their prison population, with a 34% reduction in crime. California had a 25% reduction in their prison population, with a 21% reduction in crime.[96]

This report further elucidates that a state's prison population represents a small share of the total correctional system, with jails and probation containing far more admissions than prisons.[97] The authors beg the question, "Was it the rise in the prison population or the much larger number of people being booked and held in local jail systems or being sentenced to probation that most influenced crime rates?" And then go on to surmise, "There is certainly a possibility that the other forms of correctional control have had a greater impact than imprisonment has, particularly the jail and probation systems, which make up 90% of the total admissions to the correctional system and represent two-thirds of the total correctional population. These statistics should prompt policymakers and criminologists to question previous conclusions regarding the effects of imprisonment alone on crime."

The average daily population for Florida jails/detention centers in the month of October 2020 was 48,602 which was as 12.5% decrease from the previous year, however of note this decrease is most likely due to the pandemic.[98] Therefore, Florida county jails/detention facilities house approximately half of the entire prison population on a daily basis.

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[93] Federal Bureau of Prisons Overview of the First Step Act
[94] First Step Act Update, Prison Legal News, Dale Chappell and Douglas Ankney, September 9, 2019
[95] James Austin, Todd Clear and Richard Rosenfeld of the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, September 2020
[96] Table 3, page 11 of report listed under footnote 93
[97] Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2016; table 4, page 13 of report under footnote 93
[98] Florida County Detention Facilities Average Inmate population, October 2020

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Crime Victims

One of the misconceptions about reformers is that we don't care about victims. This couldn't be further from the truth. Reform should not only include changes to laws, it should more so include greater access to rehabilitation, with the goal of ensuring when someone is released from prison there will be no more victims, or, at the very least, much less. When Dorian Mackeroy wrote to Senator Brandes, he was honest in stating that for many years after he received his life sentence he was kind of lost in what it is he wanted to do, or even how he felt at spending the rest of his life in prison, but one day he decided the most important thing was to ensure there were no more victims, not only outside prison, but also inside, and vowed that even though life in prison seemed hopeless, he was resolved to be a better person. James Wilson stated to me several times that if I were ever to have a chance to speak in front of legislators about the PRR that they give me more than two minutes to speak because his victim deserved more than two minutes for me to explain why he should be released from prison.

The criminal justice system, and lawmakers, will always purport that what they are doing in terms of laws and upholding those laws are done for the victims. But, do they really understand what victims want? And, if they do, do they always abide by those wishes? As proven by the plea agreements and plea deviations, they do not. In 2016, the Alliance for Safety and Justice (ASJ) released their National Survey of Victim's Views report. This report was conducted by David Binder Research, which contacted a nationally representative sample of 3,165 people across the country, and, from that pool, identified and interviewed over 800 victims of both non-violent and violent crimes.

This report found that 61% of crime victims support shorter prison sentences, and more funding for prevention and rehabilitation. By a margin of 3 to 1, crime victims believe that time in prison makes people more likely to commit another crime rather than less likely. By a margin of 15 to 1, victims prefer increased investments in schools and education rather than prison and jails. By a margin of 10 to 1, victims preferred increased investments in job creation rather than in prison and jails.

In 2018, the ASJ did a similar report specifically for the State of Florida.[99] The same research company as the national study conducted the survey in both English and Spanish in January 2018 via landline phones and online. Respondents self-identified as victims and provided the types of crime they had experienced in the last 10 years. Of those interviewed, 88% supported investing more in education and communities than jails and prisons, and 83% supported investing more in job training and workforce development than jails and prisons. By a margin of 4 to 1, victims think prison makes people more likely to commit crimes than to help rehabilitate them into better citizens; by a margin of 3 to 1, victims prefer shorter sentences and more spending on prevention and rehabilitation programs to longer sentences that keep people in prison for as long as possible; 7 in 10 (69 percent) think rehabilitation, drug treatment, and mental health treatment is a better way to prevent future crimes than punishment

[99] Crime Survivors Speak: Florida Victims' Views on Safety and Justice, Alliance for Safety and Justice Brief, February 2018.

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through incarceration; and 8 in 10 (78 percent) prefer that prosecutors focus on solving neighborhood problems and stopping repeat crimes through rehabilitation, even if it means fewer prison convictions.

In addition to surveying crime victims about their broad priorities, the ASJ also asked about reforms that have been raised as policy reform options in Florida. Overwhelmingly, victims support policy changes that restore judicial discretion, incentivize participation in rehabilitation and risk-reduction programs, and reduce the use of prison for less serious crimes such as drug possession and petty theft.

Interestingly, this report also shows that although victims in Florida support the above measures, they also feel the system is not meeting their needs as victims. So, once again, how much does the criminal justice system in Florida truly care about not only victims' views on their needs and support, but also on the system itself, when they are clearly taking neither into consideration?

Although many states, and the federal government, have accomplished reforms that have reduced their prison populations, many of these reforms have been related to offenders/offenses deemed "non-violent." However, most state inmates (in Florida, 56%[100]) have been convicted of violent crimes. Therefore, reductions in incarceration must, at least in part, depend upon reducing sentences for violent offenses. In a 2018 article for USA Today, sociologist Bruce Western wrote, "The political challenges for achieving criminal justice reform are formidable. Political debate portrays violence as a characteristic of certain people — thugs who are beyond redemption, people with no conscience. Using anger and fear to punish them with life sentences or death has become an intractable part of public policy."[101]

This article also references the Boston Re-Entry Study[102] for which Mr. Western was the chief investigator for the Harvard University Team. During the course of this study, half of the 122 individuals who were interviewed indicated they had been beaten by their parents; 40% had witnessed someone being killed; 30% grew up with other family violence; and 16% reported being sexually abused. Mr. Western further writes, "Violence is as much a characteristic of places as of people. Poor and chaotic homes, disorderly and low-income neighborhoods, and the prisons and jails that lie, in some cases, in close proximity to them, are places where violence frequently happens. Some of the same violent conditions (domestic abuse, childhood sexual trauma) also exist in middle- and upper-income households. But people in higher-income areas also have more economic opportunity, greater access to mental health treatment and the ability to more easily leave bad situations behind."

It is understandable that legislators do not want to appear "soft on crime," which understandably occurs with conversations regarding violent crimes, but when we talk about victims we must include even those who go on to victimize.

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[100] Florida Department of Corrections 2018-2019 Annual Report, page 16

[101] "Violent Offenders, often victims themselves, need more compassion and less punishment," USA Today, August 9, 2018

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Conclusion

The PRR is a draconian, egregious and wholly unnecessary law which was drafted for purely political, malicious and, in my opinion, short-term economic reasons. Buddy Jacobs of the FPAA testified at a Senate committee meeting during the 2020 session that none of the criminal justice bills from the 1990's were drafted maliciously, but how much more malicious is it to pass a law of such magnitude as the PRR simply due to restored early release credits? None of the released individuals who'd had their credits restored had committed another crime. All of the individuals who'd had credits restored were going to be released eventually. The restored credits were due in part to the legislature not adequately dealing with prison overcrowding issues stemming from the 1970's and 80's, and the remainder were credits that had to be *earned*. And, if my theory is correct and the PRR was utilized to receive federal grant monies, how is sending thousands of people to prison for terms sometimes decades longer than necessary for short-term grant money not the very definition of malicious? Even with the small sampling the FPFU was able to provide, we can see that the State time and again was comfortable offering anywhere from 3 years to 5, 10, 15, etc., years to individuals who ultimately were given life. How is this type of law *not* considered malicious? How malicious is it to pass a law *knowing* the DOC could have disciplinary problems with individuals who not only received disproportionately long sentences, but would also have absolutely no incentive for good behavior due to having to serve 100% of the sentence? How malicious is it to take an egregious law and make it *worse* with amendments that increase the eligibility net and make it watertight to appeals? How malicious is it to continue to *not* amend and/or retroactively repeal this statute simply because it helps prosecutors and courts clear dockets?

As we've determined, the PRR is disproportionate in a myriad of ways, and we've even determined that the PRR disproportionately affects African Americans.

Although the courts have mostly disagreed, the PRR *does* violate separation of powers in that it gives the state attorney sole discretion in whether someone is *sentenced* as a PRR, and this has been proven without a doubt. Sentencing is the role of the judiciary and should be left to such.

The PRR is the very definition of, if not cruel, at least unusual punishment. The PRR does not take into consideration the type of offense, nor the number of offenses, before it is ultimately able to qualify someone for a life sentence after only *two* "strikes," and in many of these instances, as we have proven, there was absolutely no physical victim injury. Only two instances of "proof" are needed to qualify someone as a PRR, that the individual committed a qualifying offense, and that the most recent offense occurred within 3 years of the individual being released from a prison sentence. Absolutely nothing else may be taken into consideration by the court when determining sentencing. PRR individuals *must* serve 100% of their sentence and are not eligible for gain time or any other form of early release. The PRR is a mandatory maximum where the statutory maximum is the sentence that must be imposed.

Since its inception, there have been approximately 14,000 individuals sentenced under the PRR. You will not hear even one of those individuals who say they did not deserve punishment for their crimes, but in a majority of instances, the punishment simply ***does not*** fit the crime.

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This session, Senator Jeff Brandes has filed SB 210 which amends the PRR sentencing structure as in last sessions' SB 1716. Once again, although my personal goal is a complete and retroactive repeal of the PRR, amending the statute as filed by Senator Brandes is a step in the right direction and therefore it is highly supported by not only myself, Florida PRR Families United, loved ones of those sentenced under this law, but by those sentenced under this law. It is hoped you will share our enthusiasm for the various types of relief that will be afforded with this bill and support its passage.

Thank you for your time. Please peruse your email as I will be sending a digital copy of this report, as well as PRR deviations from the 19th District.

The following pages contain summaries of several PRR cases I've chosen to highlight, but there are many, many more examples of why this law needs to be repealed, or, at the very least, extensively amended.

Case Studies

Dorian Mackeroy: In 1998, at the age of 23, Dorian was sentenced to life under the PRR in Pinellas County for robbery with a firearm. His victim was not physically injured. The prior sentence that qualified him for the PRR was robbery with no gun/deadly weapon at the age of 16. At that time, however, since he was simply only *with* the other youth who actually committed the crime, he took a plea of 4 years as a youthful offender as a principal to robbery. Dorian was released from that sentence on September 30, 1994. Since the PRR was not passed until May 30, 1997, Dorian would not have received the PRR "warning" notice as required by the statute. Due to the qualifying PRR offense of robbery and his past offense of robbery, even though he plead to a lesser charge and did not even actually commit the first robbery, he was also designated as a "habitual violent felony offender," though he physically hurt no one in either of the offenses. The HVFO was later stricken per court order on August 24, 2004, but the PRR life sentence was left intact. The lowest possible sentence Dorian could have received under the usual guidelines is 6-1/2 years, and the maximum prison sentence he could have received under the usual guidelines is 11 years. Even with his life sentence, Dorian has managed to take as many programs as are offered for those serving life. Dorian is married and has 3 children, many grandchildren and a large extended family who are supportive. Dorian has been incarcerated for 23 years, 8 years more than the 15-year majority plea offered in robbery cases, and 6 years more than the average plea offered in the FPFU study. It has already cost the state approximately $500,000 to house Dorian, and if he spends the next 33 years in prison it will cost the State approximately $750,000 more. And, what will this 33 years prove/gain in the end?

Samuel L. Green, II: The prior offense that qualified Samuel as a PRR was an armed robbery that occurred in 1992. He was sentenced to 5 years in prison followed by 10 years of probation. He was released from actual prison on March 7, 1997, **TWO MONTHS BEFORE** the PRR was passed into law. He started his probation at that time, and violated probation with a technical violation (no new charge) and went back to prison in January of 2002 to serve the probation violation time, and was released on January 1, 2003. The most recent offense of robbery with a firearm occurred in June of 2004, seven years after he was released from actual prison. Samuel's technical probation violation was used to qualify him as a PRR, even though he was released from actual prison **BEFORE** the PRR was passed

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into law, **BEFORE** the PRR was amended to include "from a prison *sentence,"* which would include probation. Obviously, Samuel also did not receive the PRR notice from the DOC. For the most recent offense, Samuel was offered a 15-year plea as a PRR and indicated that one of the reasons he did not accept that plea is because his trial attorney informed him they *had* to be noticed in writing before trial if the State was going to seek the PRR. He also elected to go to trial because the lowest possible score he could have received under the usual guidelines was 5-1/2 years. Samuel is currently serving a life sentence under the PRR. Samuel was 32 when he was given his life sentence; he is now 47.

Mark Jones: In 2012, Mark, an honorably discharged Army veteran, was sentenced to life under the PRR for burglary/assault any person. The details of the "assault" are that Mark walked up to the victim's car talking on a cell phone, he reached in the car and grabbed her wrist and said, "get out of the car and give me your keys." She looked at him and didn't think he was serious, and when she realized he was serious she screamed and Mark walked away. The State Attorney pursued PRR in Mark's case due to him being sentenced to 1 year and 1 day in prison for grand theft of $300/less than $5000 for which he was sentenced on June 5, 2008 and was released on December 24, 2008. His qualifying PRR offense occurred on June 27, 2011. The lowest possible sentence Mark could have received was 5-1/2 years. There was no physical injury, weapons used, etc. The Veteran's

Administration was active throughout his incarceration and up to trial, but the State Attorney would not talk to them. Mark had a serious drinking problem due to an incident which occurred during service in the military. He eventually was unable to hold down jobs and would commit thefts because he had no money or home. Mark also has a documented traumatic brain injury and PTSD from active duty service and multiple social workers from the VA were present throughout his trial and at sentencing, yet the State continued to refuse to cooperate with them for any type of treatment plan. In all the time Mark has been incarcerated, he has never received a disciplinary report. Mark's father is a retired special agent who spent 30 years with the FBI, his mom a retired schoolteacher who passed away recently while he has been incarcerated. Mark is married and has 2 brothers.

Michael Nicks: If you were to look up Michael Nicks on the DOC website, his offenses would make one think he's a really bad guy. First-degree murder, robbery. Michael has 2 life sentences, and unless you knew the details of his case, you might think he deserves to be in prison for the rest of his life. But, that is exactly why taking discretion away from judges, as with the PRR, does not allow anyone to take into consideration the individual nuances of each case. At the age of 23, Michael was sentenced for the first-degree murder under the felony murder rule. In February of 2001, Michael was visiting Orlando with 2 friends. They met a man who one of his friends was possibly selling a gun to. This buyer ended up shooting and killing a taxi driver. Though Michael did not know the shooter, nor the cab driver, and did not shoot or kill anyone, due to the felony murder rule he was sentenced as if he had. The friend who was selling the gun received a 15-year plea deal in exchange for testimony that a robbery was what led to the murder and that Michael had conspired with the buyer to help with the robbery. The individual who actually killed the cab driver received 25 years. Michael was the least involved in the incident, but ended up with the 2 life sentences because of the PRR. A few years prior to the incident he had stolen some car batteries from a junk yard full of golf carts. He was caught and given 18 months of work release. This offense is what qualified Michael for the PRR. The judge in Michael's case, Richard Conrad of the 9th Judicial Circuit in Orlando, actually apologized to Michael for

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having no other choice but to sentence him to life. Michael is now in his early 40's. The same year he went to prison, he became a mentor and tutor in education. He has been a chaplain's orderly, and a colonel's orderly. He is a mentor and program auditor in Wakulla's faith and character based rehabilitation program, and has 1,220 hours in this program. Michael's goal is to work as a paralegal, and one day, if granted his freedom, to become a lawyer. The morning of his trial, Michael was offered a 15-year plea deal, which he declined as he did not murder anyone, nor had he conspired to murder anyone, but he is now serving a life sentence. Michael has been in prison for 18 years, 3 years longer than the 15-year plea he was offered.

Louis Smock: Though there was no victim injury in his case, in 2008 Louis was sentenced to 5 life sentences for robbery with a gun/deadly weapon, and two sentences of 30 years for robbery without a gun/deadly weapon. The lowest possible sentence he could have received is 22 years. One month after his arrest, Louis was offered a plea of 26 years DOC with 10 years minimum mandatory, 10 years of probation, and a $250 fine. However, because he chose to go to trial, and due to the PRR, he received the above sentences. Five life sentences where no one was hurt.

Dontarious Carr: In 2014, Dontarious was charged with robbery with a gun/deadly weapon and possession of a concealed weapon/firearm by a convicted felon. There was no victim injury, and the lowest possible score he could have received under the usual guidelines was 7 years. Dontarious was deemed to qualify as a PRR and faced a life sentence at trial due to the offense of robbery with a deadly weapon being punishable by life, but he was offered a 15-year plea as a PRR, which he accepted. His current release date is 2029.

Marcus Maye: In May of 2002, Marcus was charged with robbery w/a deadly weapon. There was no victim injury, and the lowest possible sentence he could have received under the usual guidelines is 5-1/2 years. He was first offered a 30-year plea before trial, then 20 years at the start of trial. Marcus declined the plea, went to trial and received a life sentence due to the PRR.

Kenneth Nelson: In March of 2007, Kenneth was charged with robbery while armed with a firearm or deadly weapon. There was no physical victim injury, and the lowest possible sentence he could have received under the usual guidelines was 5 years. In 2007, Kenneth's lawyer received a letter from Jennifer Kuyrkendall, the assistant state attorney of the Office of the State Attorney of the third judicial circuit indicating Kenneth was released from prison on January 6, 2007 and this therefore qualified him as a PRR. The prison sentence Kenneth was released from at that time was for burglary of an occupied dwelling in which he received a 2-year and 8-month prison sentence. Ms. Kuyrkendall indicated that being subject to qualifying as a PRR he would be sentenced to a mandatory life sentence. She further went on to state that, "If your client wants to enter into a plea agreement with the State, I will amend the information to where it is charged as a 10-20-Life case pursuant to Florida Statute 775.087. Sentencing under that statute would only be a 20-year mandatory sentence." Part of this offer also included, "…and offer a proffer of testimony against his co-defendant and testify truthfully with or without subpoena." To reiterate, even though there was no physical injury to the victim, and even though the lowest possible sentence he could have received was 5 years the ASA felt a mandatory 20 years was appropriate, which it wasn't, as long as he cooperated with the State and testified against his co-defendant. Kenneth obviously refused the plea, and is now serving a life

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sentence. Another example of disproportionate sentencing, and sentencing decided entirely by the ASA, *not* the court.

Linda Wright: One of the very few women sentenced under the PRR, at the age of 47 Linda was charged with robbery with a weapon in October of 1998. Linda indicated to me that during the time she was going back and forth to the court for her case her lawyer would tell her she was facing 30 years, so she told him she wanted to go to trial, believing that if she lost she would receive the 30-year sentence. In June of 1993, Linda was charged with grand theft $300 less than $20,000 and received a 5-year prison sentence. She was released from that sentence on March 21, 1997, which is again ***two months before*** the PRR was signed into law, and in my opinion should absolutely not qualify someone as a PRR. If the DOC PRR warning notice precludes the State having to provide notice to defendants prior to trial so they are able to prepare an adequate defense, then it is absolutely obvious that any individual released prior to this law taking effect were **NOT** noticed. There was no physical victim injury in Linda's case, and the lowest possible sentence she could have received under the usual guidelines was 9.8 years, yet because she chose to go to trial she is now serving life as a PRR ***plus*** 30 years as a habitual offender for the robbery, **and** 30 years as a habitual offender ***plus*** 15 years as a PRR for count 2 which was aggravated battery (again, no victim injury is indicated on her score sheet). Does anyone else not see these sentences as extreme?! Linda didn't murder anyone, she didn't even physically hurt anyone, yet because she chose to go to trial she is serving life PLUS. Absolutely ridiculous. Linda is now 68 years old. She has been in prison now for 22 years.

Keith Bland: In April of 1993, Keith was sentenced to 5 years 6 months DOC for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and was released from that sentence on May 7, 1997 which was, once again, ***before*** the PRR was passed into law. Keith was charged with armed robbery in July of 1997. There was no physical victim injury, and the lowest possible prison sentence Keith could have received under the usual guidelines was 4.8 years, and the **maximum** prison sentence he could have received under the usual guidelines was 8 years. Keith was initially offered 30 years with 20 mandatory, then 25 with 20 mandatory, and the last offer made to him was 20 years PRR. Keith indicated he asked for 10 years but that was declined by the State, even though the ***maximum*** sentence he could have received under the usual guidelines (97.5 points) was 8 years. Keith was 22 when he was given his life sentence, and he is now 44, having served almost **THREE TIMES** the ***maximum*** amount that he would have received without the PRR. If Keith had been given the maximum sentence under the usual guidelines, it would have cost the state approximately $181,504 (not accounting for gain time, so it could be even less). Due to the PRR, the state has already spent approximately $317,632 ***more*** than was necessary just for Keith, and if he should live to be 78 they will spend approximately $771,392 more for a total of $1,089,024 ***just on Keith alone***.

Alexander Patterson: If you look up Mr. Patterson on the DOC website, it appears he has 11 life sentences. What comes to mind when you think of even *one* life sentence, let alone 11? One would perhaps think of a terrorist, serial killer, etc., yet Alexander was found guilty of robbery with a gun/deadly weapon. No one was physically hurt as a result of the robbery. The previous prison sentence which qualified Alexander as a PRR was for sale, delivery and possession of cocaine. Alexander committed 2 robberies. The reason it appears as if he has 11 life sentences is because the SA wanted to charge separately for everyone that was in the 2 stores at the time. Alexander's co-

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defendant received 30 years and is set to be released June 5, 2024. Alexander tried to get a plea for 25 years, but the SA offered only life. Well, that is unless Alexander agreed to testify against his co-defendant, then they would have offered him 5 years. Alexander was 24 when he was given his life sentence. He is now 45 and has been in prison for 21 years. He is supported by his loving wife.

Horace Stokes: In June of 2014, Horace was charged with robbery with no firearm/deadly weapon, a second-degree felony that carries a maximum term of 15 years in prison. There was no victim injury, and the lowest possible sentence Horace could have received under the usual guidelines was a little less than 7 years, with the maximum being 15 years. Horace was offered a plea of 15 years and 1 day in prison as a habitual felony offender with a 15-year PRR mandatory. On the plea agreement, the assistant state attorney indicated that since Horace qualified as a PRR, a conviction would *mandate* a life sentence. However, if Horace were to forego his constitutional right to trial and enter a guilty plea, he would receive the earlier-mentioned sentence. Because he chose to go to trial, he received a life sentence.

William Graves: In March of 2001, Michael was charged with robbery with a firearm at the age of 39. There was no victim injury, and under the usual guidelines the lowest possible sentence he could have received was approximately 6 years. Michael indicated to me that four years after his conviction it was suggested to him that he should write the state attorney's office in the county of his conviction and inquire if there was ever a plea offered in his case. William received a response on July 25, 2006 from the 7th Judicial Circuit's ASA Bryan Feigenbaum that it was believed a plea of "three or four years DOC before trial began" had been offered, and subsequently rejected by William. William denies knowledge of any plea offer, and although his trial counsel, James Purdy, indicates he had notified William of a plea received from the prosecutor of 3-1/2 years in prison followed by 3 years' probation, it is incredulous to me that a 39-year-old individual facing a life sentence as a PRR would reject such an incredibly low offer. William has been in prison for 18 years, 14 to 15 years more than his offered plea of 3-4 years.

Joshua Lingebach: In 2006, Joshua was charged with robbery with a gun or deadly weapon. There was no physical victim injury. Joshua was not offered a plea, however the prosecutor trying his case requested PRR to be waived in order to accept a plea, but his supervisor would not agree to a waiver. Joshua received his life sentence when he was 27, he is now 40. During his incarceration, Joshua has completed many classes and gained many certificates including, but not limited to, Victim Impact, Financial Literacy, Parenting Classes, Toastmasters, Life Mapping, Commitment to Change 1 and 2, Financial Peace, Civics 911, Parenting From the Inside Out, G.R.O.T.H., journaling, Trauma Recovery, Beyond Anger, Personal Financial Management and Substance Abuse.

Cyril Innis: In 2002, Cyril was charged with robbery with a gun or deadly weapon. The prior prison stay which was used to qualify Cyril as a PRR occurred in the State of Massachusetts. Cyril was released on May 21, 1998 from the North Central Correctional Institution in Gardner, MA where he was serving time for armed robbery. He was rearrested approximately 11 months later for possession of cocaine and was released from a county jail approximately 4 months later. Although thereafter he ended up getting married and starting his own company, he relapsed. Cyril's wife convinced him to move to Florida, and even though he ended up working as a lead counselor at the Human Crisis

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Council in Orlando, he once again relapsed and ended up in a situation which led to the offense for which he is currently incarcerated. During the commission of the robbery, Cyril utilized a BB gun which was not loaded with BB's. Cyril was offered a plea of 20 years after 8 months, then 25 years right before trial. He was given the PRR designation on the first day of his trial, and since his prior prison sentence was not in the State of Florida, he would not have received the PRR "warning" notice. Cyril took his case to trial, with one of the reasons being his lawyer told him Florida had parole. Cyril's sentencing judge did not want to give him life under the PRR, but of course the judge had no choice but to do so. Cyril has been incarcerated for 16 years. During that time, he has obtained a Bachelor's degree in Christian Counseling and is an ordained minister. He currently works as a Senior Drug Treatment Facilitator for the treatment program where he is currently housed.

Christopher Aikens: In 1993, Christopher was sentenced to 9 years in prison for robbery with no gun/deadly weapon. He was released from that sentence on January 9, 1997 which was more than 4 months ***prior*** to the PRR being passed into law. Once again, Christopher ***did not*** receive the PRR "warning" notice which precludes notice of PRR sentencing intent. Furthermore, Christopher is adamant he did not commit the most recent robbery for which he is serving a life sentence. Christopher has information that supports his innocence, but he has failed to find relief in the courts thus far. Christopher was offered a 15-year plea deal which he rejected because he maintained his innocence of the actual robbery. Christopher was found guilty at trial and is now serving a life sentence for a robbery he maintains to this day he did not commit. Christopher was 31 when he was given his life sentence, and he has now spent 22 years total incarcerated, 7 years more than the plea he was offered. The lowest possible sentence he could have received under the usual guidelines was 12-1/2 years.

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Good morning Natalie - Following up , attached is a draft that hopefully resolves the bill drafting's issues and brings in line with the house version , which we expect to be filed later this week/ early next.

Please let me know of any questions

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to improvements to real property; amending s. 163.08, F.S.; revising legislative findings to include reference to improvements in wastewater treatment, flood and water damage mitigation and resiliency, and environmental health; defining and redefining terms; authorizing property owners to apply to a PACE program for financing for qualifying improvements and to enter into PACE assessment contracts with local governments; authorizing local governments to enter into agreements with PACE administrators for a specified purpose; deleting a provision authorizing for-profit entities and not-for-profit organizations to administer qualifying improvement programs; authorizing local governments to enter into PACE assessment contracts for certain purposes; providing requirements that must be met by PACE programs before they enter into PACE assessment contracts; revising requirements for qualifying improvements; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising the written disclosure statement required to be given by sellers to prospective purchaser when executing a contract for the sale and purchase of certain properties; requiring PACE administrators to provide certain information to qualifying residential real property owners who enter into PACE assessment contracts; requiring PACE administrators to complete telephone calls with qualifying residential real property owners or

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authorized representatives of such owners; providing requirements for such telephone calls; requiring PACE administrators to confirm that qualifying improvements have been completed before making a final disbursement of funds to PACE contractors; prohibiting PACE administrators from directly disclosing certain information to PACE contractors and relevant third parties; providing that qualifying residential real property owners have the right to cancel PACE assessment contracts within a specified timeframe; prohibiting PACE assessment contracts from containing certain financing terms; requiring PACE administrators to make a determination as to whether property owners have the ability to pay the estimated annual PACE assessment based on certain information before such owners enter into PACE assessment contracts; requiring PACE administrators to maintain an enrollment process for contractors; providing review requirements for contractors who apply for enrollment; prohibiting PACE administrators from enrolling contractors unless certain requirements are met; prohibiting PACE administrators and PACE contractors from taking certain actions relating to marketing and advertising practices and from providing tax advice; prohibiting PACE contractors from engaging in certain project pricing practices; providing construction; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.08 Supplemental authority for improvements to real property.—

(1)(a) In chapter 2008-227, Laws of Florida, the Legislature amended the energy goal of the state comprehensive plan to provide, in part, that the state shall reduce its energy requirements through enhanced conservation and efficiency measures in all end-use sectors and reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide by promoting an increased use of renewable energy resources. That act also declared it the public policy of the state to play a leading role in developing and instituting energy management programs that promote energy conservation, energy security, and the reduction of greenhouse gases. In addition to establishing policies to promote the use of renewable energy, the Legislature provided for a schedule of increases in energy performance of buildings subject to the Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction. In chapter 2008-191, Laws of Florida, the Legislature adopted new energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction comprehensive planning requirements for local governments. In the 2008 general election, the voters of this state approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving a property's resistance to wind damage or the installation of a renewable energy source device in the determination of the assessed value of residential real property.

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(b) The Legislature finds that all energy-consuming-improved properties that are not using energy conservation strategies contribute to the burden affecting all improved property resulting from fossil fuel energy production. Improved property that has been retrofitted with energy-related qualifying improvements receives the special benefit of alleviating the property's burden from energy consumption. All improved properties not protected from wind or flood damage by wind or flood resistance qualifying improvements contribute to the burden affecting all improved property resulting from potential wind or flood damage. Improved property that has been retrofitted with wind or flood resistance qualifying improvements receives the special benefit of reducing the property's burden from potential wind or water damage. Further, the installation and operation of qualifying improvements not only benefit the affected properties for which the improvements are made, but also assist in fulfilling the goals of the state's energy and hurricane mitigation policies.

(c) All properties that doare not useusing advanced technologies for wastewater removal contribute to the water quality problems affecting thisthe state, and particularly the coastal areas. Improved property that has been retrofitted with an advanced onsite treatment system or that has replaced an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system with aconverted to central sewage systemsewerage significantly benefits the quality of water that may enter streams, lakes, rivers, aquifers, canals, estuaries, or coastal areas. All properties that are not protected from harmful environmental health hazards contribute to the environmental health burden affecting thisthe state. The

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improvement of property~~Property that has been improved~~ to mitigate against environmental health hazards, which improves ~~benefits~~ the ~~general~~ environmental health of this state, benefits all citizens of this~~people within the~~ state. In order to make qualifying improvements more affordable and assist property owners who wish to undertake such improvements, the Legislature finds that there is a compelling state interest in enabling property owners to voluntarily finance such improvements with local government assistance.

(c) The Legislature determines that the actions authorized under this section, including, but not limited to, the financing of qualifying improvements through the execution of PACE assessment contracts, as defined in this section, ~~financing agreements~~ and the related imposition of voluntary assessments are reasonable and necessary to serve and achieve a compelling state interest and are necessary for the prosperity and welfare of the state and its property owners and inhabitants.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Local government" means a county, a municipality, a dependent special district as defined in s. 189.012, or a separate legal entity created pursuant to s. 163.01(7).

(b) "PACE administrator" means an entity with whom a local government contracts to administer a PACE program.

(c) "PACE assessment" means the ~~extension of~~non-ad valorem assessment securing the annual repayment of financing ~~offered to~~obtained by an owner of qualifying commercial or residential real property for a qualifying improvement ~~which~~that ~~is repayable through a non-ad valorem assessment~~under this chapter.

(d) "PACE assessment contract" means the financing

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contract~~, under a PACE program,~~ between a local government and a property owner who are participating in a PACE program.

(e) "PACE contractor" means ~~a person or an entity who is~~ an independent contractor who~~that~~ contracts with a property owner to install qualifying improvements on real property and who is not the owner of such property.

(f) "PACE program" means a program established by a local government, alone or in partnership with other local governments ~~and/~~or a PACE administrator, to finance qualifying improvements on qualifying commercial real property or qualifying residential real property.

(g) "Qualifying commercial real property" means, unless otherwise defined by a local government, any property not defined as a qualifying residential real property that will or is improved by a qualifying improvement, including, but not limited to~~of~~, the following:

1. A multifamily residential property comprised of 5 or more dwelling units;

2. A commercial real property;

3. An industrial building or property;

4. ~~An a~~Agricultural property;

~~5. A residential property owned by a business entity; or~~

~~6. Any other property that does not meet the definition of defined as a qualifying residential real property which , in each case of subparagraphs 1.-5., that will be, or is, improved by a qualifying improvement.~~

(h) "Qualifying improvement" includes any:

1. Energy conservation and efficiency improvement, which is a measure to reduce consumption through conservation or a more

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efficient use of electricity, natural gas, propane, or other forms of energy on the property, including, but not limited to, air sealing; installation of insulation; installation of energy-efficient heating, cooling, or ventilation systems; building modifications to increase the use of daylight; replacement of windows; installation of energy controls or energy recovery systems; installation of electric vehicle charging equipment; installation of battery storage systems; and installation of efficient lighting equipment.

2. Renewable energy improvement, which is the installation of any system in which the electrical, mechanical, or thermal energy is produced from a method that uses one or more of the following fuels or energy sources: hydrogen, solar energy, geothermal energy, bioenergy, and wind energy.

3. Wind and storm resistance improvement, which includes, but is not limited to:

a. Improving the strength of the roof deck attachment;

b. Creating a secondary water barrier to prevent water intrusion;

c. Installing wind-resistant shingles;

d. Installing gable-end bracing;

e. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections;

f. Installing storm shutters; ~~or~~

g. Installing opening protections; or.

h. Installing backup power systems or battery storage systems.

4. Wastewater treatment improvement, which includes, but is not limited to, the replacement or improvement of an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system with an advanced onsite

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treatment and disposal system or technology or the replacement of an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system with a central sewage system. For purposes of this subparagraph~~section~~, "onsite sewage treatment and disposal system" includes, but is not limited to, improvements or technologies defined in s. 381.0065.

5. Flood and water damage mitigation and resiliency improvement, including~~which includes~~, but not limited to, projects and installation for any of the following:

a. The raising of a structure above the base flood elevation to reduce flood damage.~~;~~

b. A flood diversion apparatus ~~and/~~or sea wall improvement, which includes, but is not limited to, seawall repairs and seawall replacements, banks, berms, green-grey infrastructure, upland stem walls, or other infrastructure that impedes tidal waters from flowing onto adjacent property or public right-of-way.~~;~~

c. Flood damage-~~-~~resistant building materials.~~;~~

d. Electrical, mechanical, plumbing, or other system improvements that reduce flood damage.~~; or~~

e. ~~Other i~~Improvements that may qualify for reductions in flood insurance premiums.

f. Improvements that mitigate or eliminate the potential for microbial growth.

6. ~~Environmental health~~ Health and environmental hazards measure or improvement, which is an improvement or a measure intended to mitigate harmful ~~environmental health effects~~health and environmental hazards to property occupants, including, but not limited to, measures that mitigate or remove~~do~~ any of the following:

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a. TheMitigate the presence of lead, heavy metals, polyfluoroalkylpolyfluoroalkl substance (PFAS) contamination, or other harmful contaminants in potable water systems, which improvements. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, conversion of well water to municipal water systems, replacing lead water service lines, or installing water filters.;

b. LeadMitigate lead paint contamination in housing built before 1978.; and

c. IndoorMitigate indoor air pollution or contaminants, including, but not limited to, particulate matter, (PM), viruses, bacteria, and mold.

d. Asbestos.

7. Water conservation or efficiency improvement, which is a measure or improvement to reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage.

(i) "Qualifying residential real property" means a single-family, residential building property of 4 or fewer dwelling units not owned by a business entity, that may be benefited by installation of a qualifying improvement. If a business entity owns a qualifying residential real property, that property is exempted from the provisions of subsections (15) through (23) under this chapter.

(3) A local government may levy non-ad valorem assessments to fund qualifying improvements.

(4) Subject to local government ordinance or resolution, a property owner may apply to a PACE program the local government for funding to finance a qualifying improvement and enter into a PACE assessment contract financing agreement with the local government. Costs incurred by a PACE program the local

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~~government~~ for such purpose may be collected as a non-ad valorem assessment. A non-ad valorem assessment shall be collected pursuant to s. 197.3632 and, notwithstanding s. 197.3632(8)(a), shall not be subject to discount for early payment. However, the notice and adoption requirements of s. 197.3632(4) do not apply if this section is used and complied with, and the intent resolution, publication of notice, and mailed notices to the property appraiser, tax collector, and Department of Revenue required by s. 197.3632(3)(a) may be provided on or before August 15 in conjunction with any non-ad valorem assessment authorized by this section, if the property appraiser, tax collector, and local government agree.

(5) Pursuant to this section or as otherwise provided by law or pursuant to a local government's home rule power, a local government may enter into a partnership with one or more local governments for the purpose of providing and financing qualifying improvements.

(6) A local government may enter into an agreement with a PACE administrator to administer a PACE program ~~qualifying improvement program may be administered by a for-profit entity or a not-for-profit organization on behalf of and at the discretion of the local government~~.

(7) A local government may incur debt for the purpose of providing financing for such improvements, which debt is repayable ~~payable~~ from revenues received from the improved property~~,~~ or from any other available revenue source authorized by law.

(8) A local government may enter into a PACE assessment contract to finance or refinance the acquisition or installation

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of a qualifying improvement on qualifying commercial real property or qualifying residential real property ~~financing agreement~~ only with the record owner of the affected property. Any PACE assessment contract ~~financing agreement~~ entered into pursuant to this section or a summary memorandum of such agreement must ~~shall~~ be submitted for recording ~~recorded~~ in the public records of the county within which the property is located by the sponsoring unit of local government within 5 days after execution of the instrument ~~agreement~~. The recorded instrument ~~agreement~~ shall provide constructive notice that the assessment to be levied on the property constitutes a lien of equal dignity to county taxes and assessments from the date of recordation.

(9) Before entering into a PACE assessment contract, the ~~PACE program~~local government or entity administering the PACE program ~~financing agreement, the local government~~ shall reasonably determine the following: ~~that~~

(a) That all~~All~~ property taxes and any other assessments levied on the same bill as property taxes are current and have been paid ~~and have not been delinquent~~ for the preceding 3 years or the property owner's period of ownership, whichever is less;

(b) That there are no involuntary liens greater than $1,000, including, but not limited to, construction liens on the property;

(c) That no notices of default or other evidence of property-based debt delinquency have been recorded and not released during the preceding 3 years or the property owner's period of ownership, whichever is less;

(d) In consultation~~Confirm~~ with the property owner, the

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existence of ~~whether~~ any ~~other~~ PACE assessments that have been recorded or that have been funded and not yet been recorded on the property; and

(e) That the property owner is current on all mortgage debt on the property.

(10) A qualifying improvement shall be affixed or planned~~plan~~ to be affixed before~~prior to~~ final funding to qualifying commercial real property or qualifying residential real property and constitutes ~~to a building or facility that is part of the property and shall constitute~~ an improvement to such property. A PACE assessment contract ~~the building or facility or a fixture attached to the building or facility. An agreement between a local government and a qualifying property owner~~ may ~~not~~ cover ~~wind-resistance~~qualifying improvements ~~in buildings or facilities~~on qualifying commercial or residential properties under new construction~~ or construction for which a certificate of occupancy or similar evidence of substantial completion of new construction or improvement has not been issued~~.

(11) Any work requiring a license under any applicable law to make a qualifying improvement shall be performed by a contractor properly certified or registered pursuant to part I or part II of chapter 489.

(12)(a) Without the consent of the holders or loan servicers of any mortgage encumbering or otherwise secured by the property, the total amount of the PACE ~~any non-ad valorem~~ assessment for a property under this section may not exceed 20 percent of the just value of the property as determined by the county property appraiser.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a PACE ~~non-ad valorem~~

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"before final funding is disbursed"¶
"before final funding is provided"¶

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assessment for a qualifying improvement defined in subparagraph (2)(h)1. or subparagraph (2)(h)2. which ~~subparagraph (2)(b)1. or subparagraph (2)(b)2. that~~ is supported by an energy audit is not subject to the limits in this subsection if the audit demonstrates that the annual energy savings from the qualified improvement equals or exceeds the annual repayment amount of the PACE ~~non-ad valorem~~ assessment.

(13) At least 30 days before entering into a PACE assessment contract ~~financing agreement~~, the property owner shall provide~~, or cause to be provided,~~ to the holders or loan servicers of any existing mortgages encumbering or otherwise secured by the property a notice of the owner's intent to enter into a PACE assessment contract, ~~financing agreement~~ together with the maximum principal amount to be financed and the maximum annual PACE assessment necessary to repay that amount. A verified copy or other proof of such notice shall be provided to the local government. A provision in any agreement between a mortgagee or other lienholder and a property owner, or otherwise now or hereafter binding upon a property owner, which allows for acceleration of payment of the mortgage, note, or lien or other unilateral modification solely as a result of entering into a PACE assessment contract ~~financing agreement~~ as provided for in this section is not enforceable. This subsection does not limit the authority of the holder or loan servicer to increase the required monthly escrow by an amount necessary to annually pay the PACE ~~qualifying improvement~~ assessment.

(14) At or before the time a purchaser executes a contract for the sale and purchase of any property for which a PACE ~~non-ad valorem~~ assessment has been levied under this section and has

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an unpaid balance due, the seller shall give the prospective purchaser a written disclosure statement in the following form, which shall be set forth in the contract or in a separate writing:

QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY, FLOOD MITIGATION, ~~OR~~ WIND RESISTANCE, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR WASTEWATER ~~REMOVAL~~TREATMENT, ~~OR~~ ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, OR WATER CONSERVATION.—The property being purchased is located within the jurisdiction of a local government that has placed an assessment on the property pursuant to s. 163.08, Florida Statutes. The assessment is for a qualifying improvement to the property relating to energy efficiency, renewable energy, flood mitigation, ~~or~~ wind resistance, wastewater treatment, ~~or~~ environmental health, or water conservation, and is not based on the value of property. You are encouraged to contact the county property appraiser's office to learn more about this and other assessments that may be provided by law.

(15) ~~(a)~~ *Financial disclosures.*— Before a PACE assessment contract is entered into on qualifying residential real property A PACE administrator shall:

(a) ~~must~~ pProvide a financing estimate and disclosure to the qualifying residential real property owner ~~entering into a PACE assessment contract~~ whichthat includes:

1. The total amount estimated to be funded, including the

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cost of the qualifying improvements, program fees, and capitalized interest, if any;

2. The ~~annual estimated payment amount~~estimated annual PACE assessment;

3. The term of the PACE assessment;

4. The fixed interest charged and the estimated annual percentage rate;

5. The qualifying improvement;

6. A disclosure that if the property owner sells or refinances his or her property, the property owner may be required by a mortgage lender to pay off the PACE assessment as a condition of sale or refinancing;

7. A disclosure that the PACE assessment will be collected along with the property owner's property taxes and will result in a lien on the owner's property from the date of the PACE assessment contract; and

8. A disclosure that failure to pay the PACE assessment may result in penalties and fees, along with the issuance of a tax certificate that could result in the property owner losing his or her home.

(b) ~~*Confirmation telephone call.*~~ ~~Call~~ A PACE administrator shall complete, with a qualifying residential real property owner or an authorized representative of a qualifying residential real property owner, an oral recorded ~~confirmation~~ telephone call in plain language ~~via a live telephone call, which shall be recorded in an audio format in accordance with state~~Florida law. The PACE administrator must ask the qualifying residential property owner if he or she would like to communicate in a language other than English. A voicemail left

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for~~to~~ the qualifying residential real property owner or his or her authorized representative does~~will~~ not satisfy this requirement. During the course of the call, the~~A~~ PACE administrator~~, as part of this call,~~ shall:

1. Confirm that the qualified residential real property owner, or if there is more than one owner, at least one of them, or his or her authorized representative ~~qualifying residential real property owner~~ has access to a copy of the PACE assessment contract and financing estimates and disclosures;

~~2. Ask the qualifying residential real property owner or his or her authorized representative if he or sheif they would like to communicate primarily in a language other than English;~~ and

2~~3~~. Confirm with the qualifying residential real property owner or his or her authorized representative the following:

a. The qualifying improvement being financed;

b. The total estimated annual costs the qualifying residential real property owner must pay under the PACE assessment contract, including applicable fees;

c. The total estimated average monthly equivalent amount of funds the qualifying residential real property owner ~~must would have to~~ would have to save to pay the annual costs of the PACE assessment, including applicable fees;

d. The estimated date the qualifying residential real property owner's first PACE related property tax payment will be due;

e. The term of the PACE assessment contract;

f. That payments for the PACE assessment contract will cause the qualifying residential real property owner's annual

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tax bill to increase, and that payments will be made through an additional annual assessment on the property ~~which must, and will~~and will be paid either directly to the county tax collector's office as part of the total annual secured property tax bill or ~~may be paid~~ may be paid through the qualifying residential real property owner's ~~mortgage impound (~~escrow~~)~~ account;

g. That the qualifying residential property owner has disclosed whether the property has received or is seeking additional PACE assessments and has disclosed all other PACE assessments or special taxes that are ~~or about to be~~ placed or are pending placement on the property;

h. That the property will be subject to a lien during the term of the PACE assessment contract and that the obligations under the agreement may be required to be paid in full before the qualifying residential real property owner sells or refinances the property;

i. That any potential utility or insurance savings are not guaranteed and will not reduce the PACE assessment payments or the total assessment amount; and~~,~~

j. That the PACE administrator or PACE contractor does~~do~~ not provide tax advice and that the qualifying residential real property owner should seek professional tax advice if he or she has questions regarding tax credits, tax deductibility, or other tax impacts of the qualifying improvements or the PACE assessment contract.

~~(c)~~ (16) *Confirmation of completion.* ~~Completion.~~ Before disbursing ~~all~~ funds for qualifying improvements on qualifying residential real property to a PACE contractor, a PACE

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administrator shall first confirm the applicable work or service has been completed, either through written certification from the property owner, a recorded telephone call with the property owner, or a site inspection through third-party means.

(~~d~~17) ~~)~~ ~~No~~ *Disclosure of* ~~Maximum~~ *PACE financing maximum eligibility prohibited.* ~~—~~A PACE administrator may~~shall~~ not ~~directly~~ disclose the maximum amount of PACE financing for which~~amount~~ a qualifying residential real property owner is eligible to a PACE contractor or to any third party engaged in soliciting a PACE assessment contract from the qualifying residential real property owner.

(18e) *Three-day right* ~~hree Day Right~~ *to cancel.* ~~—A~~Cancel ~~—~~ ~~The~~ qualifying residential real property owner is entitled to~~shall be given the right to cancel~~ the right to cancel, without financial penalty, a PACE assessment contract within no less than 3~~no less than three~~ business days after signing the PACE assessment contract~~ without any financial penalty for doing so~~.

~~(f)) *Prohibited financing terms.* Financing Terms ~~—~~~~

(19)~~1~~. ~~.~~ ~~—~~The term of the PACE assessment contract may~~shall~~ not exceed the earlier of the useful life of the subject qualifying improvement ~~being installed~~ or, ~~the weighted average useful life of all qualifying improvements being financed~~ if multiple qualifying improvements are being financed, the weighted average useful life of all subject qualifying improvements, or ~~. In either case the financing term shall not exceed~~ 30 years.

~~2. .~~(20) ~~—~~A PACE administrator may~~shall~~ not offer PACE

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assessment financing on qualifying residential real property ~~under a contract~~if the PACE assessment financing ~~that~~ includes any~~one or more~~ of the following:

a. A negative~~i. Negative~~ amortization schedule.

b. ~~, ii.~~ Balloon payments.~~, or~~

c. ~~iii.~~ Pre-payment fees, ~~(~~other than nominal administrative costs.~~).~~

(21~~c~~) ~~)~~ *Affordability determination.* ~~Determination -~~ Before a qualifying residential real property owner enters into a PACE assessment contract, a~~A~~ PACE administrator must~~shall~~ reasonably determine that the property owner has the~~an~~ ability to pay the estimated annual PACE assessment. ~~based on, at a minimum, the following:~~

1. ~~.~~ For property owners seeking PACE financing that will result in a ~~where the~~ total estimated annual payment amount~~(s)~~ of all PACE assessment contracts authorized on the property of~~are less than or equal to~~ $~~6,000~~4,800 or less, the equivalent of $400 per month, plus an additional amount that accounts for the rate of inflation as established by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index, the PACE administrator, ~~shall use~~ at a minimum, shall use the underwriting requirements in subsection ~~s. 163.08~~(9) and confirm that the property owner is not currently in bankruptcy in determining whether the property owner has a reasonable ability to pay the annual PACE assessment.

2. ~~.~~ For property owners seeking PACE financing that will result in a~~where the~~ total estimated annual payment amount~~(s)~~ of all PACE assessment contracts authorized on the property of more~~are greater~~ than $~~6,000~~4,800, or the equivalent of $400 per

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month, plus an additional amount that accounts for the rate of inflation as established by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index, the PACE administrator, at a minimum, shall use ~~at a minimum~~ the underwriting requirements in subsection ~~s. 163.08~~(9), confirm that the property owner is not in bankruptcy, and determine that the total estimated annual payment amount~~(s)~~ of all PACE assessment contracts authorized on the property does~~do~~ not exceed 10~~ten~~ percent ~~(10%)~~ of the property owner's annual household ~~annual~~ income.

~~i.~~ Income may be confirmed using information gathered from reputable third ~~-~~parties which provides~~that provide~~ reasonably reliable evidence of the property owner's household income. Income may not be demonstrated~~confirmed~~ solely by a statement from the~~a~~ property owner.

~~(h) *Construction.*-)~~This subsection does~~section shall not apply to qualifying commercial real property.~~

(~~16~~22)For qualifying residential real property, a PACE administrator:

(a)

~~(18) *Contractor application review.*-Enrollment -~~

~~(a) Contractor Licensing, Bonding and Insurance - A PACE administrator shall~~Must maintain a process for applicants who wish to~~not~~ enroll as PACE contractors which includes reasonable review of the following for each applicant:

1. Relevant work or project history;

2. Financial and reputational background checks;

3. Criminal history background checks; and

4. The contractor's status on Better Business Bureau or

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other online platforms that track contractor reviews.

(b) ~~*Contractor licensing, bonding, and insurance.* A PACE administrator~~ May not enroll ~~a~~new contractors for work in connection with~~that offer PACE financing on~~ qualifying residential real property unless both of the following requirements are met:

1. The PACE administrator determines that the contractor maintains in good standing any applicable state ~~an appropriate~~ license~~; from the state of Florida, if applicable, as well as~~ any other permits, licenses, or registrations required by ~~for engaging in its business in~~ the jurisdiction in which~~where~~ it operates~~;~~ and~~ maintains~~ all state-required bond and insurance coverage.

2. A PACE administrator shall obtain a ~~the PACE contractor's~~ written agreement from~~that~~ the ~~PACE~~ contractor that the contractor ~~(s) and/or associatedrelevant third parties~~ will act in accordance with applicable advertising and marketing requirements imposed by law, rule, or ordinance~~laws and regulations and all other applicable laws~~.

~~(b) Contractor Application Review, Approval, and Onboarding Processes.- A PACE administrator shall maintain processes for onboarding new PACE contractors that include reasonable review of the following for each contractor:~~

~~1. Relevant work/project history,~~

~~2. Financial and reputational background checks, 3. Criminal background checks, and~~

~~4. Status on Better Business Bureau and/or other online platforms that track contractor reviews.~~

(c) *Construction.*~~)~~ This subsection does~~section shall~~ not

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apply to qualifying commercial real property.

(2317)(a) *Marketing and advertising.*—~~Communications -~~

~~(a) Permissible Marketing and Advertising Practices -~~ A PACE administrator or PACE contractor may not suggest or imply in its marketing and advertising any of~~are prohibited from~~ the following:

1. That ~~. Suggesting or implying in any way that~~ PACE is a government assistance program;~~,~~

2. That~~. Suggesting or implying that~~ qualifying improvements are free or that PACE assessment financing is a free program;~~,~~ or

3. That the property owner who finances~~3. Suggesting or implying that financing~~ qualifying improvements using the PACE program is~~does~~ not required~~require the property owner~~ to repay the financial obligation.

(b) *Prohibition on tax advice.*—~~(b) No Tax Advice -~~ A PACE administrator or PACE contractor may~~shall~~ not make any representation regarding~~as to~~ the tax deductibility of PACE assessments on qualifying residential real~~r eal~~ property. A PACE administrator or PACE contractor may encourage property owners to seek the advice of a tax professional regarding tax matters related to PACE assessments.

(c) *Project pricing.*—A PACE contractor ~~may~~ should not present a higher price for a project on qualifying residential real property financed by a PACE assessment contract than he or she would otherwise reasonably present if the project were not being financed through a PACE assessment contract.

~~(d) Construction. This subsection does not apply to qualifying commercial real property.~~

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(2418) A provision in any agreement between a local government and a public or private power or energy provider or other utility provider is not enforceable to limit or prohibit any local government from exercising its authority under this section.

(2519) ~~(16)~~ This section is additional and supplemental to county and municipal home rule authority and not in derogation of such authority or a limitation upon such authority.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:09 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
CC: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Follow up
Attachment(s): "Monument Protection Bill 2020.pdf","Soldiers and Heroes Monument Protection.pdf"

Senator---thank you for your time this morning. I am attaching a copy of the bill Rep. Roach filed last year as well as a copy of the bill filed by Rep. Drake a few years back.

There are essentially three things we need to do:
1. Create civil liability for those that damage/destroy monuments
2.Create citizen standing so interested parties can try to protect historical monuments/memorials
3. Make it a 3rd degree felony to intentionally damage/destroy a monument or memorial.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to preservation of memorials; providing a short title; creating s. 265.710, F.S.; defining the term "memorial"; prohibiting specified activities concerning memorials by a person or an entity; providing for liability and the award of certain costs and damages for violations of the act; requiring the Secretary of State to provide written approval before the placement of certain materials on or adjacent to certain memorials on public property; granting certain persons standing for enforcement of the act; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for damage to or removal of certain memorials; redefining the term "community service" for purposes of minors found to have committed certain delinquent acts of criminal mischief; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Historical Memorials Protection Act."

Section 2. Section 265.710, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

265.710 Civil liability for damaging, destroying, or

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removing memorials; enforcement.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "memorial" means a plaque, statue, marker, flag, banner, cenotaph, religious symbol, painting, seal, tombstone, structure name, or display that is constructed and located with the intent of being permanently displayed or perpetually maintained; is dedicated to a historical person, an entity, an event, or a series of events; and honors or recounts the military service of any past or present United States Armed Forces military personnel, or the past or present public service of a resident of the geographical area comprising this state or the United States. The term includes, but is not limited to, the following memorials established under this chapter:

(a) Florida Women's Hall of Fame;

(b) Florida Medal of Honor Wall;

(c) Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame;

(d) POW-MIA Chair of Honor Memorial;

(e) Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden;

(f) Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame;

(g) Florida Holocaust Memorial;

(h) Florida Slavery Memorial; and

(i) Any other memorial located within the Capitol Complex, including, but not limited to, Waller Park.

(2) Any person or entity that damages or destroys any

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memorial, or that takes or removes a memorial without returning the memorial to its original position and condition, is liable for the full cost of repair or replacement of such memorial unless such person or entity was authorized to take or remove the memorial by the person or entity owning such memorial for the purpose of restoring or repairing the memorial.

(3) In addition to the cost of repair or replacement, any person or entity that intentionally damages, destroys, takes, or removes a memorial without authorization is liable for treble damages, attorney fees, and court costs to the owner of the memorial in any action or proceeding brought to recover damages for the cost of repair or replacement of a memorial.

(4) No plaque, sign, picture, marker, exhibit, notice, or other object that would obstruct the view of a memorial that is located on public property or that would convey information about such a memorial may be placed on or immediately adjacent to any such memorial in existence on or before January 1, 2019, without the express written approval of the Secretary of State.

(5) A resident of this state, a historical preservation organization, a military veteran, a veterans' organization, or a law enforcement or firefighter benevolent organization has standing to seek enforcement of this section through civil action in the circuit court in the county in which a memorial that has been damaged or destroyed is located.

Section 3. Present subsections (5) through (9) of section

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806.13, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through (10), respectively, a new subsection (5) is added to that section, and present subsection (8) of that section is amended, to read:

806.13 Criminal mischief; penalties; penalty for minor.—

(5) A person may not willfully damage or deface, or remove by any means, a memorial that is owned or erected by a governmental entity, a museum, a historical society, or a similar public or private organization, or a memorial that is located in a cemetery or on a grave or tombstone. A person who violates this subsection commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. For purposes of this subsection, the term "memorial" has the same meaning as in s. 265.710.

(9)~~(8)~~ A minor whose driver license or driving privilege is revoked, suspended, or withheld under subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ may elect to reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding by performing community service at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community service performed. In addition, if the court determines that due to a family hardship, the minor's driver license or driving privilege is necessary for employment or medical purposes of the minor or a member of the minor's family, the court shall order the minor to perform community service and reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community

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service performed. As used in this subsection, the term "community service" means cleaning graffiti from public property, including graffiti on memorials, or the general cleanup of parks dedicated to veterans or historic sites.

Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Soldiers' and Heroes' Monuments and Memorials Protection Act; providing a short title; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for criminal mischief that causes damage to certain remembrances erected to honor or commemorate a soldier, a historical military figure, a military organization, a military unit, a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or an astronaut; defining the term "remembrance"; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Soldiers' and Heroes' Monuments and Memorials Protection Act."

Section 2. Present subsections (5) through (9) of section 806.13, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6) through (10), respectively, present subsection (8) is amended, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

806.13 Criminal mischief; penalties; penalty for minor.—

(5)(a) A person may not willfully and maliciously damage or deface by any means a remembrance that is owned by a governmental entity or museum, a historical society, or a similar organization or that is located in a cemetery or on a

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grave or tomb. As used in this subsection, the term "remembrance" means an exhibit; artwork, including a painting or a stained glass work or a statue; a monument; a memorial; a nameplate; a historical marker; a symbol, including a religious symbol; a tombstone; a plaque; a historical flag display; a fountain; or a similar object that was made to honor or commemorate:

1. A soldier or military figure who served 1 or more of the original 13 colonies, the United States, or a territory that became part of the United States;

2. A military organization or military unit of 1 or more of the original 13 colonies, the United States, or a territory that became part of the United States; or

3. A law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or an astronaut serving the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(b) A person who violates this subsection commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(9) ~~(8)~~ A minor whose driver license or driving privilege is revoked, suspended, or withheld under subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ may elect to reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding by performing community service at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community service performed. In addition, if the court determines that due to a family hardship, the minor's

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driver license or driving privilege is necessary for employment or medical purposes of the minor or a member of the minor's family, the court shall order the minor to perform community service and reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community service performed. As used in this subsection, the term "community service" means cleaning graffiti from public property.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

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SB 54 Repeals PIP, Requires BI Coverage, Creates New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

Tallahassee–State Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills) today filed Senate Bill 54, Motor Vehicle Insurance. The legislation repeals Florida's current Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, which requires drivers to carry personal injury protection coverage, instead requiring that drivers carry bodily injury liability coverage. The bill also creates a new framework to govern motor vehicle insurance claims for bad faith failure to settle.

"Florida is one of only two states in the country that does not currently require drivers to carry liability coverage that would immediately kick in if they cause the bodily injury or death of another person while operating a motor vehicle," said Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby). "PIP coverage is too expensive for the benefits it provides. It's the right time for Florida to move to mandatory coverage for bodily injury liability."

"Replacing our no-fault system with a bodily injury liability system more appropriately places liability where it should be – with the party that caused the accident," said Senator Burgess. "Additionally, the bill creates a new framework for handling bad faith litigation that provides a clear set of standards to govern the conduct of both parties in the claims handling process, which we believe will lead to better outcomes for both insured Floridians and their insurance companies."

Repeals No-Fault, Requires Bodily Injury Liability Coverage

SB 54 repeals the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law (No-Fault Law), which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. The bill enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:

- For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and
- Subject to that limit for one person, $50,000 for BI or death of two or more people in any one crash.
- Retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.
- Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
- Repealing the No-Fault Law eliminates the limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP insureds, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Requires Medical Payments Coverage

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Creates a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

SB 54 creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance. The bill requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.

The bill establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:

- Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
- State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
- Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and the amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
- Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed the insured's policy limit.
- Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
- Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of the demand and the ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.

The bill allows the third-party bad faith claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a two hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets. The bad faith claimant may withdraw the demand for settlement after the EUO. If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, the insurer may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.

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"For everyone's protection, drivers must be insured at sufficient levels. Our goal is to lower the number of uninsured and underinsured drivers and provide a greater safety net in the event of an accident," said Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby).

"Florida's No-Fault Law has failed to significantly reduce litigation. Meanwhile, the cost of PIP remains high, when compared to the benefits it provides," said Senator Burgess. "Senate Bill 54 transforms this ineffective and outdated insurance structure, which we believe will lead to a more stable insurance market and better outcomes for insured Floridians when they face the unfortunate and in some cases tragic circumstance of being involved an a serious vehicle accident."

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Dear:

To secure a more resilient and sustainable energy future for all of us – including future generations – FPL today notified the Florida Public Service Commission that we expect to file a formal request in the coming months for new base rates for 2022 and beyond. FPL's four-year rate plan is combined with Gulf Power, which legally merged into FPL on Jan. 1. Please read the communications we sent today and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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FPL envisions a more resilient and sustainable Florida with kickoff of customary base rate setting process for 2022-2025

- *FPL delivers America's best energy value – electricity that's not just clean and reliable, but also affordable – thanks to consistent and disciplined, long-term investments supported by customer base rates*
- *The company's four-year plan is necessary to support continued investments that benefit customers as the company builds a more resilient and sustainable energy future for Florida in the face of climate change and strong, frequent severe weather*
- *Typical FPL customer bills expected to remain well below the national average through 2025, even with the proposed rate adjustment*
- *FPL's 2022-2025 formal base rate request will be a combined filing with Gulf Power Company, which legally merged with FPL on Jan. 1, 2021*
- *Through the consolidation of FPL and Gulf Power, the typical 1,000-kWh residential customer bill in Northwest Florida is projected to decrease by the end of FPL's proposed four-year rate plan*

JUNO BEACH, Fla. – Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) today notified the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) that it expects to file a formal request in the coming months for new base rates. The company intends to propose a four-year rate plan that would begin in January 2022, once its current base rate settlement agreement concludes at the end of this year. FPL previously extended operations under the rate agreement by freezing base rates for an additional year through 2021.

FPL now serves 5.6 million customer accounts from Miami to Pensacola across more than half of Florida[1], a rapidly growing state on the front lines of climate change and strong, frequent severe weather. Recognizing this, FPL's plan will enable the company to continue building a more resilient and sustainable energy future for everyone – including future generations – while keeping typical customer bills lower than the national average through at least 2025.

"Delivering clean, reliable and affordable energy to customers is a duty each of us at FPL takes extremely seriously, particularly during these difficult and challenging times," said Eric Silagy, president and CEO of FPL. "Providing an essential service to today's customers comes with the fundamental responsibility to constantly look over the horizon to ensure we're ready to serve them tomorrow as well. Of course, we're mindful there's never a good time to request a rate increase, but we remain steadfastly committed to providing customers unparalleled value for their money while building an energy future they can depend on. To do that, we're asking for regulatory approval to continue our disciplined, long-term investment strategy in infrastructure, clean energy and other innovative technology that are the foundation of our communities. Over

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the past 15 years, we've repeatedly demonstrated that this innovative and long-term approach provides customers with lower bills and higher reliability today, and positions Florida for even greater success tomorrow."

In 2006, FPL's bill was slightly above the national average but has decreased roughly 10% over the last 15 years while the national average has increased approximately 30% during roughly the same period. FPL's typical 1,000-kWh residential customer bill is lower today than it was 15 years ago and 30% lower than the national average.

As FPL's bill has decreased over time, the service it provides customers has consistently and demonstrably improved. FPL's investments to build a stronger, smarter energy grid has resulted in best-in-state reliability every year since 2006, as well as repeated national recognition. In 2020, FPL received the ReliabilityOne® National Reliability Excellence Award, presented by PA Consulting, for the fifth time in the last six years. Since becoming sister companies with FPL in 2019, Gulf Power has delivered operational and financial benefits for customers, including the company's best-ever service reliability in 2019. Gulf Power delivered even better reliability in 2020 and earned the 2020 ReliabilityOne® Award for Outstanding Reliability Performance in the Southeast suburban/rural service area. FPL is one of the nation's cleanest electric utilities, with a modern, state-of-the art fleet of ultra-efficient clean energy centers and a rapidly growing portfolio of solar power plants as part of the company's "30-by-30" plan to install 30 million solar panels by 2030.

"Even as the price of many goods and services increases year after year – often with little to no warning – the price of electricity from FPL has come down over the last 15 years while service has become significantly cleaner and more reliable. This does not and cannot happen by accident. Instead, it's the direct result of smart, long-term investments that reduce costs and improve efficiencies. In the coming months, we look forward to demonstrating how our 2022-2025 base rate proposal will help us continue delivering the clean, reliable and affordable energy customers expect and deserve in the years ahead," said Silagy.

Aligned with previous multi-year proposals, FPL is designing its new rate plan in a way that keeps costs down for customers over the long term while supporting continued investments to further enhance its infrastructure and improve the efficiency of its system.

Overview of request

FPL, which has not requested a general rate increase since 2016 and extended its current rate agreement by freezing base rates for an additional year, is finalizing its base rate adjustment proposal that would cover the next four years (2022-2025) and provide continued, longer-term cost certainty for customers.

FPL expects the proposal to include:

- In 2022, an adjustment to base annual revenue requirements of approximately $1.1 billion.
- In 2023, a subsequent year adjustment to base annual revenue requirements of approximately $615 million.
- In 2024 and 2025, a request for a Solar Base Rate Adjustment (SoBRA) mechanism to recover up to 900 megawatts (MW) of cost-effective solar projects in each year. If the full amount of new solar capacity allowed under the SoBRA proposal was constructed, FPL's preliminary estimate is that it would result in general base rate adjustments of approximately $140 million in 2024 and $140 million in 2025, which would be partially offset by a reduction in fuel costs on the clause portion of customer bills.

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The total of these rate increase requests over the four-year period from 2022 through 2025 would result in an estimated average increase in total revenue of less than 3.7% per year. FPL projects typical customer bills will remain well below the national average even with the proposed increase. In fact, adjusted for inflation, FPL's typical bill in January 2022 would be nearly 22% less than it was in 2006. In nominal terms, FPL's projected bill in January 2022 is projected to be just 3.5% higher than it was in 2006.Through the consolidation of FPL and Gulf Power, the typical residential customer bill in Northwest Florida is projected to be lower than today's bill by the end of the proposed four-year rate plan.

The phased-in rate adjustments are necessary to help pay for the more than $29 billion FPL is investing during the four-year period from 2019 through 2022 to benefit customers, including improving electric service reliability, reducing emissions and improving generation fuel efficiency, strengthening its electric system to make it more resilient in severe weather and preparing for customer growth. In addition, FPL will continue to make significant investments throughout the base rate proposal timeframe to further improve service for its customers.

Most FPL customers power their homes for just a few dollars a day. FPL's residential customer monthly usage median is 950 kWh, which means most FPL customer households consume less than the standard, 1,000-kWh typical bill benchmark, which is currently about $99. The typical 1,000-kWh Gulf Power residential customer bill is approximately $140.

Until FPL files its formal request, which is expected to occur in March, all rate, bill and revenue figures are estimates. Customers can visit **FPL.com/answers** or **GulfPower.com/answers** to learn more about the request. Once the formal request has been filed, the website will enable customers to calculate the estimated impact to their bills in 2022 based on their current electricity usage.

Delivering service efficiently

FPL ranks best-in-class among all major U.S. utilities based on its operating and maintenance (O&M) costs per kWh of retail sales. Compared with the average utility's O&M costs, FPL's innovative and relentless day-to-day focus on driving costs out of the business saves customers nearly $2.6 billion annually, which equates to savings of about $24 a month on a typical residential customer's $99 bill. Never satisfied, FPL continues to find new ways to work more efficiently to save customers money. For example, FPL's 2022 non-fuel O&M, which will be reflected in the company's upcoming filing, is projected to be lower than FPL's 2018 best-in-class level.

As an example, FPL's Project Accelerate, an annual program designed to find new ways to improve efficiency, lower costs and save money, is expected to produce more than $1.5 billion in savings for customers over the company's four-year rate plan, which is an annual savings run rate of approximately $390 million that will be reflected in the proposed rate plan. Another significant cost-saving measure that FPL has taken during the current rate plan is its merger and consolidation with Gulf Power. FPL estimates the consolidation is resulting in approximately $82 million per year in O&M savings for the combined company. FPL also projects system benefits of approximately $1.5 billion over the next 30 years as a result of power generation upgrades already underway, a new transmission line physically connecting both companies and the ability to dispatch from, and plan for, a common fleet of power generation resources. In total, customer savings from combining the two companies is projected to be $2.8 billion.

The company is committed to operating efficiently in order to deliver reliable service while keeping increases low, even while the costs of other essential products and services have risen

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dramatically. For example, groceries, medical care, health insurance and housing increased 25%-75% from 2006 to 2020. Meanwhile, FPL's typical customer bill is 10% lower today than it was in 2006.

While FPL's focus on efficiency and productivity has lessened the impact, the costs of many materials and products the company must purchase in order to provide clean, reliable and affordable power have increased. These increased expenses, combined with the projected addition of approximately one-half million new customers during the seven-year period beginning in 2018, are driving higher operating costs.

Investing in Florida to keep the state strong, competitive and successful

As Florida's largest private investor, FPL is proposing a four-year rate plan that will support continued investments in long-term infrastructure and advanced technology that will help keep customer bills low and reliability high over the long term. For the period 2019 through 2022, FPL will have invested more than $29 billion to benefit customers, with additional significant investments expected in 2023 and beyond to meet the growing needs of Florida's economy and continue delivering outstanding value for customers.

These investments support the continued building of a stronger, smarter and more resilient energy grid. Consistently the top priority for customers, the expectation and need for reliable, around-the-clock electric service has only been amplified amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as more customers work and attend school remotely. Beyond customer expectations, hundreds of new federal regulatory requirements implemented since 2017, including new cyber security standards, have required FPL to continue investing in its infrastructure.

While FPL has been awarded the most reliable electric utility in the U.S. for five of the last six years, climate change and Florida's strong, frequent severe weather requires the company to continue investing in the energy grid. Additional investments in building a stronger, smarter electric system are crucial as FPL continues to further improve the reliability of its service for customers, including fewer outages and faster restoration. Also, FPL continues to invest in smart grid technology that enables the company to continually monitor and assess the health of its system, predict potential issues before they disrupt service to customers and restore power faster following outages.

The proposal will also include FPL's continued investments in cleaner, more efficient power generation. FPL's ultra-efficient fleet of state-of-the-art power plants has one of the cleanest emissions profiles among comparable utilities nationwide, and the company continues to rapidly expand solar energy. From 2019 through 2022, FPL will have added more than 2,700 MW of power generation, the costs for which are not included in current customer rates. Although these investments are supported by base rates, they are expected to generate substantial savings for customers over the long term by reducing fuel and other costs, resulting in substantial net customer savings over the lives of the investments.

FPL's track record of making smart power generation improvements is strong. For example, since 2001, FPL's investments in high-efficiency natural gas energy centers have saved customers nearly $11 billion in fuel costs and prevented more than 145 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions, equivalent to negating the emissions output of every registered vehicle in Florida for nearly the next four years.

FPL's annual capital investments in Florida far exceed its annual earnings, making the company's financial strength, particularly its allowed return on equity (ROE), critical to financing

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these important improvements on behalf of customers. As part of its base rate request, FPL expects to propose that its allowed ROE midpoint be set at 11.50%, which includes a 0.5% performance incentive in recognition of FPL's superior performance, relative to other utilities in Florida and the nation. FPL's financial strength – in all financial climates – directly benefits customers, enabling the company to borrow money at lower interest rates and attract investors needed to support the types of smart, long-term investments that improve service and keep bills low over time. FPL's best-in-class or top-decile performance across numerous key metrics translate into a customer value that's among the best in the nation. FPL's proposed ROE midpoint will better reflect this and encourage continued strong performance.

As it has from the moment COVID-19 became widespread in March 2020, FPL remains committed to supporting customers experiencing hardship due to the pandemic and the resulting economic uncertainty. To date, FPL has provided customers approximately $75 million in relief through various programs and initiatives. As Florida recovers, the company will continue to assist customers who need it most. However, the pandemic is also a stark reminder of the importance of reliable electricity and the need for continued smart, long-term investments in infrastructure, clean energy and innovative technology that will enable FPL to serve customers now and for decades to come.

FPL plans to formally file its petition and testimony with the PSC in March to enable a thorough review and a decision to be reached before the end of 2021.

Florida Power & Light Company
Florida Power & Light Company is the largest energy company in the U.S. as measured by retail electricity produced and sold. The company serves more than 5.6 million customer accounts supporting more than 11 million residents across Florida with clean, reliable and affordable electricity. FPL operates one of the cleanest power generation fleets in the U.S and in 2020 won the ReliabilityOne® National Reliability Excellence Award, presented by PA Consulting, for the fifth time in the last six years. The company was recognized in 2020 as one of the most trusted U.S. electric utilities by Escalent for the seventh consecutive year. FPL is a subsidiary of Juno Beach, Florida-based NextEra Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NEE), a clean energy company widely recognized for its efforts in sustainability, ethics and diversity, and has been ranked No. 1 in the electric and gas utilities industry in Fortune's 2020 list of "World's Most Admired Companies." NextEra Energy is also the parent company of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, which, together with its affiliated entities, is the world's largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun and a world leader in battery storage. For more information about NextEra Energy companies, visit these websites: www.NextEraEnergy.com, www.FPL.com, www.GulfPower.com, www.NextEraEnergyResources.com.

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FPL and Gulf Power's 2022-2025 Base Rate Proposal

FPL and Gulf Power, now a single company, serve 5.6 million customer accounts across half of Florida – from Miami to Pensacola. FPL's electric service is cleaner and more reliable than ever before – while our typical residential customer bill is lower today than it was 15 years ago and among the lowest in the nation. The exceptional value we provide our customers is the direct result of disciplined, long-term investments we've made in infrastructure, clean energy, innovative technology and cost-saving efficiencies. Our proposed four-year rate plan, beginning in 2022, is being designed to support investments that benefit customers while keeping typical bills well below the national average.

Continuing to invest in Florida's future

FPL is Florida's largest private investor. From 2019 through 2022, FPL will have invested more than $29 billion in infrastructure improvements to benefit our customers, with additional significant investments expected in 2023 and beyond. Our investments have made us one of the most reliable and cleanest utilities in the country while the typical residential customer bill is among the lowest in the nation. Serving customers while tackling today's challenges comes with the fundamental responsibility of looking over the horizon to ensure we're ready to serve customers tomorrow, especially in a rapidly growing state on the front lines of climate change and strong, frequent severe weather.

Resilient Future

We're building a more resilient and sustainable energy future for Florida in the face of climate change and strong, frequent severe weather.

We're deploying technology that enables us to continually monitor and assess the health of our system, predict potential issues before they disrupt service to customers and restore power faster following outages.

We're making critical upgrades to the main high-voltage electric transmission line that serves as the backbone of Florida's energy grid.

We're building the Northwest Florida Resiliency Connection, a new transmission line that connects FPL's energy grid to Northwest Florida, to enhance reliability for customers now and in the future.

Sustainable Future

Securing a more resilient and sustainable future for us all, including future generations, means strengthening our commitment to disciplined, long-term investments.

This includes adding more solar to our energy grid through our "30-by-30" plan to install 30 million solar panels in Florida by 2030.

Our plan includes building the world's largest integrated solar-powered battery that will bring the benefits of solar power to our customers even when the sun is not shining. It also includes an innovative green hydrogen pilot project, a technology that could one day unlock 100% carbon-free electricity.

We're also continuing to modernize our existing power plants in South and Northwest Florida to produce cleaner, more affordable energy for customers.

Better Together

Combining FPL and Gulf Power has already produced, and will continue to produce, tangible benefits for all customers as we usher in an even cleaner, more sustainable energy future for Florida. In total, customers savings from combining the two companies is projected to be $2.8 billion over the next 30 years. This includes savings on operations and maintenance, as well as savings from power generation upgrades, a new transmission line physically connecting both companies and the ability to dispatch from, and plan for, a common fleet of power generation resources.

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Operating efficiently to deliver customer savings

At FPL, we have a relentless, day-to-day focus on operating efficiently. For example, when it comes to how much it costs us to generate electricity – we're the most cost-efficient utility in America[1]. What does that mean for customers? It means that compared to an average utility, we save customers nearly $2.6 billion annually. That's $24 a month on the typical 1,000-kWh residential customer bill.

[1] Source: FERC Form 1, 2019. Total Non-Fuel O&M excludes injuries and damages, pensions and benefits, and other power supply expenses. For FPL only, one-time storm costs are excluded. Peer Group includes holding companies with over 100,000 customers. Excludes companies with no utility-owned generation. Retail MWhs only includes Residential, Commercial, Industrial. FERC Form 1 Accts: 440 & 442

Keeping Bills Low

Everyday costs are up, but FPL bills are down

FPL's projected bill in January 2022 is expected to be just 3.5% higher than it was in 2006, a fraction of the increases of 25%-75% in the cost of groceries, medical care, health insurance and housing from 2006-2020.

Under our proposed plan, we expect our typical bill to remain well below the national average through at least 2025. By the end of the four-year rate plan, we project the typical 1,000-kWh residential customer bill in Northwest Florida will be lower than it is today.

Source: Various Consumer Price Indexes, U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Our four-year plan

FPL's current base rate settlement agreement concludes at the end of this year. FPL previously extended operations under the rate agreement by freezing base rates for an additional year through 2021. We're proposing a plan for 2022-2025 that will phase in rate adjustments and provide continued, longer-term rate certainty for customers while making their electricity cleaner and more reliable. Even with the change, FPL expects its typical residential customer bills will continue to remain well below the national average.

YEAR	REVENUE REQUIREMENT	TYPE OF ADJUSTMENT
2022	$1.1 billion	General Base Rate Adjustment
2023	$615 million	General Base Rate Adjustment
2024	$140 million	Solar Base Rate Adjustment
2025	$140 million	Solar Base Rate Adjustment

Note for customers in Northwest Florida:

In recognition of initial cost to service differences between the existing FPL and Gulf Power service territories, FPL will propose a transition rider/credit mechanism to address those differences equitably for customers in the respective service areas. The transition rider/credit would decline to zero over a five-year period.

Next Steps

We've notified the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) that we expect to file a formal request in the coming months for new base rates that would take effect in January 2022. We plan to formally file our petition and testimony with the PSC in March to enable a thorough review and decision before the end of 2021. For more information on our four-year rate proposal, visit **FPL.com/answers**.

POTENTIAL TIMELINE	
1Q21	FPL submits Test Year Letter notification (January); base rate request filed after 60 days (March)
2Q21	PSC holds service hearings
3Q21	PSC conducts technical hearing
4Q21	PSC issues decision
2022 – 2025	New rate plan implemented

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FPL's unwavering commitment to serving our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic

FPL is committed to supporting our communities in good times and bad, including during the COVID-19 global pandemic. To date, we've provided more than $75 million in support to customers through numerous relief programs and initiatives.

» **COVID-19 policies:** FPL remains committed to supporting customers during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Since mid-March 2020, FPL has offered customers experiencing hardship payment extensions, waived late fees and helped connect customers with available financial assistance. We also suspended disconnections for nonpayment for six months.

» **Financial Assistance:** Through FPL's third-party partners, customers can apply for financial assistance to help pay their electric bill.

- **Federal assistance:** Federal financial assistance has increased due to COVID-19. For example, the CARES Act increased funding by nearly 60% to Florida's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in 2020.
- **Care to Share:** This FPL program provides bill payment assistance to customers and has been recently expanded due to the pandemic to support customers. FPL is working to enhance the program, offering customers who pay electronically opportunities to contribute set monthly amounts, one-time donations or the option to round up their bill to the nearest dollar as a voluntary contribution.

» **Direct bill relief:** FPL provided direct bill relief to customers, including those significantly behind on their bills with up to a $200 credit. In total, more than 112,000 customers secured bill credits (74% of eligible customers) and FPL distributed more than $15 million in bill credits.

» **Accelerated deposit refunds:** After receiving unanimous approval from the PSC, FPL also issued accelerated deposit refunds to customers who paid on time and in full for the last 12 months. The company also issued accelerated deposit refunds to eligible small businesses customers.

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FPL's unwavering commitment (Continued)

» **Small business support and Main Street Recovery Credit Program:** FPL's Main Street Recovery Credit Program offers eligible small businesses a monthly 10% credit on the energy charge portion of their bill. Eligible businesses include small businesses that were inactive for at least six consecutive months after March 2020, new small businesses and existing small businesses operating in federally designated Opportunity Zones. In addition to the credit program, FPL has led energy efficiency webinars for businesses, worked to raise awareness about FPL's Business Energy Manager tool that helps businesses track and take control of their energy use, and worked with small businesses to make sure they understand available CARES Act resources.

» **Low-Income Discount Program (LIHEAP/EHEAP):** Shareholders from FPL's parent company, NextEra Energy, have committed $15 million to fund a new low-income discount program. Eligible residential customers who receive federal assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP) automatically received a $20 credit on their monthly bill starting in December 2020 that will extend through December 2021.The program will initially include an estimated 55,000 FPL customers who receive LIHEAP or EHEAP assistance.

» **Accelerated bill credit (fuel savings):** Following unanimous PSC approval, FPL fast-tracked annual fuel savings into customers' May 2020 bills, resulting in an approximately 25% bill decrease for the typical residential customer bill. Normally, annual fuel savings are spread out over the course of a year. However, due to the global pandemic, FPL thought it was important to quickly pass savings onto customers.

» **Corporate donations:** FPL, its sister NextEra Energy companies and employees have committed nearly $5 million in emergency assistance funds. In Florida, funds are helping partner organizations working on the frontlines of the crisis to provide critical support to the most vulnerable members of our communities. This includes assistance for basic needs like housing, food and healthcare, hunger relief efforts for food insecure populations, and storm preparation for homebound individuals.

Education Support

FPL is committed to supporting education programs that prepare students for exciting, well-paying jobs and help break down barriers for traditionally underserved children.

» In December 2020, FPL donated $1 million to buy more than 1,600 laptops for students to use in rapid credentialing programs to obtain the skills they need to get back to work amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

» In November 2020, FPL donated 1,000 utility poles to Palm Beach County to help the school district ensure that more than 25,000 students and their families have access to the internet during this time of distance learning amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

» We've redesigned our programs to best meet the needs of students during COVID-19 and beyond.

» In 2020, FPL's Manatee Lagoon offered virtual programming and a fully online summer camp to thousands of students across the state.

» FPL also introduced a virtual curriculum for grades 4, 5 and 6 that covers energy standards in science, English, language arts and math.

  – The free, open-source online curriculum is designed to ensure that students have a deeper understanding about the importance of energy, with virtual and in-person instruction options to help maintain a healthy and safe learning environment.

» Throughout the pandemic, we have also looked for opportunities to donate devices, including laptops and computer headsets, to underserved students for remote learning.

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Amid the continued challenges of the global pandemic, we remain committed to providing clean, reliable, affordable energy our customers can depend on. Serving customers today comes with the fundamental responsibility to ensure we're prepared to meet their energy needs tomorrow. This is especially important given our state is rapidly growing and on the front lines of climate change and strong, frequent severe weather.

Securing a more resilient and sustainable energy future for all of us, including future generations, means strengthening our commitment to smart and proven, long-term investments in the infrastructure, innovative technology and clean energy that are the foundation of our communities.

Today, we began the process of doing just that by notifying the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) that we expect to file a four-year rate plan in the coming months. This customary process takes about a year to complete and, if our plan is approved, would result in new rates going into effect in January 2022 once FPL's current base rate settlement agreement concludes at the end of this year. FPL previously extended operations under the rate agreement by freezing base rates for an additional year through 2021. Importantly, our plan will help us continue delivering unmatched value to customers by ushering in Florida's energy future and keeping bills among the lowest in America.

I also want to provide an update on current FPL bills. As you may know, rates are routinely adjusted every January to "true-up" various clauses on electric bills. Primarily due to higher fuel costs, the PSC has approved an increase to bills, starting this month, that will amount to $2.62, or less than 3%, for the typical residential customer and 3-5% for typical business customers, depending on rate class.

FPL does not profit from fuel charges but passes costs directly to customers. We work hard to keep costs low, which is why it's important to view this increase in context. Even with this latest adjustment, the fuel portion of FPL bills has decreased 15% for residential customers and 13% for businesses since 2017, which was the first year of FPL's current, multi-year settlement agreement.

The downward trend in fuel costs reflects a decline in natural gas prices and the fact that FPL is using less fuel to generate electricity because of our long-term investments in ultra-efficient, clean energy centers that run on natural gas and solar power plants that don't use fuel at all. These types of smart, forward-thinking investments are at the heart of our proposed four-year plan for rates beginning in 2022.

We are committed to keeping you updated as the rate-setting process continues. We will be able to provide specific information regarding bill impacts, as well as projected adjustments to municipal utility taxes, and franchise fees if applicable, after we formally file our plan in the coming months. In the meantime, please visit FPL.com/answers to learn more about the proposal, which is a combined plan with Gulf Power – our sister utility in Northwest Florida that legally merged with FPL earlier this year.

Please stay safe and remember that FPL is here to help throughout the pandemic. As always, don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.

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As you may be aware, Gulf Power and Florida Power & Light Company merged into a single energy company on Jan. 1, now serving more than 5.6 million customer accounts across more than half of Florida – from Pensacola to Miami. Beginning the journey to unify our rates is the natural and logical next step to fully consolidate the operations of our two previously separate energy companies.

To that end, FPL and Gulf Power today notified the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) of our plan to file a joint request in the coming months for unified rates that would be effective in January 2022. Our proposed four-year rate plan beginning in 2022 will help us continue delivering greater value to customers by securing a clean, reliable energy future through continued investments in our infrastructure in Northwest Florida for generations to come. In fact, we project that at the end of the four-year rate plan, typical residential customer bills in Northwest Florida will be lower than they are today.

Why now?
Now more than ever, Northwest Floridians are counting on Gulf Power to help lead them through tough times and deliver electricity that's clean, reliable and affordable. As part of FPL, we are adopting the company's proven practices and track record of success to move our customers in Northwest Florida toward an even brighter energy future. Gulf Power will continue to operate under the Gulf Power brand name through 2021.

Since becoming sister companies with FPL in 2019, Gulf Power has delivered operational and financial benefits for our customers, including our best-ever service reliability in 2020. In fact, Gulf Power received the 2020 ReliabilityOne® Award for Outstanding Reliability Performance in the Southeast suburban/rural service area. We're also investing in cleaner energy for Northwest Florida, including converting our coal-fueled power plant, Plant Crist, to run on cleaner natural gas and building emissions-free solar energy plants across the Panhandle.

This rate review and our many other major investments are all part of our strategy to provide cleaner, more reliable and lower-cost energy for our customers. Ultimately, our goal is for Gulf Power customers to enjoy the same rates as FPL customers. Today's filing is the first step to deliver this additional value to our customers.

What's next?
The rate-setting process, which began today, takes about a year to complete. FPL plans to formally file its plan with the PSC in the coming months. Once that happens, we will be able to share more information. For now, I encourage you to visit GulfPower.com/answers to learn more about the proposal.

Please stay safe and know that Gulf Power remains committed to our customers and communities.

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A few words about the event itself…

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All the best,
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To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>; Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
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I have registered Danny. One of you need to rsvp per his request.

Thanks

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To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: Cap News Interview Request

Jake followed up with me to confirm receipt. I told him you would be reaching out. His cell is 904-207-4245

From: Jake <jake@flanews.com>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Cap News Interview Request

Hello and good morning all,

This is Jake Stofan with Capitol News Service in Tallahassee. I'm doing a story today on Senator Burgess' Combating Public Disorder bill and was curious if he might have a few minutes to do a zoom interview before 1 pm on it?

Feel free to call/text or email back to coordinate.

Thanks!

Jake Stofan
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From: Brown, Natalie
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:08 PM EST
To: Dhaliwal, Amol <Dhaliwal.Amol@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily Brief 1/28
Attachment(s): "Burgess_DailyBrief_Jan-28-21.docx"

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From: Phillips, Trent <Phillips.Trent@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Senate District 20 (Burgess) <SenateDistrict20Burgess@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Daily Brief 1/28

Team Burgess,

Daily brief for Thursday, 1/28 attached.

Best regards,

Trent Phillips
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Florida Senate Majority Office

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Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Thursday, January 28, 2021

SCHEDULE

11:30 AM — 01:30 PM
Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response - 412 Knott Building

- PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
- Presentation by the Division of Emergency Management
- Presentation by the Florida National Guard

02:00 PM — 04:00 PM
Joint Administrative Procedures Committee - Reed Hall

- Overview of the Role of the Committee
- Approval of Committee Rules
- Workshop on proposed legislation relating to chapter 120, Florida Statutes
- Reports and Appearances
- Workshop| - Discussion and testimony only on the following (no vote to be taken):
- This meeting will be live-streamed on <https://thefloridachannel.org/>. Audience seating will be socially distanced and limited to the press and those persons wishing to provide substantive testimony on the filed bills or draft legislation. Persons who wish to attend must register at www.myfloridahouse.gov <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov>, and pick up a pass at the Legislative Welcome Center on the 4th Floor of the Capitol beginning two hours before the start of the meeting. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration closes three hours before the meeting starts.

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

Bill Display Name	Subject	Current Location
CS/SB 54	Motor Vehicle Insurance	Pending Reference Review
SB 416	POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial	On agenda (MS)
SB 418	Public Records/Persons Seeking Shelter	In committee/council (MS)
SB 484	Combating Public Disorder	In committee/council (CJ)
SB 494	Administration of Vaccines	On agenda (HP)
SB 512	Public Records/Application for a De Novo Banking Charter	In committee/council (BI)
SB 520	Social Media Websites	In committee/council (JU)

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SB 532	Workforce Education	In committee/council (ED)
SB 602	Business Organizations	Filed
SB 760	Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)	Filed
SB 764	Veterans Treatment Courts	Filed
SB 770	Military Affairs	Filed
SB 818	Mental Health Professionals	Filed

FYI – COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Finance and Tax 09:00 — 11:00 AM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32302
Introduction of Committee Members and Staff
Department of Revenue Tax Concepts
Other Related Meeting Documents

Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response 11:30 — 01:30 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by the Division of Emergency Management
Presentation by the Florida National Guard
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

Danny Burgess @DannyBurgessFL

Yesterday I passed my first bill as a Senator, SB 54, through the B&I Committee. Thank you Chair @JimBoydFL, @Kathleen4SWFL, & @darrylrouson for your help on this transformative piece of legislation. This bill repeals PIP, requires BI & stabilizes the insurance market. #FlaPol

Ana Maria Rodriguez @SenatorAMR

Today we pray for the families of those who were victims of the atrocities that occurred during the Holocaust. We vow to never forget. #sd39 #holocaustmemorial #neverforget #senatoramr

FL Senate Majority @FLSenateGOP

SR 150 by @SenMannyDiazJr rejects democratic socialism in favor of our true American values of individual liberty and democracy. Watch the Gov't Oversight Committee consider SR 150 at 9 a.m. on thefloridachannel.org

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Orlando Sentinel: Florida leaders aim to kill constitution revision commission

Tampa Bay Times: Florida Senate resolution denounces democratic socialism

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News 4 Jax: Florida gets boost in tax revenues in December

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

Breakfast: Maple Street Biscuit Company Build-Your-Own Biscuit Bar, Fresh Fruit Salad, Grits

Lunch: Chick-Fil-A Chicken Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Wrap, Chicken Nuggets, Kale Salad, Cookies

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From: Brown, Natalie
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 10:30 AM EST
To: Dhaliwal, Amol <Dhaliwal.Amol@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: Daily Brief 2/1
Attachment(s): "Burgess_DailyBrief_Feb-01-21.docx"

Please print this along with the **expanded** agenda for each of the senator's committees, as well as the committees he is presenting in this week (Health Policy) is the only extra one this week.

From: Phillips, Trent <Phillips.Trent@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Senate District 20 (Burgess) <SenateDistrict20Burgess@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Daily Brief 2/1

Team Burgess,

Daily brief attached for Monday, February 1st.

Have a good weekend,

Trent Phillips
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Florida Senate Majority Office

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Daily Briefing
Senator Burgess
Monday, February 1, 2021

SCHEDULE

02:30 PM — 05:00 PM
Commerce and Tourism - Not Meeting

SENATOR'S BILLS UPDATE

Bill Display Name	Subject	Current Location
CS/SB 54	Motor Vehicle Insurance	In committee/council (JU)
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SB 532	Workforce Education	In committee/council (ED)
SB 602	Business Organizations	In committee/council (CM)
SB 760	Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)	In committee/council (ED)
SB 764	Veterans Treatment Courts	In committee/council (MS)
SB 770	Military Affairs	In committee/council (MS)
SB 818	Mental Health Professionals	Filed
SB 922	Veterans' Preference in Employment	Filed
SB 952	Water Management Districts	Filed
SB 958	Specialty License Plates/Honor Flight	Filed

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Environment and Natural Resources 02:30 — 05:00 PM
PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by the Department of Environmental Protection on Biosolids Rule Ratification
Presentation by the Department of Environmental Protection on the Central Florida Water Initiative Rule Ratification
SB 64 by Senator Albritton—Reclaimed Water
SB 524 by Senator Hooper—Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Trust Funds
SB 578 by Senator Wright—Marina Evacuations
SB 588 by Senator Book—Conservation Area Designations/Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area

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|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7006 by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources—OGSR/Trade Secrets/Department of Environmental Protection
|Consideration of proposed bill:
SPB 7008 by the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources—OGSR/Trade Secrets/Department of Environmental Protection
Senate Confirmation Hearing:| A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.
2405 Andrews Jr., Angus "Gus" G.
2405 Ralston, Kellie Rebello
2405 Patronis, Nicholas Jimmy
End Appointee Header
Other Related Meeting Documents

Judiciary 02:30 — 05:00 PM

PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A3 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
Presentation by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability:
Several Factors Hinder Homeowner and Auto Glass Insurance Fraud Processing
Presentation by Retired Judge Greg Holder:
Abusive Litigation Tactics, Attorney Fees, and Lawyer Discipline
SB 78 by Senator Rodrigues—Dues and Uniform Assessments
SB 88 by Senator Brodeur—Farming Operations
SB 498 by Senator Gruters and others—Safety of Religious Institutions
Other Related Meeting Documents

TOP CAUCUS TWEETS AND POSTS

George Gainer @SenatorGainer

Florida has launched a statewide preregistration system to schedule #COVID19 vaccine appts for individuals 65 + & frontline health care workers. Individuals can pre-register for vaccine appointments & be notified when appts are available in their area at myvaccine.fl.gov.

Ana Maria Rodriguez @SenatorAMR

Proud to chair Senate Finance and Tax Committee for the next two years! With great honor we held our first meeting yesterday. #senatoramr #sd39 #financeandtax

Ileana Garcia @IleanaGarciaUSA

Thank you @DuranForFlorida for the opportunity to join you on this and work together. Ileana Garcia, Nick Duran seek specialty license plate to help preserve Biscayne Bay floridapolitics.com/archives/39919…

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

News Channel 8 Tampa: Florida emergency director says supply still No.1 issue with COVID-19 vaccine rollout

Hernando Sun: Business protection bill moves forward

Orlando Sentinel: Florida colleges top U.S. News rankings of online programs

Sarasota Magazine: Foundation Seeks Specialty License Plate to Support Florida State Parks

MENU FOR MAJORITY OFFICE LOUNGE

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Breakfast: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Grits, Yogurt, Fresh Fruit, Pastries, Oatmeal

Lunch: Bonefish Bang Bang Shrimp Taco Bar, Jasmine Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Salad, Cookies

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LOCATION: 330 SENATE BUILDING | ADDRESS: 404 S. MONROE ST., TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-1160 | PHONE: (850) 487-5184

From: Lee, Tom (Web) <LEE.TOM.WEB@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 1:00 PM EDT
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: Florida Legislature

From: Sandra Remilien <sremilien@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Lee, Tom (Web) <LEE.TOM.WEB@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Florida Legislature

Hello Senator Tom Lee:

My name is Sandra Remilien. Jeaccinette Philogene, a Haitian witch living in Lauderdale Lakes, Florida has been doing witchcraft to monitor me and she is doing witchcraft on you and to control you.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make the email I sent to you fail.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make the coronavirus come to the United States. Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make people have the coronavirus. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make people have the zika virus. Officer Joachim lied and said I wrote the North Miami Police Department.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Officer Joachim and Merisier Remilien know I emailed Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebryesus from the World Health Organization and Rachel Bridges at the UN Foundation because Officer Joachim lied and said I wrote the North Miami Police Department.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make police officers go to Merisier Remilien's house on March 17 and did witchcraft to make them say I wrote people and said that Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make people have the coronavirus so she can do witchcraft to make Merisier Remilien, Luna Remilien, Guylene Presendieu, Sony Remilien and Rony Remilien know she did witchcraft to make people have the coronavirus.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make people have the coronavirus.

Jeaccinette needs to tell people that she is doing witchcraft to make people have the coronavirus.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make people who live in Miami-Dade County and in Broward County have the coronavirus so she can do witchcraft so there is no school in Miami-Dade County and in Broward County because Kaliah Remilien does not want to go to school.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make kids in Miami-Dade County and in Broward County go to school online so she can do witchcraft to make Kaliah Remilien and Luna Remilien's daughter Chelsea Desir go to school online.

Kaliah Remilien does not want to go to school or do her homework. Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make Kaliah Remilien make the honor roll and get As and Bs because I was in honors since elementary school.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make Kaliah Remilien do her homework.

Kaliah Remilien does not know her birthday or her age. Kids who are two years old know their birthday and age.

Kaliah Remilien's father Rony Remilien never passed the FCAT.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft so Kaliah Remilien doesn't live at Samora Merritt's mother's house in Palm Bay, Florida.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make the Senate pass the Never Again Education Act so she can do witchcraft to make the Holocaust be taught in school so she can do witchcraft to make Kaliah Remilien know about the Holocaust so she can do witchcraft to make Kaliah Remilien know what I know.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to kill Magic School Bus author Joanna Cole and physicist Stephen Hawking because she wants to do witchcraft to make Kaliah Remilien, Hugette Presendieu's daughter Imani Valcin and Luna Remilien's daughter Chelsea Desir like science.

Jeaccinette's kids flunked school.

Luna Remilien could not pass her tests when Luna Remilien was going to FIU. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Luna Remilien pass her tests because Luna Remilien could not pass her tests. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Jackson North Hospital and Borinquen Clinic hire Luna Remilien so Luna Remilien can get my medical records. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Baptist Hospital hire Luna Remilien.

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Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make the pharmacy technician certification board say Hugette Presendieu passed the pharmacy technician exam when Hugette Presendieu did not pass the pharmacy technician exam.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make David Remilien go to Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College because she did witchcraft to make David Remilien get a Hispanic girl named Kianna pregnant. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make David Remilien and the people who were in David Remilien's class pass a test to graduate from Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College after David Remilien and the people who were in David Remilien's class did not pass the test to graduate from Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make the people who were in David Remilien's class pass the NCLEX and did witchcraft to make them become nurses.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make Luna Remilien, Guylene Presendieu, Rony Remilien, David Remilien and Kaliah Remilien have friends.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Eric Garner's daughter Erica Garner have a heart attack. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to kill Erica Garner.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Officer Derek Chauvin put his knee on George Floyd's neck so she could do witchcraft to make Minneapolis be in the news so she can do witchcraft to make Guylene Presendieu, Malikah Noel, Shatavia Moffett, Luna Remilien and Kerline Senat know about Minneapolis and go to Minneapolis.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Officer Derek Chauvin go to jail.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Black Lives Matter and people protest the death of George Floyd. Jeaccinette did witchcraft so the people who protested and looted stores because of George Floyd's death did not go to jail.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Juneteenth be a federal holiday.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to defund the police.

Jeaccinete did witchcraft so Rony Remilien didn't go to jail for hitting me. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Uber hire Rony Remilien because a man told me you can get a car through Uber. Jeaccinette did witchcrraft to make Lyft hire Rony Remilien. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Rony Remilien pick people up in Miami Beach, Midtown, Kendall and Brickell.

Guylene Presendieu said white people have wrinkles because they do drugs.

Guylene Presendieu, Luna Remilien, Shatavia Moffett, Samora Merritt said they don't like white people.

Rony Remilien and Sony Remilien said Hispanic people are racist.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft so I don't have money to pay people so she can keep doing witchcraft to make people have the coronavirus so she can do witchcraft to make Guylene Presendieu, Malikah Noel, Shatavia Moffett, Luna Remilien and Kerline Senat know about cities and countries and go to cities and countries.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make Guylene Presendieu, Malikah Noel, Shatavia Moffett, Luna Remilien and Kerline Senat, Kerline Senat's sisters, Luna Remilien's ex-boyfriend Jean Camille Desir, Jean Camille Desir's mother Yvette Chery, Christy and Linda Osmann travel because I want to travel.

Jeaccinette, Guylene Presendieu, Luna Remilien and Kerline Senat did witchcraft so I don't travel.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft so I did not have money to buy a March for Science shirt, a Women's March shirt, a People's Climate March shirt, a March Against Monsanto and an Animal Rights March shirt, money to make a poster, money to buy tennis shoes and money for bus fare so she could do witchcraft so I did not go to March for Science, Women's March, People's Climate March and March Against Monsanto and Animal Rights March in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg pass out flyers outside the Swedish parliament. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg start a school strike for climate outside the Swedish parliament building.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg make a documentary for BBC and Hulu.

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Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft so I don't have money to buy food and veggie burgers so she can do witchcraft to make people say

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Merisier Remilien did not lie when he told a judge I do not eat and so she can do witchcraft to make me break my vegan pledge.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make me eat soy and mushroom because I do not eat soy and mushroom.

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Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg go to the World Economic Forum's meeting in Davos.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft so I never have a journalism job. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg go to the United Nations Climate Action summit. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg sail. Jeaccinette did witchcraft so Greta Thunberg does not fly. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg speak at the United Nations Climate Action Summit. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg be Time Magazine's Person of the Year. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg go to COP25. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg and Fridays for the Future get Amnesty International's 2019 Ambassador of Conscience Award.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make the London National History Museum name a beetle after Greta Thunberg. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg and Donald Trump get nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg get a Nobel Peace Prize.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to kill Nobel Laureates. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to kill Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Toni Morrison.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg get a Right Livelihood Award. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Fridays for the Future (Greta Thunberg.) get a UNEP Champions of the Earth Award. Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg win awards and get awards. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Random House Penguin publish a book with Greta Thunberg's speech. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg go to a rally in Iowa and Denver. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make kids strike for climate last year.

Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft to make kids strike for climate, walk out of school and skip school this year. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg question newspapers that accept fossil fuel advertising.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Jaime Margolin, Greta Thunberg and kids write an write an op-ed.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg join Extinction Rebellion.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg go to Los Angeles. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg protest oil drilling.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Jordan Peele and Moonlight win an Oscar. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Brian Cullinan give the wrong envelope at the Oscars. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Brian Cullinan and Martha Ruiz get banned from the Oscars.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg and Fridays for the Future win a Nordic Council Environment Prize.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Jair Bolsonaro call Greta a brat. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg meet David Attenborough and did witchcraft to make Greta Thunberg interview David Attenborough.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make people block the road in London and in the United Kingdom (Extinction Rebellion). Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make kids in Belgium and other countries strike for the climate.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Delaney Reynolds speak at March for Science Miami.
Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make Alexandria Villasenor protest outside the United Nations.

Guylene Presendieu, Malikah Noel, Shatavia Moffett, Luna Remilien, Kerline Senat did witchcraft on me.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make kids strike on Earth Day. Jeaccinette did witchcraft to make protesters interrupt the Harvard-Yale football game.

Jeaccinette did witchcraft to kill Wallace Broecker, Columbia University professor, because she wants to do witchcraft to make Kaliah Remilien, Luna Remilien, Guylene Presendieu, Malikah Noel, Sony Remilien, Rony Remilien, Samora Merritt, Hugette Presendieu, Kerry Presendieu, Luna Remilien's daughter Chelsea Desir, Luna Remilien's ex-boyfriend Jean Camille Desir and Jean's mother Yvette Chery know about climate change.

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Jeaccinette did witchcraft so Psych Solutions didn’t hire me and did witchcraft to make Psych Solutions hire Rose Tima. Rose Tima did witchcraft on me.

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Jeaccinette is doing witchcraft so I don't have money to activate and pay my cell phone.

Jeaccinette is using her nephew in Haiti that she did witchcraft to send to the Dominican Republic and other people to help her do witchcraft so she can try to cover her sins. She has been doing witchcraft to put words in people's mouths and to make them say, email and tell me and other people what she wants.

Sincerely,

Sandra
305-967-5653

Guylene Presendieu, Malikah Noel, Shatavia Moffett and Luna Remilien did witchcraft on me. Guylene Presendieu and Luna Remilien logged into my Outlook account and sent emails from my Outlook account. Guylene Presendieu and Luna Remilien said they don't like white people.

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From: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 10:10 AM EST
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Fw: Follow up
Attachment(s): "Monument Protection Bill 2020.pdf","Soldiers and Heroes Monument Protection.pdf"

From: Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Burgess, Danny
Cc: Brown, Natalie
Subject: Follow up

Senator---thank you for your time this morning. I am attaching a copy of the bill Rep. Roach filed last year as well as a copy of the bill filed by Rep. Drake a few years back.

There are essentially three things we need to do:
1. Create civil liability for those that damage/destroy monuments
2.Create citizen standing so interested parties can try to protect historical monuments/memorials
3. Make it a 3rd degree felony to intentionally damage/destroy a monument or memorial.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Jeff Kottkamp
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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to preservation of memorials; providing a short title; creating s. 265.710, F.S.; defining the term "memorial"; prohibiting specified activities concerning memorials by a person or an entity; providing for liability and the award of certain costs and damages for violations of the act; requiring the Secretary of State to provide written approval before the placement of certain materials on or adjacent to certain memorials on public property; granting certain persons standing for enforcement of the act; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for damage to or removal of certain memorials; redefining the term "community service" for purposes of minors found to have committed certain delinquent acts of criminal mischief; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Historical Memorials Protection Act."

Section 2. Section 265.710, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

265.710 Civil liability for damaging, destroying, or

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removing memorials; enforcement.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "memorial" means a plaque, statue, marker, flag, banner, cenotaph, religious symbol, painting, seal, tombstone, structure name, or display that is constructed and located with the intent of being permanently displayed or perpetually maintained; is dedicated to a historical person, an entity, an event, or a series of events; and honors or recounts the military service of any past or present United States Armed Forces military personnel, or the past or present public service of a resident of the geographical area comprising this state or the United States. The term includes, but is not limited to, the following memorials established under this chapter:

(a) Florida Women's Hall of Fame;

(b) Florida Medal of Honor Wall;

(c) Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame;

(d) POW-MIA Chair of Honor Memorial;

(e) Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden;

(f) Florida Law Enforcement Officers' Hall of Fame;

(g) Florida Holocaust Memorial;

(h) Florida Slavery Memorial; and

(i) Any other memorial located within the Capitol Complex, including, but not limited to, Waller Park.

(2) Any person or entity that damages or destroys any

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memorial, or that takes or removes a memorial without returning the memorial to its original position and condition, is liable for the full cost of repair or replacement of such memorial unless such person or entity was authorized to take or remove the memorial by the person or entity owning such memorial for the purpose of restoring or repairing the memorial.

(3) In addition to the cost of repair or replacement, any person or entity that intentionally damages, destroys, takes, or removes a memorial without authorization is liable for treble damages, attorney fees, and court costs to the owner of the memorial in any action or proceeding brought to recover damages for the cost of repair or replacement of a memorial.

(4) No plaque, sign, picture, marker, exhibit, notice, or other object that would obstruct the view of a memorial that is located on public property or that would convey information about such a memorial may be placed on or immediately adjacent to any such memorial in existence on or before January 1, 2019, without the express written approval of the Secretary of State.

(5) A resident of this state, a historical preservation organization, a military veteran, a veterans' organization, or a law enforcement or firefighter benevolent organization has standing to seek enforcement of this section through civil action in the circuit court in the county in which a memorial that has been damaged or destroyed is located.

Section 3. Present subsections (5) through (9) of section

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806.13, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through (10), respectively, a new subsection (5) is added to that section, and present subsection (8) of that section is amended, to read:

806.13 Criminal mischief; penalties; penalty for minor.—

(5) A person may not willfully damage or deface, or remove by any means, a memorial that is owned or erected by a governmental entity, a museum, a historical society, or a similar public or private organization, or a memorial that is located in a cemetery or on a grave or tombstone. A person who violates this subsection commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. For purposes of this subsection, the term "memorial" has the same meaning as in s. 265.710.

(9)~~(8)~~ A minor whose driver license or driving privilege is revoked, suspended, or withheld under subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ may elect to reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding by performing community service at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community service performed. In addition, if the court determines that due to a family hardship, the minor's driver license or driving privilege is necessary for employment or medical purposes of the minor or a member of the minor's family, the court shall order the minor to perform community service and reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community

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service performed. As used in this subsection, the term "community service" means cleaning graffiti from public property, including graffiti on memorials, or the general cleanup of parks dedicated to veterans or historic sites.

Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Soldiers' and Heroes' Monuments and Memorials Protection Act; providing a short title; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; providing criminal penalties for criminal mischief that causes damage to certain remembrances erected to honor or commemorate a soldier, a historical military figure, a military organization, a military unit, a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or an astronaut; defining the term "remembrance"; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Soldiers' and Heroes' Monuments and Memorials Protection Act."

Section 2. Present subsections (5) through (9) of section 806.13, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6) through (10), respectively, present subsection (8) is amended, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

806.13 Criminal mischief; penalties; penalty for minor.—

(5)(a) A person may not willfully and maliciously damage or deface by any means a remembrance that is owned by a governmental entity or museum, a historical society, or a similar organization or that is located in a cemetery or on a

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grave or tomb. As used in this subsection, the term "remembrance" means an exhibit; artwork, including a painting or a stained glass work or a statue; a monument; a memorial; a nameplate; a historical marker; a symbol, including a religious symbol; a tombstone; a plaque; a historical flag display; a fountain; or a similar object that was made to honor or commemorate:

1. A soldier or military figure who served 1 or more of the original 13 colonies, the United States, or a territory that became part of the United States;

2. A military organization or military unit of 1 or more of the original 13 colonies, the United States, or a territory that became part of the United States; or

3. A law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or an astronaut serving the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(b) A person who violates this subsection commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(9) ~~(8)~~ A minor whose driver license or driving privilege is revoked, suspended, or withheld under subsection (8) ~~(7)~~ may elect to reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding by performing community service at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community service performed. In addition, if the court determines that due to a family hardship, the minor's

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driver license or driving privilege is necessary for employment or medical purposes of the minor or a member of the minor's family, the court shall order the minor to perform community service and reduce the period of revocation, suspension, or withholding at the rate of 1 day for each hour of community service performed. As used in this subsection, the term "community service" means cleaning graffiti from public property.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

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From: Simon, Kimberly on behalf of Burgess, Danny
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:25 PM EST
To: Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: For Review: Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law

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From: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>; Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: For Review: Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law
Importance: High

Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law

SB 54 Repeals PIP, Requires BI Coverage, Creates New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

Tallahassee–State Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills) today filed Senate Bill 54, Motor Vehicle Insurance. The legislation repeals Florida's current Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, which requires drivers to carry personal injury protection coverage, instead requiring that drivers carry bodily injury liability coverage. The bill also creates a new framework to govern motor vehicle insurance claims for bad faith failure to settle.

"Florida is one of only two states in the country that does not currently require drivers to carry liability coverage that would immediately kick in if they cause the bodily injury or death of another person while operating a motor vehicle," said Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby). "PIP coverage is too expensive for the benefits it provides. It's the right time for Florida to move to mandatory coverage for bodily injury liability."

"Replacing our no-fault system with a bodily injury liability system more appropriately places liability where it should be – with the party that caused the accident," said Senator Burgess. "Additionally, the bill creates a new framework for handling bad faith litigation that provides a clear set of standards to govern the conduct of both parties in the claims handling process, which we believe will lead to better outcomes for both insured Floridians and their insurance companies."

Repeals No-Fault, Requires Bodily Injury Liability Coverage

SB 54 repeals the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law (No-Fault Law), which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. The bill enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:

- For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and
- Subject to that limit for one person, $50,000 for BI or death of two or more people in any one crash.
- Retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.
- Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
- Repealing the No-Fault Law eliminates the limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP insureds, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Requires Medical Payments Coverage

SB 54 requires insurers to offer medical payments coverage (MedPay) with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured. Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000, and may offer deductibles of up to $500. The bill requires that insurers must reserve $5,000 of MedPay benefits for 30 days to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.

Creates a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

SB 54 creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance. The bill requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.

The bill establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:

- Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
- State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
- Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and the amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
- Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed the insured's policy limit.
- Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
- Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of the demand and the ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.

The bill allows the third-party bad faith claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a two hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets. The bad faith claimant may withdraw the demand for settlement after the EUO. If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, the insurer may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.

The bill provides that in a third-party action for bad faith failure to settle not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., the insurer is not liable for

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bad faith if the insurer tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a demand for settlement.

Allows for Named Driver Exclusions
SB 54 authorizes the exclusion of a specifically named individual from specified insurance coverages under a private passenger motor vehicle policy, with the written consent of the policyholder.

For more information, please visit www.FLSenate.gov.

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From: Brown, Natalie
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Subject: FW: Materials - Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation Meeting
Attachment(s): "Delegation Meeting Agenda.pdf","Delegation Script.docx","Delegation Meeting Speaker List.pdf"

From: Learn, John <Learn.John@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 5:22 PM
Cc: Taylor, Jim <TaylorJ@hillsboroughcounty.org>; Storch, Lauren <StorchLa@hillsboroughcounty.org>
Subject: Materials - Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation Meeting

Good afternoon,

Attached is the agenda, script, and list of speakers for tomorrow's Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation meeting. I have also copied the link for the Webex again below.

As a reminder, this link is for Members to participate, staff should watch via eitherhttps://thefloridachannel.org/ or https://www.youtube.com/user/HillsboroughCounty/live .

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

When it's time, join your Webex meeting here.

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Delegation Meeting: Elections and Public Comment

Friday, December 11, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

via WebEx platform, link attached in email

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Elections
5. Public Testimony
6. Adjourn

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Who	Title	Organization/Company
1. Pat Kemp	**Chair**	**BOCC**
2. Kimberly Overman	**Commissioner**	**BOCC**
3. Mariella Smith	**Commissioner**	**BOCC**
4. Addison Davis	**Superintendent**	**HCPS**
5. Lynn Gray	**Board Chair for Schoolboard**	**HCPS**
6. Ken Atwater	**President**	**HCC**
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8. Julianne Holt	**Public Defender**	**13th Judicial Circuit**
9. Dr. Idelia Phillips	President	League of Women Voters
10. Chris Card	Chief of Community Based Care	Eckerd Connects
11. Damaris Allen	President	Florida Collaboration Project
12. Jasmine Dixon	High School Student	Hillsborough County Anti Drug Alliance
13. Dr. Sandra Braham	President/CEO	Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services
14. Louis Orloff		Orloff Advisors
15. Janet Dougherty	Executive Director	Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
16. Beth Alden	Executive Director	Hillsborough MPO
17. Jule Colvin	Board Member	Florida Citizens Alliance
18. Ellen Snelling	Board Chair	Hillsborough County Anti Drug Alliance
19. Michelle Blume	Assistant Director	Guardian ad Litem Program
20. Jessica Sams	Gulf Coast Public Policy Manager	Alzheimer's Association
21. Bob Bialas	Executive VP of Chilldren $ Head Start Services	Lutheran Services
22. Mike Carroll	Executive VP of Programs	Lutheran Services
23. Gary Stein	Political Director	Suncoast NORML
24. Christopher Cano	Executive Director	Suncoast NORML
25. James Ransom	Board Member	TOBA
26. Ita Neymotin	Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel for the 2nd District	Office of " for the 2nd District Court of Appeals
27. Nah'ema Sekirime	Student	HCADA/SWAT
28. Matt Floyd	Government Relations	Port Tampa Bay
29. Tracy Zuluaga		
30. Brooke Errett	Florida Organizer	Food & Water Action

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31. Blake Smith	Student	HCADA
32. Theresa Miller		Embracelife911
33. Susan Nicely		
34. Haley Busch		1000 Friends of Florida
35. Jennifer Wilson		
36. Dan Saracki	President	Suncoast League of Cities
37. Maura Lanz		
38. Dayle Vanderwerff	COO	Phoenix House Florida
39. Nemiah Hughley	Student	YMAD-Burnett Middle School
40. Misty Winter		
41. Javan Frinks	Organizer	SEIU
42. Leanne Klumb	LGBTQ Liaison	HCC PTA/PTSA
43. David Jones		Tampa Bay Community Action Committee
44. Marissa Bodden		
45. Sharon Calvert		
46. Philip Compton	Senior Organizing Rep	Sierra Club FL
47. Tina Swain	CEO	Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough
48. Keith Jacobs		Step Up for Students
49. Dr. Mark Castricone		SEIU
50. Laurette Philipsen		
51. Lisa Montelione	Director	Northside Behavioral Health Center
52. Rob Kriete	President	Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association
53. Veronica McDonald	Legislative Chair	Hillsborough County Council PTA
54. Valerie Licata	VP Leadership	Hillsborough County Council PTA
55. Terrie Daniel	Assistant Vice President	USF
56. Vicki Carll		
57. Alison Fernandez		
58. Julia Herbst	Gulf Coast Program Director	Solar United Neighbors
59. Karen Gates		
60. Isabel Garcia	Executive Director	Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)
61. Adrianne Rodriguez		
62. Shirley Daniels		
63. Opal Hudson	Board Member	Northside Behavioral Health Center
64. Shamiesa Grier	Member of Organize Florida	Organize Florida

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CHAIR CRUZ: GOOD MORNING. IT IS 10:00AM AND I AM CALLING THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO ORDER. **GAVEL**

CHAIR CRUZ: I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE SENATOR BURGESS TO LEAD US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING

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CHAIR CRUZ: I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE HART TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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CHAIR CRUZ: JOHN CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLE?

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CHAIR CRUZ: WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A QUORUM

CHAIR CRUZ: WE WILL NOW HAVE OUR ELECTION TO ESTABLISH THE NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION. I WILL REMIND EVERYONE THAT I AM CHAIR TODAY BECAUSE REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION,

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DID NOT RUN FOR REELECTION. AS VICE CHAIR AT THE TIME, I AM SERVING AS ACTING CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING AFTER WHICH THE NEW CHAIR WILL TAKE OVER.

CHAIR CRUZ: REPRESENTATIVE VALDES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATION OF A NEW CHAIR.

REP. VALDES: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE HART FOR CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

CHAIR CRUZ: JOHN PLEASE CALL THE ROLE FOR THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE HART AS CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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CHAIR CRUZ: BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE HART WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE OVER AS CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.

CHAIR CRUZ: SENATOR ROUSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR

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SEN. ROUSON I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SENATOR CRUZ FOR VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

CHAIR CRUZ JOHN PLEASE CALL THE ROLE FOR THE ELECTION OF SENATOR CRUZ AS VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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CHAIR CRUZ BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SENATE MEMBERS SENATOR CRUZ WILL OFFICIALLY BECOME VICE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.

CHAIR CRUZ WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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From: Ingrid Delgado <idelgado@flaccb.org>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 3:57 PM EST
To: Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>; Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
CC: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>; Pizzo, Jason <Pizzo.Jason@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: Meeting Request
Attachment(s): "210125 Opposition HB1 Fernandez-Barquin.pdf"

Happy Monday, Kimberly and Natalie! I am following up on the meeting request below from early December to discuss pandemic preparedness and my text exchanges with Senator Burgess between January 8 and January 11 expressing some of our concerns with SB 484.

Would it be possible to schedule a meeting to discuss these two items with the senator? In preparation for the meeting, I am attaching our letter of opposition circulated to House Criminal Justice committee members as they prepared to consider the House companion to SB 484.

Thank you in advance,
Ingrid Delgado

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From: Ingrid Delgado
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov
Subject: Meeting Request

Good morning, Kimberly:

I hope this email finds you well. We wanted to reach out and congratulate Sen. Burgess on his new role in the Florida Senate! We would also welcome the opportunity to briefly discuss some of the Catholic Conference's legislative priorities for the 2021 session, if it would be possible to fit us into his schedule. There are a few issues I'd like to highlight but, as he is Pandemic Preparedness and Response Chair, I'd especially like to share Catholic Charities' efforts in this regard and needs moving forward.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention,
Ingrid Delgado

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January 26, 2021

The Honorable Juan Fernandez-Barquin
Florida House of Representatives
315 House Office Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

RE: Opposition to HB 1 (Public Disorder)

Dear Representative Fernandez-Barquin:

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops struggles ardently against violence. However, we oppose HB 1, as it is unnecessary and entails foreseeable unintended consequences. Our concerns are the following:

HB 1 is unnecessary
The crimes committed in recent riots in Washington and across the county prompt outrage and deep concern. As we reflect on these events, it is necessary to recall that assault, battery, burglary, theft, and stealing are already crimes, and perpetrators are being held accountable for these actions. It seems unnecessary to create new and stiffer penalties for crimes if they occur during a riot, as long as the applicable laws are enforced.

Reflects a retributive approach to justice
The Conference supports increasing gain time, as it incentivizes rehabilitation. The longer sentences in HB 1 work against gain time reform efforts of reducing sentence lengths for individuals who demonstrate good behavior. Rigid formulations of mandatory minimum sentencing are one-size-fits-all solutions which are too often inappropriate, yet HB 1 creates a new mandatory minimum sentence.

Violates principle of subsidiarity
The provision that allows the governor to amend or override a local governing body's law enforcement budget prompts concern. A community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, depriving the latter of its functions. Put more simply, crime is largely a local issue; to the extent possible, local responses should be developed and respected.

Unintended consequences for churches, faith-based and other organizations
The terms "prohibited assemblies" and "riots" in HB 1 are undefined, as are "injury" and "force." Activities that we and many Floridians support, such as praying in front of an abortion facility, pro-life marches, and prayer vigils could be construed as prompting prosecution if this bill is enacted. This is a serious concern.

Alternative responses are available
There are other approaches to the civil unrest we have witnessed of late. Promoting de-escalation training is one.

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Exacerbates existing ills
In its present form, HB 1 will further exacerbate the already disproportionate impact of incarceration among the poor and communities of color while increasing costs of incarceration.

We must oppose HB 1 but remain available to discuss our concerns further at your request.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Sheedy

cc: The Hon. Cord Byrd, Chair, House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee
Members of the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee
Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski, Archbishop of Miami & FCCB President
Most Rev. William A. Wack, Moderator for Prison Ministry

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From: Lee, Tom <LEE.TOM@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 1:08 PM EDT
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>; Graf, Shruti <GRAF.SHRUTI@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: New report: The Cost of School Policing: What Florida's Students Have Paid for a Pretense of Security
Attachment(s): "The Cost of School Policing Report.pdf"

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Good afternoon, Senators:

I wanted to be sure to share with you our new report, "The Cost of School Policing: What Florida's students have paid for a pretense of security," which was created in partnership with SPLC, Equality Florida, LWV of Florida, and the Florida Social Justice in Schools Project. The report analyzes the impact of the Florida Legislature's decision to mandate that every public school have an officer or security personnel onsite, and finds that the heightened presence of police officers in Florida schools in the past two years has led to an unprecedented increase in school arrests.

Below are a few salient findings:

- The presence of law enforcement was related to a greater frequency of school arrests (40-82% more at the school-level). This relationship existed at the elementary, middle and high school levels.
- The presence of law enforcement predicted greater numbers of behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, particularly for less severe infractions and among middle schoolers.
- There was little consistent evidence that the presence of law enforcement decreased the number of behavioral incidents occurring, indicating that school-based law enforcement were not necessarily making schools safer.
- For the first time ever, there are more police officers working in Florida schools (3,650) than school nurses (2,286).
- The number of police officers in schools is more than double the number of school social workers (1,414) and school psychologists (1,452).
- During the 2018-19 school year, the number of youth arrests at school increased 8%, while the number of youth arrested in the community continued to decline by 12%.
- The percentage of youth arrests happening at school hit a five-year high of 20%.
- The number of students expelled from school increased 43%.
- Schools reported more than four times as many incidents of using physical restraints on students.
- Police officers arrested elementary-aged kids 345 times, including an arrest of a five year old and five arrests of six-year olds, during the 2018-19 school year.

We hope this information on the financial and human costs of school policing will be useful in reconsidering the mandate of requiring police officers and armed personnel in schools. Given our current budget crisis and data showing the harmful results to our children and increase in the school-to-prison pipeline, repealing the school policing mandate would be a step in the right direction and would free up significant budgetary resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information. You can see your county specific data here: https://www.aclufl.org/en/school-prison-pipeline-local-resources and the underlying research and data report from the UF Education Policy and Research Center here: https://www.aclufl.org/sites/default/files/curran_-_the_expanding_presence_of_law_enforcement_in_florida_schools.pdf.

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Executive Summary

School districts across the country are reassessing the efficacy of integrating police officers into schools. This comes after many years of advocacy from impacted youth and on the heels of increased awareness of police brutality and the misuse of law enforcement for social services. Many schools are beginning to feel the impacts of COVID-19 on their budgets and are struggling to provide the minimum resources needed for education, further calling into question the appropriateness of spending scarce education dollars on policing. Despite this, some school districts are paying for more police officers and security personnel than even required by state law.

In this conversation, Florida's school districts have been at the mercy of the Legislature. There has been a perception that they have only the false choice between placing a police officer or an armed civilian at every school due to a state mandate. Meanwhile, our students suffer:

- For the first time ever, there are more police officers working in Florida schools (3,650) than school nurses (2,286).
- The number of police officers in schools is more than double the number of school social workers (1,414) and school psychologists (1,452).
- During the 2018-19 school year, the number of youth arrests at school increased 8%, while the number of youth arrested in the

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community continued to decline by 12%.
- The percentage of youth arrests happening at school hit a five-year high of 20%.
- The number of students expelled from school increased 43%.
- Schools reported more than four times as many incidents of using physical restraints on students.
- Police officers arrested elementary-aged kids 345 times, including an arrest of a five year old and five arrests of six-year olds, during the 2018-19 school year.

An analysis of Florida's experiment with school policing illustrates that the school policing mandate has only increased negative outcomes for our students:

- The presence of law enforcement was related to a greater frequency of school arrests (40-82% more at the school-level). This relationship existed at elementary, middle and high school levels.
- The presence of law enforcement predicted greater numbers of behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, particularly for less severe infractions and among middle schoolers.
- There was little consistent evidence that the presence of law enforcement decreased the number of behavioral incidents occurring, indicating that school-based law enforcement were not necessarily making schools safer.

Florida lawmakers must repeal the mandate for police and stop the push for armed personnel in schools and return discretion to local communities over whether and how police should be involved in schools. In the meantime, school districts can adopt policies, both internal and as part of memorandums of understanding with law enforcement agencies, to mitigate the harm of increased school policing:

- Increase the employment of student support staff.
- Adopt minimum training requirements and accountability measures for police working in schools.
- Adopt a minimum age of arrest.
- Adopt limitations on the use of force against children.
- Adopt student codes of conduct with consequences clearly outlined for specified behavior that limit the involvement of law enforcement to those situations posing immediate safety risks.
- Assign clear duties to officers to focus on controlling access to campus, not policing the hallways or engaging in student discipline.
- Adopt effective discipline policies and practices that teach and reinforce positive behavior.

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- Educate teachers and staff to effectively manage classroom behavior and about when it is appropriate to call the police on their students and when it is not.
- Teach students about their rights in police encounters and avoid blurring the lines between law enforcement and school staff when investigating, searching and interrogating students.

We cannot continue asking our students to carry the weight of adult fear and inaction at a time when they are more vulnerable than ever.

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Florida is *failing to meet* the emotional and mental health needs of its students

While for some students, school provides a safe, stable environment, for many, it is their primary source of stress.

Schools today in Florida look vastly different than they did five years ago. A school's status as the center of a community is largely becoming incompatible with security measures implemented due to fear of mass shootings. The evidence does not support the need for the recently enacted increases in school police officers - legislators have unfortunately allowed fear, and not evidence, to drive school policing policy in Florida.

- Consistently fewer than 2% of all youth homicides each year happen at school.[1] This rate has not changed in decades.
- The most recently available data, examining school-associated homicides between July 1994 and June 2017, found the rate of school-associated homicides in which there was a single victim was 0.03 per 100,000 students, while the rate of multiple-victim school-association homicides was 0.008 per 100,000 students.[2]
- The rate of students being victimized, and the rate of specific crimes such as thefts and violent offenses, has been steadily declining.[3]

Students today are reporting more stress than any other generation,[4] and show significant declines in mental health and increasing suicidality.[5] While for some students, school provides a safe, stable environment, for many, it is their primary source of stress.[6] This reality is illustrated by increased suicide rates while school is in session.[7]

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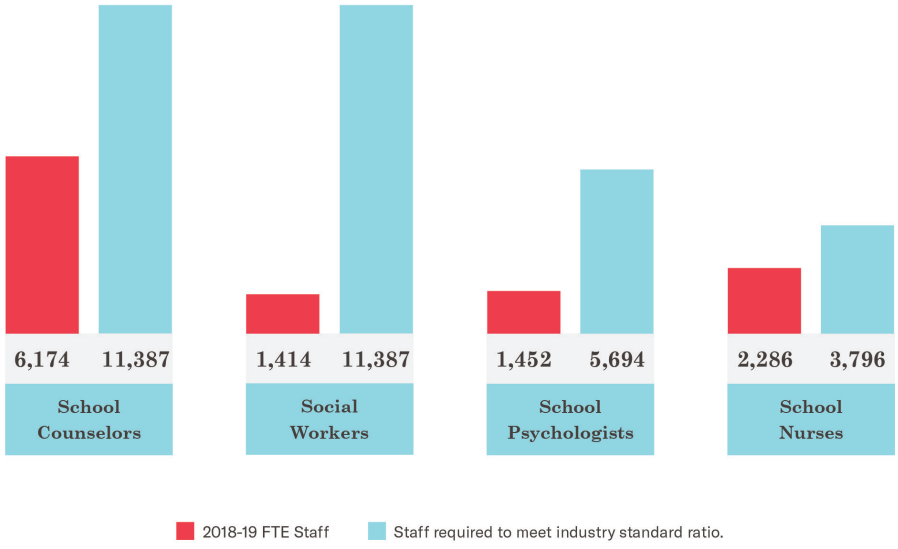
The current COVID-19 pandemic is adding to student stress and straining their access to support. It has also exposed inadequacies throughout our education and healthcare systems that work against our goal to meaningfully educate every Floridian.

Lastly, we know that mental health issues are most likely to emerge in adolescence - and are more efficiently treated early in their development.[8] One in five adolescents have a mental illness that will persist into adulthood, underscoring the need to take student stress seriously in an effort to prevent worsening of symptoms.[9]

Professionals trained to meet these needs exist. Over time, school-based mental health and student support professionals, including school counselors, school social workers, nurses and school psychologists, have emerged as effective at identifying and addressing student needs, either through direct service or referrals to resources. The majority of children and adolescents who receive mental and developmental health services do so at school.[10] These professionals also play a key role in designing school programs and structures that promote a healthy school climate.[11]

Ultimately, they are trained to do exactly the work the U.S. Secret Service identified as a key prevention practice for preventing school shootings - address and end bullying in schools, address the mental health needs of students, and foster high-quality relationships between staff and students so threats are better detected and reported.[12]

No school district met the industry standards for the number of students served by a single student support professional



Unfortunately, 52 percent of public schools nationwide report that inadequate funding was a major limitation in their efforts to provide mental health services to students.[13] In Florida, during the 2018-19 school year, no school district met the industry standards for the number of students

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served by a single student support professional. School counselors recommend a ratio of 250 students per counselor, but in Florida the average ratio is 461:1.[14] School nurses, meanwhile, recommend ratios below 750:1 at the highest, but in Florida, an average of 1,240 students were served by a single Registered Nurse or Licensed Practice Nurse.[15] School psychologists recommend ratios of 500 students per psychologist, but in Florida there is only one school psychologist for every 1,961 students.[16] Like school counselors, social workers in schools work best with caseloads of no more than 250. But Florida has only one social worker for every 2,013 students.[17]

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The *fiscal cost of policing* in Florida schools

At least $383 million was spent at the state and local levels to embed police officers or security personnel in schools during the 2018-19 school year - more than twice the amount spent in 2016-17.

In the aftermath of the tragic mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Florida policymakers took their guidance from law enforcement. The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission (MSD Commission), established to examine the tragedy and identify lessons, was dominated by law enforcement officers, with no current teachers, no students or student organizations, no community or mentorship organizations, and only one member with mental health training.[18] The MSD Commission included no people of color as voting members. When students tried to engage in the process and provide their testimony, the MSD Commission ended its hearing before the public testimony portion had been scheduled.[19]

Despite finding significant failures in the provision of special education services to the perpetrator of the mass shooting and recognizing the need for closer examination of the mental health issues, the MSD Commission failed to provide meaningful recommendations to address these issues. Instead, it focused on its area of expertise: policing.

The Florida Legislature has largely adopted the MSD Commission's recommendations, at significant expense to Florida's taxpayers and students. It provided a total of $225.5 million in FY 2018-19 to embed police officers or armed personnel in schools. More was provided to harden schools with gates, bulletproof glass and security cameras and

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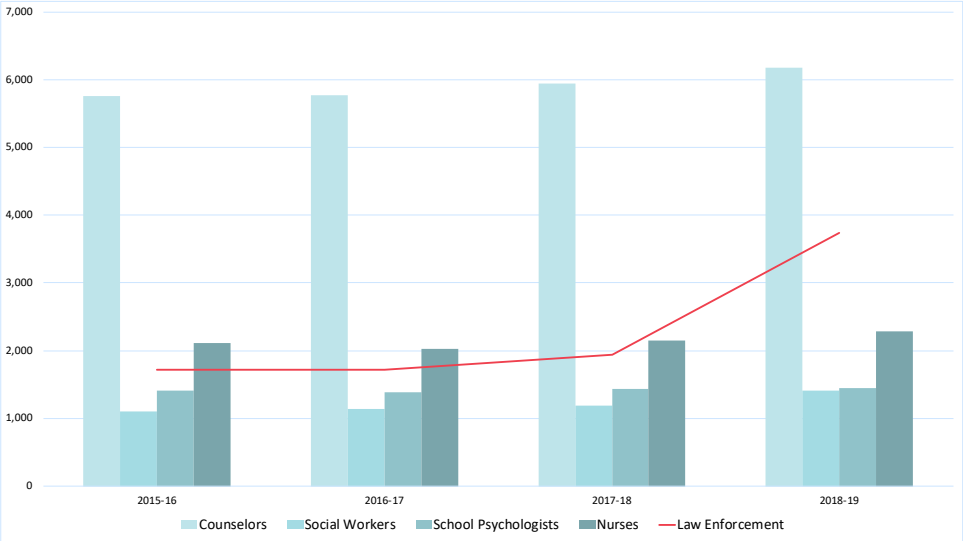

to surveil social media and track students as potential threats.

Recognizing the power of prevention, safe schools funding can be used for after-school programs, behavior-driven intervention programs, bullying intervention, and suicide prevention, and historically it was. Today, however, 98% of the state safe schools funding pays for police officers.

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Two years after Parkland, the amount spent to place police officers in schools only grows, eclipsing funding streams for mental health support in schools.[20] Meanwhile, overall spending at schools largely remained relatively stagnant, despite this increased spending on policing.[21]

It's important to note that these funds are only state funds - an additional $157.6 million from local budgets was also spent to fund police in schools in 2018-19.[22] Today, students in Florida's schools are more likely to interact with law enforcement at school than a nurse, a social worker or a psychologist.

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State Funding for School Safety

	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21 Request[23]
Facility Security/ School Hardening	$98,962,286	$50,000,000	$50,000,000
Police Officers	$161,956,019	$180,000,000	$181,416,764
Armed Staff	$67,500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Mental Health	$69,237,286	$75,000,000	$100,000,000

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What do police in schools *actually do*?

The only given when a police officer is placed in a school in Florida is that they have the power to arrest students. Their role varies from school to school, and is often at odds with the purported rationale for posting them at schools. Like many states, Florida fails to have a uniform state policy on just what an officer working in a school should do or what training they should have before they work with our kids.[24] Likewise, the Florida Department of Education provides no guidance to schools or districts on appropriate school policing policies or policies related to arresting students in public schools.[25]

While the justification for Florida's school policing mandate was to protect students from mass shootings, there is very little evidence that integrating police into schools makes schools safe.[26] In the aftermath of the mass shooting at Columbine High School, the federal and state governments provided grants to fund police in schools, which drove the expansion of school policing.[27] However, a study of all school shootings since the Columbine tragedy found that the presence of law enforcement at a school did not predict lower casualties.[28] Ultimately, when asked what schools could do to prevent future school shootings, only 8% of officers working in schools said use armed security staff or police officers.[29]

Part of the reason for this is that police working in schools spend their

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time policing normal adolescent misbehavior, not facing high-risk situations like an armed attack. Thus, the MSD Commission found that for the officer stationed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School during the attack, decades of experience policing schools "may have contributed to his inadequate response to [the] shooting."[30]

School administrations see police officers as another resource to manage behavior in an otherwise under-resourced environment. Surveys of Florida school districts on their use of police officers from 2000 through 2012 indicate that districts cited student disrespect toward teachers as one of the top three critical issues for school safety.[31] For a couple years, students considered "disrespectful" were cited as a critical safety issue more often than controlling access to campus.[32]

Lines between discipline and security have been further blurred by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) advocating for police working in schools to adopt a "triad role" of teacher, informal counselor/mentor, and law enforcement officer despite there being exceptionally limited training requirements across the country preparing them for these roles.[33] Only 41% of surveyed police officers in schools reported that their primary role involved law enforcement.[34] Despite the fact that NASRO states that police officers should not be involved in disciplinary decision-making,[35] seven percent see their primary role as disciplinarian. Only 17% reported engaging in mentoring and just 2% reported teaching.[36]

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When it comes to mentoring, there is evidence that police officers approach their work in schools as a sort of ambassador, shaping students' perceptions of law enforcement generally, "teaching students that police are to be trusted and used as a resource, and that negative interactions with police (including the arrest of a loved one) are the result of an individual's criminality."[37] This can be especially troubling for youth of color who have personally had negative interactions with police.

Florida largely leaves how officers working in schools should be trained, and what they should do while at schools, to local discretion. State law requires only that officers working in schools complete mental health crisis intervention training.[38] While the Attorney General's Office offers training for school resource officers on the "basic knowledge and skills necessary to implement crime prevention programming in a school setting," the state offers no recognized state certification for school resource officers, and there is no requirement for officers to complete this training in order to work in schools or be called "school resource officers."[39]

There is no evidence that officers in schools are trained to be counselors, teachers, or even to police children or teens. In one survey, only a

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quarter of police officers stationed at schools reported having any experience working with youth before being placed in a school.[40] In another, despite reporting that more than a third of incidents they responded to involved a student receiving special education services, only 59% had received training related to special education students.[41] Despite this lack of training and expertise, officers often take a leading role in deciding how to respond to youth misbehavior.

Police officers are also being relied on for youth mental health. The Baker Act is a law intended to require a person with a mental illness to be evaluated in emergency situations when they pose a real and present threat of substantial harm to themselves or others if not immediately taken to a psychiatric hospital.[42] In such situations, a court, specified medical and mental health professionals, and police can initiate an involuntary 72-hour hold for examination. Evidence shows, however, that the Baker Act is increasingly being used on school children who make jokes, act out, exhibit normal manifestations of a known disability, or express ordinary sadness. This has had devastating results, including trauma and abuse, for these children, as young as 6, and their families.[43]

Because subjecting someone to an involuntary psychiatric examination and hold is so serious, not even all social workers have the authority to use the Baker Act.[44] Even school psychologists, with advanced degrees and years of experience in mental health assessment and crisis response have yet to be authorized in statute despite Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) recommendations to do so.[45] Clinical social workers must have a master's degree in social work, a passing score on a national exam, and two years of experience working under a licensed clinical social worker to use the Baker Act.[46] Meanwhile, there are no prerequisites for police officers to handcuff a child and have them committed.

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Over the last 15 years, the use of the Baker Act on children has more than doubled, with the largest increase among kids 11 to 13 years old.[47] A DCF analysis found that police officers initiated more than 68% of involuntary examinations of youth in fiscal year 2017-18.[48] Although available data is limited, we know that children were subjected to involuntary examinations more than 36,000 times that year,[49] which DCF found was likely an undercount due to inadequacies in data collection.[50] Additionally, at least 21 youth were subjected to involuntary examinations more than 10 times each, and police officers initiated 88% of these examinations. Nearly a quarter of these examinations were initiated at school.[51]

When there are no student support resources, and there is an officer with no clear role and no clear threat to respond to, officers end up being the person to respond when teachers cannot quickly address student outbursts.

The roles police are taking in schools have significant implications for student and parental rights:

- Parents do not have to provide consent for their child to be subjected to an involuntary examination under the Baker Act, and are powerless to help their children once it has been initiated.[52]
- Parents do not have to be notified before police interrogate a child at school.[53]
- Although officers must stop an interrogation if the child tells them that they want to talk to their parents first, officers don't have to tell the child they have this right.[54]
- Police officers only have to attempt to notify parents when they take a child into custody so the parents know where the child is.[55]
- Although police officers have to read children their rights when they are taken into custody, school staff does not have to do this, even when the police officer is in the room during an interrogation.[56]
- Parents, and students, may lose their right to consent before their records are shared with law enforcement and others.[57]

It comes as no surprise then that schools where police officers are stationed have more student arrests on campus.[58] Often, these arrests are for misbehavior better handled by teachers and administrators.[59] During the 2018-19 school year, 1,129 arrests were made in schools for "disorderly conduct"—nearly four times as many as made outside of schools. When there are no student support resources, and there is an officer with no clear role and no clear threat to respond to, officers end up being the person to respond when teachers cannot quickly address student outbursts.

What is more hidden is that stationing a police officer in a school fundamentally changes the school climate. Trends suggest that discipline increases, with more kids being pushed out of school through suspensions and expulsions.[60] Even when a memorandum of understanding dictates that officers should stay out of discipline, they shape how

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student behavior is managed.[61] Their presence is associated with decreased feelings of school connectedness among students[62] —a variable considered critical to school climate and ensuring students report threats.[63]

A key issue is that police officers have nearly unlimited discretion to arrest even the youngest students. In a study of how they use that discretion, 77% of officers reported arresting students "to calm them down." The majority has also arrested students to show them that actions have consequences (68%) or because a teacher wanted them arrested for a minor offense (55%).[64]

Ultimately, the research consistently shows that the presence of law enforcement negatively impacts school climate:

- The presence of law enforcement shifts school culture and practices in ways that result in more punitive environments.[65]
- The presence of law enforcement is predictive of higher rates of student arrests,[66] and contributes to disproportionate arrests of Black and brown students and students with disabilities.[67]
- Most studies show that school-based law enforcement are related to higher rates of exclusionary discipline.[68]
- There is evidence that the presence of law enforcement in schools may increase students' fear, heightening their perceived need for law enforcement to protect them from objectively unlikely to occur threats.[69]

The impact of school policing has never been evenly felt. Since the earliest programs, police have been more likely to be stationed at schools that serve predominantly low-income students of color.[70] Unlike how they approach predominately white schools, police stationed at these schools are more likely to see students as suspects.[71]

This exacerbates the consequences of an already unjust system. From early on, youth of color are more likely to be seen as troublemakers, regardless of their actual behavior.[72] For example, a study of Pinellas County discipline found that more than half of suspended Black students were suspended for subjective offenses, like not cooperating, class disruption, insubordination or disrespect.[73] Black students were four and a half times as likely to be arrested at school for disorderly conduct than their white classmates.[74] For Black girls, the disparity was even larger. Despite white girls' arrest rate for disorderly conduct increasing 23%, Black girls were arrested nearly 6 times as often.[75] Once such treatment begins, it is difficult to undo the harm. Black students and other students of color internalize a role as the "bad kids" in class and society, reinforcing a self-fulfilling prophecy.[76]

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The *human cost of policing* in Florida schools

In an effort to protect students, Florida enacted a law that increased students' chances of being arrested at school. The law requiring police or security personnel in every school resulted in the near doubling of the number of officers stationed at schools in Florida[77] and brought an 8% increase in the student arrest rate.[78] This stands in mark contrast not only to past trends but the continued decrease in both juvenile and adult arrest rates in the community.

In addition to the serious disruption to a child's life and education, arresting a juvenile has serious, long term impacts. In Florida, juvenile records are not automatically expunged until age 21 at the earliest.[79] Some remain until age 26. These records are considered in a young adult's first applications for a job, to further their college or fund their education, and housing, etc. Juveniles who've been arrested are less likely to graduate high school and to go to secondary school,[80] more likely to be arrested in the future,[81] and more likely to be incarcerated as an adult.[82] These consequences are not warranted - or even logical - given the reality that youth largely grow out of delinquent behavior without intervention.[83] Instead, these interruptions and burdens make it harder for these kids to successfully age out of delinquency.

The percent of youth arrests that happened in school, as opposed to in the community, had been declining as more schools adopted pre-arrest

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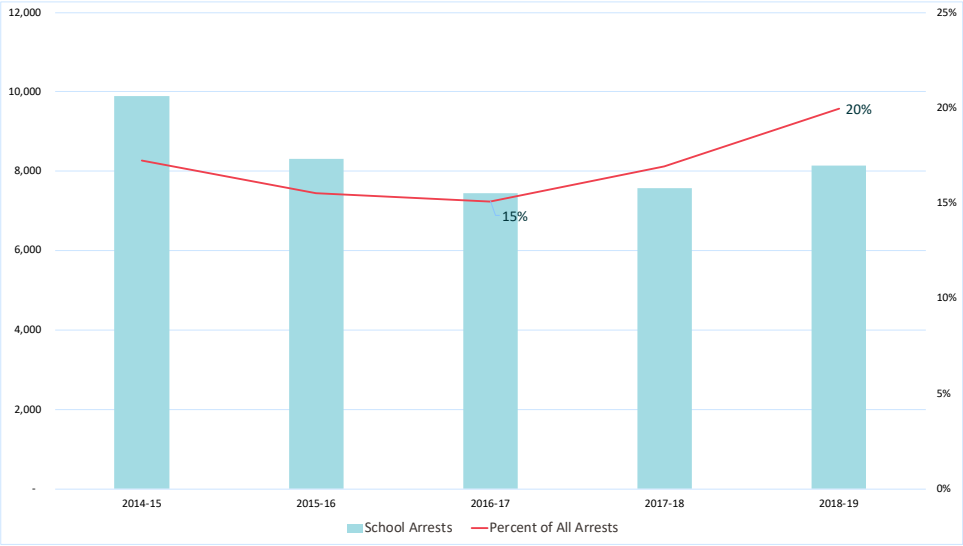

diversion programs. After the state mandated school policing, that trend reversed, with 20% of the youth arrests in fiscal year 2018-19 happening at school.[84]

Even our youngest students have not been immune to these consequences. The arrest of 6-year-old Kaia Rolle at school forced Florida to face the harsh reality that our current laws do not have a minimum age of arrest. In the past five years, police officers arrested elementary-aged kids (between the ages of five and ten) 2,164 times.[85] In fiscal year 2018-19, police officers arrested elementary-aged kids 345 times, including an arrest of a five year old and 5 arrests of six-year olds.[86]

Black kids continue to be more than twice as likely as their white peers to be arrested at school.

Racial disparities persisted in these rates: Black kids continue to be more than twice as likely as their white peers to be arrested at school.[87] One development identified by Florida's experiment in mandated school policing is that arrest rates for white students are now increasing at a higher rate than Black students, and that police presence is driving this.[88] Yet, even with a 20% increase in the arrest rate for white students, the racial disparity in arrests persisted.

One criticism of the past research showing increased school policing is correlated with increased negative student outcomes is the notion that schools' motivation for adding police officers may explain the increase in negative outcomes. For example, perhaps the school was already experiencing increased violence and administrators felt law enforcement presence was needed.

New research on Florida's experiment in mandating school policing illustrates that even when all schools faced the same mandate, negative outcomes increased.[89]

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The study, which examined data from 2014-15 and 2018-19, found that:

- The presence of law enforcement was related to a greater frequency of school arrests (40-82% more at the school-level). This relationship existed at elementary, middle and high school levels.
- The presence of law enforcement predicted greater numbers of behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, particularly for less severe infractions and among middle schoolers.
- There was little consistent evidence that the presence of law enforcement decreased the number of behavioral incidents occurring, indicating that school-based law enforcement were not necessarily making schools safer.

These findings persisted even when differences between schools and trends that affected all schools were controlled. The bottom line is that when you integrate a police officer into a school, the number of kids referred to police officers, and ultimately arrested, increases. Meanwhile, the number of behavioral incidents at the school largely remains the same - showing the school is no more calm or safe than before the officer's arrival.

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Recommendations

This summer's civil uprising against police brutality and the misuse of the state's police power against its people has highlighted the need for a more nuanced, purposeful approach to public safety. School districts across the country are reassessing the efficacy of integrating police officers into schools and reweighing its costs and benefits. The impacts of COVID-19 on our schools and budgets cannot be overstated. Schools already struggling to provide the resources necessary for students to learn are now struggling to provide the resources necessary to protect student health. Students, meanwhile, will be bringing the stress and trauma of living during a worldwide pandemic to the classroom.

Repeal the school policing mandate

The Legislature must **repeal the state mandate** requiring police officers or security personnel on every campus. It is already clear that Florida will need to reduce spending due to the impacts COVID-19 has had on our state's economy. Policymakers must examine the cost, both fiscal and human, of school policing and account for the consequences of adding Tasers, handcuffs and guns to schools that struggle to provide enough textbooks and, now, hand sanitizer.

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Mitigate the consequences of school policing

The MSD Commission must consider the expertise and experience of directly impacted students, educators and experts in mental health to ensure recommendations on school safety are balanced to better serve the needs of students.

The Legislature, and local policymakers, can mitigate the harms of expanded school policing by passing **minimum requirements** for training of police in schools, a **minimum age for arrest** and **limitations on the use of force**, including tasers and pepper spray, against children.

The employment of **student support professionals**, such as counselors, social workers and school psychologists, in adequate numbers can prevent unnecessary referrals to law enforcement.

Until the state mandate is repealed, local and state policymakers should establish **clear training requirements and accountability measures** for officers working in schools. Officers should also be assigned **clear duties** to ensure their mandate is controlling access to campus, not policing the hallways. Policymakers must **address the overuse of Baker Acts** on children, ensure parental and child rights are respected in the process, and pass legislation mandating disaggregated data collection and data transparency on Baker Act use in schools.

School districts should adopt **clear student codes of conduct** with clear consequences for specified behavior that limit the involvement of police officers to situations posing immediate safety risks. Although the Legislature revised the state's zero tolerance law, school districts continue to have discretion to define which acts pose a threat and require zero tolerance and which acts do not pose a threat to safety. Likewise, the law is very clear that threat assessment teams can use alternatives to referral to law enforcement and that zero tolerance policies may not be applied to petty acts of misconduct.[90] School districts should develop school-and community-based diversion programs to address disciplinary issues and limit undue student contact with the justice system.

School districts should adopt **effective discipline policies and practices** that teach and reinforce positive behavior. Districts should provide teachers and staff with effective behavior management tools and educate them about when it is appropriate to call the police on their students and when it is not.

Schools should teach students about their rights in police encounters and avoid blurring the lines between law enforcement and school staff when investigating, searching and interrogating students.

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Abstract

The presence of law enforcement in public schools has been a common security practice in the state of Florida for several decades. Following the tragic 2018 school shooting in Parkland, FL, the state passed a law requiring all public schools to either have law enforcement or other armed personnel present. Drawing on state-wide data for the school years 2014-15 through 2018-19, this report examined the relationship between law enforcement in schools and a number of outcomes including reports of behavioral incidents to the state, incidents reported to law enforcement, school arrests, and exclusionary discipline. This analysis used statistical techniques that controlled for both observable characteristics of districts and schools as well as unobserved characteristics that were fixed over time. Findings suggest that the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act significantly increased the presence of law enforcement in schools, particularly in elementary schools. The presence of law enforcement in schools was related to increases in the number of behavioral incidents reported to the state, the number of such incidents reported to law enforcement, and student arrests. The results suggest a need to reconsider whether law enforcement should be present in schools, and, if they are, how they can be implemented in a way that minimizes unnecessary exposure of students to law enforcement and arrests.

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Executive Summary

This research report presents findings from a state-wide analysis of law enforcement in Florida schools. It examines data from a five year period between the 2014-15 and 2018-19 school years, including the years before and after the 2018 passage of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The analysis used a number of statistical techniques, including both district and school fixed effects, to account for underlying differences in districts/schools that had greater or fewer law enforcement in schools.

Key Findings

1. The number of law enforcement in Florida schools nearly doubled, and the number of Florida schools served by law enforcement increased by 40% between 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.
2. The increase in law enforcement in schools was driven primarily by an increased presence in elementary schools, which had an approximately 56% increase in law enforcement presence between 2017-18 and 2018-19.
3. Between 2017-18 and 2018-19, there were increases statewide in the number of behavioral incidents reported to the state and to law enforcement, particularly for threats/intimidation, drug related incidents, and tobacco related incidents.
4. The presence of law enforcement in schools was related to a greater frequency of school arrests (40-82% more at the school-level). Surprisingly, this relationship was most consistent among white students.
5. The presence of law enforcement in schools predicted greater numbers of behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, particularly for less severe infractions and among middle schoolers.
6. There was little consistent evidence that the presence of law enforcement decreased the number of behavioral incidents occurring, indicating that school-based law enforcement were not necessarily making schools safer.
7. The presence of law enforcement was not consistently related to exclusionary school discipline such as suspensions.

Policy Implications

1. School districts should reconsider whether law enforcement should be present in schools, keeping in mind that state law limits alternatives.
2. The state requirement to have armed personnel in schools should be revisited with an eye toward returning control to local school districts and schools to determine how best to ensure a safe learning environment.
3. School districts and law enforcement agencies should adopt clear policies that restrict the ability to arrest to a limited set of serious infractions and prohibit arrest of young students.
4. If present, law enforcement in schools should be trained in conflict resolution, in ways to reduce implicit bias and disproportionate minority contact, and in alternatives to the use of force or arrest.

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Introduction

The presence of law enforcement in schools has become an increasingly common feature of public schools in America. From 2005 to 2015, the percentage of public schools nationwide with law enforcement present at least part time increased by about 33% such that, as of 2017-18, around half of all public schools had a law enforcement presence (Correa & Diliberti, 2020; Musu-Gillette et al., 2018). Florida's rates of law enforcement presence in schools were similar, with about 48% of schools in FL reporting school-based law enforcement in the 2013-14 school year (Civil Rights Data Collection, 2014).

In the wake of the tragic 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and several others across the nation, many states passed laws that served to further increase the likelihood that schools have law enforcement present. In particular, in Florida, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (Act), passed in 2018, requires that all public schools host either a law enforcement officer, an armed staff member, or an armed private security guard (Florida Statutes §1006.12 2018). As a result, schools across the state have been actively working to increase the presence of law enforcement in schools.

This trend towards greater use of law enforcement in schools has occurred despite research that finds a generally negative relationship between the presence of law enforcement in schools and student outcomes. For example, prior work has found that the presence of law enforcement is predictive of higher rates of student arrest and greater use of exclusionary discipline like suspensions (Fisher & Hennessy, 2016; Owens, 2017; Weisburst, 2019). This may be because, as qualitative ethnographies have suggested, the presence of law enforcement shifts school culture and practices in ways that result in more punitive environments (Kupchik, 2010; Nolan, 2011).

While such qualitative work and some recent quantitative work point to causal relationships, it is often difficult to disentangle whether the presence of law enforcement in schools is causing these negative outcomes or is merely a reflection of law enforcement being placed in settings where negative experiences like arrests and suspensions are more common (Owens, 2017; Weisburst, 2019). In Florida, recently passed state law requires schools to either have law enforcement or other armed personnel present. This law, which has prompted an expansion of law enforcement in schools, presents a unique opportunity to examine the impacts of law enforcement in schools on student outcomes.

This research report documents the increasing presence of law enforcement in Florida public schools and explores how law enforcement presence relates to a number of student outcomes including the number of behavioral incidents reported to the state, behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement, school arrests, and exclusionary discipline such as suspensions. This report documents substantial increases in the presence of law enforcement in Florida schools, particularly elementary schools. Furthermore, the findings suggest that the presence of law enforcement may be contributing to increased reports of behavioral incidents to law enforcement and increased arrests, particularly of white students. The results do not, however, find consistent evidence that law enforcement in schools result in greater use of exclusionary discipline, a finding that contrasts with some prior research.

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Methodology

The analysis leveraged longitudinal district and school-level data to compare outcomes for districts/schools that had law enforcement to those that did not (or had fewer) between the 2014-15 and 2018-19 school years. The analysis took advantage of the 2018 Act that required schools to adopt one of several school security options (including law enforcement in schools) as a source of plausibly less biased variation in the placement of law enforcement in schools. By comparing frequency of behavioral incidents reported to the state, reports of incidents to law enforcement, school arrests, and discipline before and after the passage of the Act for districts/schools that added law enforcement, this analysis provides insights into the potential effects of law enforcement presence on schools and students.

Data

This analysis leveraged both district and school-level data on the presence of law enforcement in schools as well as multiple measures of student outcomes. Analyses were conducted separately with the school district as the unit of analysis (district-level) and with the school as the unit of analysis (school-level). While the school-level analysis had the advantage of being able to more accurately link the presence of law enforcement in a school to outcomes in that particular school, data on placement of law enforcement at the school-level were not available for all schools in the state. The district-level analysis, in comparison, covered all districts in the state, for the entire five year span. Both the district and school-level datasets were constructed using publicly available data from the FL Departments of Education (DOE) and Juvenile Justice (DJJ), school districts, and local law enforcement agencies.

Independent Variables (Law Enforcement Presence in Schools).

The key independent variable in the analysis was the presence of law enforcement in a district or school. For the district-level analysis, data on the presence of law enforcement were drawn from the FL DOE's annual Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditures Report. These publicly available annual reports provide details on the number of schools in each district served by law enforcement as well as the number of law enforcement officers in each district (which can differ given that some schools have multiple officers and some officers cover multiple schools). Both the number of schools served and number of officers are also disaggregated by school level (elementary, middle, high). For the purpose of the district-level analysis, the presence of law enforcement was primarily operationalized as the number of schools served by school-based law enforcement, though in additional analyses included in the appendix, presence of law enforcement was operationalized as the number of school-based law enforcement in the district.

For the school-level analysis, data on the presence of law enforcement in schools were compiled through public records requests to school districts and local law enforcement agencies. Specifically, each school district in the state was asked to indicate which schools were covered by law enforcement for the school years 2014-15 through 2018-19. For school districts that were unresponsive to the public records requests, similar requests were made of the local law enforcement agencies located in the district's county. While not all districts or agencies provided data on the presence of school-based law enforcement, the final school-level dataset included information on 2,245 schools from 56 school districts (approximately 65% of schools in the state representing 84% of the school districts). The full list of school districts for which there was school-level information on law enforcement presence is provided in the

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appendix (see Appendix A). For the school-level analysis, the presence of school-based law enforcement was operationalized as a binary indicator for whether a school was served by school-based law enforcement (either full-time or part-time) as well as, in specifications included in appendices, as the number of school-based law enforcement present in a given school.

Dependent Variables (Behavioral Incidents, Reports to Law Enforcement, Arrests, and Discipline).

The key dependent variables for this analysis were number of behavioral incidents reported to the state, number of incidents reported to law enforcement, number of arrests at school, and number of exclusionary discipline responses.

The Florida Department of Education reports the number of behavioral incidents occurring in schools at the school-level as part of the annual School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) system. As a part of the SESIR, schools report the number of behavioral incidents overall and within a number of categories. The SESIR includes 26 different infraction types that are categorized into four levels based on severity. Level 1 offenses are the most serious and include aggravated battery, arson, homicide, kidnapping, and sexual battery. Level 2 offenses include burglary, drug sale/distribution, physical attack, robbery, sexual assault, and weapons possession. Level 3 offenses include major disruption on campus, drug use/possession, fighting, hazing, larceny/theft, sexual harassment, other sexual offenses, threat/intimidation, trespassing, vandalism, and other major offenses. Finally, Level 4 includes alcohol, bullying, harassment, and tobacco. Importantly, though organized in levels, all SESIR incidents are considered "serious". For the purpose of this study, I estimate relationships between law enforcement presence and the overall count of incidents reported to the state as well as counts of incidents aggregated to each of the four levels.

In addition to information on the frequency of particular behavioral incidents reported to the state, the SESIR also includes counts of the number of behavioral incidents that are reported to law enforcement. Incidents are considered reported to law enforcement if an official action was taken by a school-based law enforcement or other law enforcement officer. Such official actions could include assigning a case number, filing a report, conducting an investigation, issuing a civil citation, or making an arrest. Importantly, the category of reported to law enforcement does not necessarily include incidents in which school personnel merely consulted with or notified law enforcement. As with the behavioral incidents, the behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement are also categorized by the same four level system, ranging from severe (Level 1) to less severe (Level 4) infractions. This report used both the overall number of incidents reported to law enforcement as well as the number by level (1-4) as outcomes. For district-level analysis, the number of incidents was aggregated to the district level.

As noted, incidents reported to law enforcement do not necessarily result in arrest. Consequently, the analysis also included school arrests of juveniles as a distinct outcome. District and school arrests were compiled from public data available from the Florida DJJ. The FL DJJ provides data on juvenile arrests occurring both within schools and in the community through the Delinquency in Florida's Schools Dashboard. For the purpose of this analysis, arrests occurring outside of school, in private schools, or in non K-12 settings were removed as were any arrests that were identified as occurring in an unknown location or school. The arrest data were then aggregated to the district and school levels to provide measures of the number

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of juvenile arrests at public schools. Frequency of arrests were calculated both in aggregate and by student race.

The final set of dependent variables in this analysis were number of students who experienced exclusionary discipline practices. School districts report annually to the state the number of students who were subject to out-of-school suspension (OSS), in-school suspension (ISS), and a number of other disciplinary outcomes both in aggregate and by student race/ethnicity. This analysis focused on the number of students who experienced OSS and ISS, both in aggregate and disaggregated by racial/ethnic subgroup.

Control Variables

The analysis also included a number of observable covariates as control variables. Tables 1 and 2 provide descriptive statistics on each of these control variables for the district-level and school-level analyses respectively. Of this full list of control variables, individual regressions omitted certain variables in order to reduce multi-collinearity and ensure variance inflation factors of less than 10. Specifically, the district-level analysis omitted the proportion of white students, total number of schools in a district, and number of schools by level due to high levels of multi-collinearity. The school-level analysis omitted the proportion of white students. As shown, the school-level dataset, while not including all schools in the state, largely reflected the district averages.

Methods

This analysis estimated the relationship between law enforcement in schools and the beforementioned outcomes using a regression framework with controls for observable characteristics of districts and schools as well as the use of year as well as district and/or school fixed effects. The fixed effects approach allowed for adjustments for unobserved, time-invariant characteristics of districts and schools as well as temporal trends affecting all districts and schools in the state. Furthermore, by leveraging the change of state law in 2018, this analysis exploited variation induced by the Act that prompted districts and schools to expand the use of law enforcement in schools.

The estimation strategy relied on an ordinary least squares regression model with panel longitudinal data at the school district, and, in other models, school-level. The general specification took the following form:

Equation 1. $$y_{st} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 LawEnforcement_{st} + \beta_2 \theta_{st} + \beta_3 \mu_s + \beta_4 \lambda_t + e$$

Where *y* represents the outcome of interest (described above and modeled separately for each outcome) for district or school *s* at time *t*. *LawEnforcement* represents the key independent variable of interest (number of schools served by law enforcement in the district-level models and, for school-level models, whether law enforcement was present in the school). θ represents a vector of observable district and school characteristics such as enrollment, racial composition, socio-economic status of students served, and so forth. The μ term represents a series of academic year fixed effects. Finally, λ represents a set of either school district or school fixed effects that implicitly control for time-invariant characteristics of districts or schools as well as their surrounding communities. The interest in these models was in estimating β_1 which represents the relationship between law enforcement presence in districts or schools and the outcomes of interest after accounting for other factors in the model.

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While various specifications and estimation strategies were used and are reported in the sensitivity and robustness analysis section, the primary models reported in this analysis used logged versions of the outcome variable for district-level analysis and employed the use of conditional fixed effects negative binomial regression in the case of the school-level analysis. These approaches were used to address the skewed nature of the outcome variables and to address the count nature of the outcome variables. For the district-level analysis, the results can be interpreted as percentage changes in the outcome given the logged version of the outcome. Similarly, for the school-level analysis, incidence rate ratios (IRR) are reported which can similarly be interpreted in terms of percentage changes in the outcomes.

In addition to this primary model, the analysis also explored potential heterogenous relationships – such as whether the relationship between law enforcement in schools and outcomes looks different across grade level of schools (elementary, middle, high schools) as well as whether certain outcomes varied based on student race/ethnicity. These subgroup analyses were conducted by modeling versions of Equation 1 that used variants of the dependent variables that were specific to the subgroup (such as the frequency of school arrest of Black students) or restricted observations to those in a particular subgroup (such as estimating the equation separately for elementary, middle, and high schools).

The ideal study would randomly assign law enforcement to schools, allowing for a comparison of outcomes between two groups of schools that were otherwise identical on average. However, given that such random assignment was not logistically or politically feasible, this study attempted to approximate such a comparison through the use of observable control variables, year fixed effects, and district/school fixed effects. The first of these, observable controls, allowed relationships to be adjusted for characteristics of districts and schools such as their size, the racial/ethnic composition of students served, the socio-economic makeup of students served, and the ratios of school personnel to students. Next, the year fixed effects controlled for any time trends that affected all districts/schools in the state equally. For example, if all districts/schools in the state responded to the Parkland tragedy by increasing their use of arrests or increasing their practice of reporting behavioral incidents to the state, these changes would be accounted for by the year fixed effects. Finally, the district and school fixed effects allowed relationships to be adjusted for time-invariant observable and unobservable characteristics of districts/schools, the students they serve, and their surrounding communities. For example, the fixed effects approach controlled for quality of leadership, discipline policies, school climate, curriculum and pedagogical approach as well as characteristics such as community crime to the extent that they remained constant throughout the years of data included in the study. Collectively, these analytic techniques accounted for many potential sources of bias in the estimation of the relationship between law enforcement in schools and outcomes. While they may not entirely remove the possibility of selection bias, they produced estimates that more closely approximated causal estimates of law enforcement's effects on the various outcomes.

Findings

This section details the findings of the analysis. It begins with a descriptive overview of how the presence of law enforcement in schools in Florida has changed since the 2014-15 school year. It then presents results of the regression models that predict school behavioral incidents as reported to SESIR, the number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement,

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the number of school arrests, and the frequency of school discipline. Across each, results are presented from both the district-level and school-level analyses.

Overall, the findings of the report show that the presence of law enforcement in schools in Florida are above the national average and have been increasing, particularly in elementary schools, as a result of the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The results suggest that this increased presence of law enforcement in schools has resulted in no decreases in reports of behavioral incidents in school and a greater number of reports of such incidents to law enforcement. Furthermore, the evidence suggests that the presence of law enforcement increases juvenile arrests at school. Finally, the results show that the presence of law enforcement in schools does not reduce the frequency of school disciplinary incidents (i.e. suspensions).

Descriptive Statistics

The Presence of Law Enforcement in Florida Schools is Increasing

Nationally, the presence of law enforcement in public schools has increased significantly over the last several decades, reflecting an increasing use of law enforcement approaches in school settings. This trend towards placing law enforcement in schools has been particularly evident in Florida. As shown in Figures 1 and 2, during the 2014-15 school year, school districts reported 1,430.31 law enforcement officers serving 2,519 schools (reflecting many law enforcement officers being shared across schools). By the 2018-19 school year, districts would report 3,638.5 law enforcement officers serving 3,235 schools. While some schools continued to share law enforcement, these figures reflect a trend toward schools, particularly elementary schools, having their own dedicated law enforcement officer and for some schools, particularly larger high schools, to have multiple law enforcement officers.

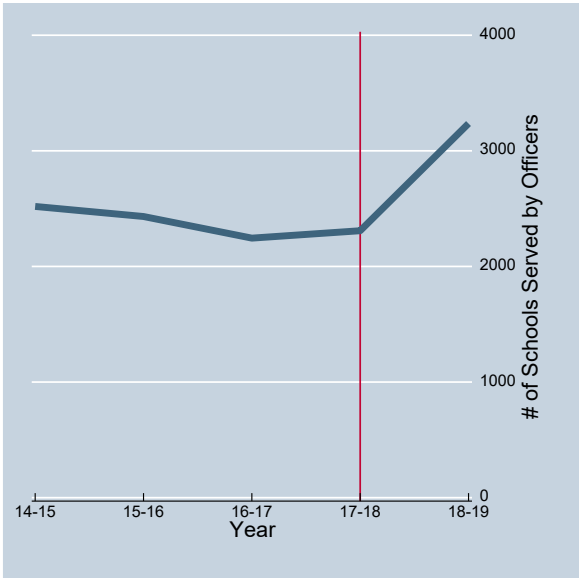

Figure 1. Number of FL schools served by school law enforcement from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

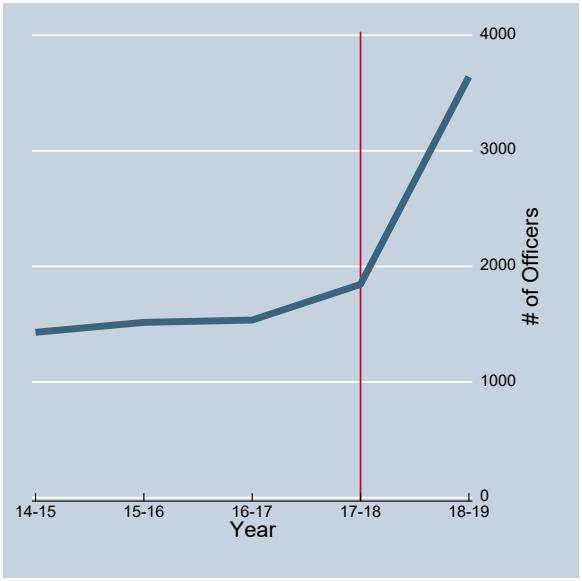

Figure 2. Number of school law enforcement in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

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Tables 3 and 4 show levels of law enforcement coverage at the district-level and school-level respectively. As is evident, the increasing presence of law enforcement in Florida schools was driven largely by the 2018 passage of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (represented by the vertical red line in Figures 1 and 2), which required either law enforcement, armed private security, or armed staff in schools. The number of law enforcement reported in schools almost doubled (increased by about 97%) between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, from 1,844.5 to 3,638.5. Similarly, between the same years, the number of schools with law enforcement present increased by about 40% from 2,309 schools to 3,235. The relatively larger increase in the number of law enforcement in schools relative to the number of schools with law enforcement reflects the tendency for elementary schools to move from shared law enforcement to a dedicated officer as well as the trend toward larger schools housing multiple law enforcement officers.

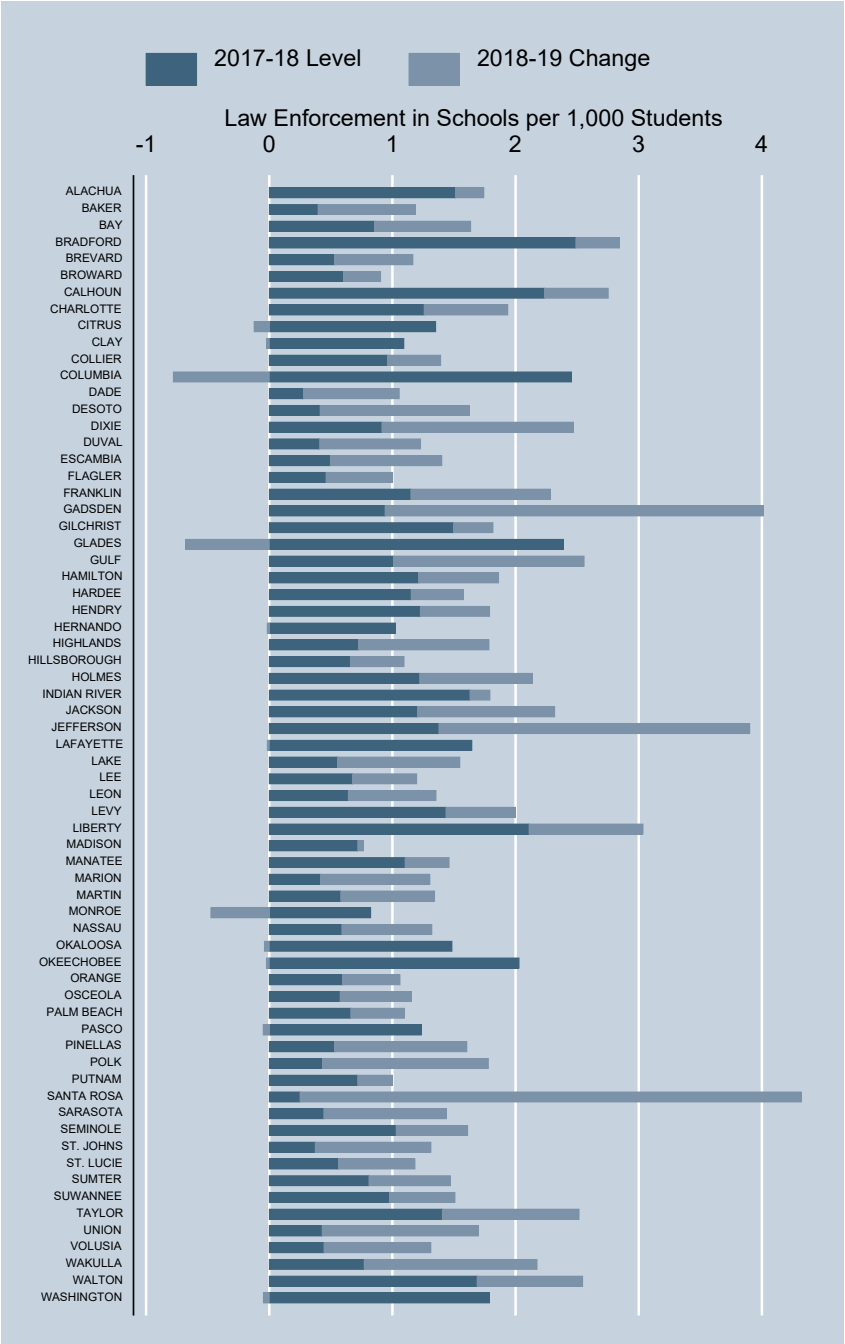

Figure 3. Change in ratio of law enforcement in schools per 1,000 students from 2017-18 to 2018-19 school years
Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

With a few exceptions, the increased presence of law enforcement as a result of the 2018 Act was generally experienced across all districts in the state. Figure 3 shows the number of school-based law enforcement per 1,000 students enrolled by district as well as the change in the number per 1,000 students between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

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As is clear from the figure, most districts experienced substantial increases in law enforcement presence. There were eleven districts that decreased the ratio, with only three of these representing substantially sized decreases. It is also worth noting that some districts reported potentially suspect numbers of school-based law enforcement to the state. For example, Santa Rosa County reported substantially more school-based law enforcement than schools, particularly at the elementary school level. In some other cases, such as Duval County, there is evidence that the numbers reported as school-based law enforcement may include individuals acting as school safety assistants – armed individuals trained by the Sheriff's Office who wear uniforms but lack full arrest powers. For the purpose of the district-level analysis presented here, the data was used as reported by districts; however, the school-level analysis provides more precise identification of sworn law enforcement's presence.

Elementary Schools Experienced the Largest Increase in Law Enforcement Presence

The overall upward trend in the presence of law enforcement in Florida schools hides the fact that this increase has been disproportionately felt by the state's youngest learners. When disaggregating the presence of law enforcement by school level (elementary, middle, or high), it is clear that the increased presence of law enforcement driven by the 2018 Act has been almost exclusively driven by increases in law enforcement in elementary school settings.

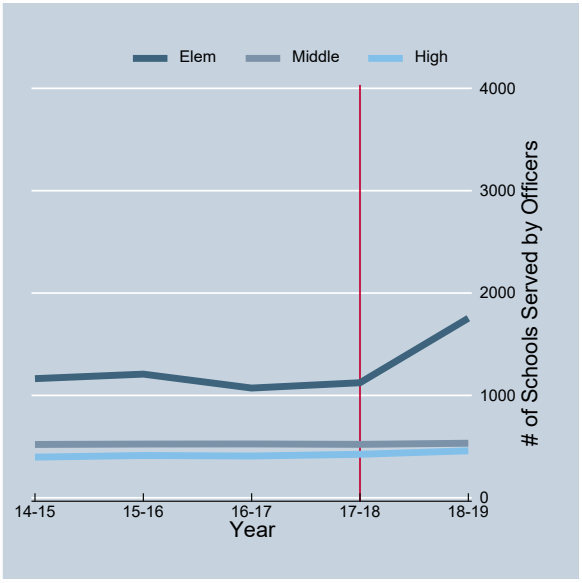

Figure 4. Number of FL schools served by school law enforcement from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by school level

Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

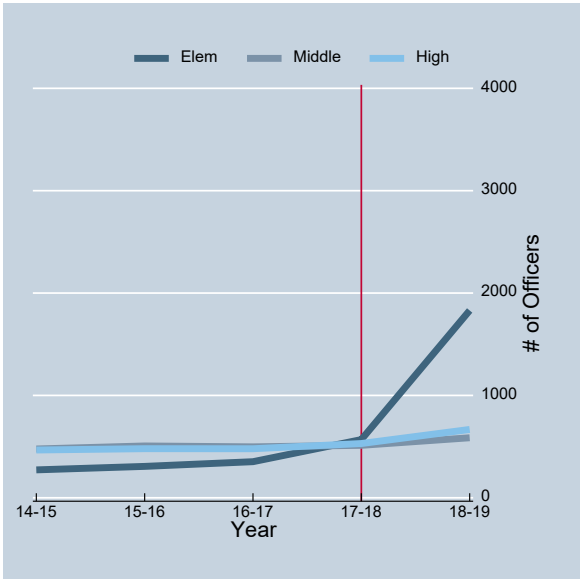

Figure 5. Number of school law enforcement in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by school level

Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

As shown in Figures 4 and 5, the largest increases in law enforcement presence have occurred in elementary schools. During the 2014-15 school year, there were 272.75 law enforcement officers in elementary schools in the state of Florida. By the 2018-19 school year, there would be 1,830 law enforcement officers in elementary schools. Between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, the number of law enforcement in elementary schools would increase by

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almost 221% or more than triple. Similarly, the number of elementary schools with law enforcement present would increase from 1,164 in 2014-15 to 1,754 in 2018-19. From 2017-18 to 2018-19, the number of elementary schools with law enforcement would increase by 56%. These trends reflect elementary schools in the state without law enforcement adding them and many elementary schools that had previously shared a law enforcement officer with another school moving to have full-time law enforcement coverage.

As will be shown next, these increases in the presence of law enforcement in schools largely trended in the same direction as reports of behavioral incidents, reports of behavioral incidents to law enforcement, school arrests, and student discipline during this time period.

Behavioral Incidents Reported to the State, Reports to Law Enforcement, School Arrests, and Exclusionary Discipline Increased following the 2018 Act

The goal of the 2018 Act was to increase the safety of schools, both to prevent acts of mass school violence such as the tragedy at Parkland but also to generally improve the overall safety of schools. Descriptively, however, data show that trends in reported behavioral incidents, reports to law enforcement, school arrests, and use of exclusionary discipline tended to increase rather than decrease following the Act's 2018 passage. This section describes trends in these outcomes before turning to analyses that explore whether these trends are linked to the presence of law enforcement in schools.

The number of behavioral incidents reported by school districts to SESIR, the state reporting mechanism, increased dramatically from the 2017-18 to 2018-19 school years. As shown in Figure 6, the number of reported behavioral incidents went from 71,159 in 2017-18 to 84,649 in 2018-19, an almost 19% increase in reported incidents. In raw numbers, this reflects an additional 13,490 behavioral incidents reported in Florida schools.

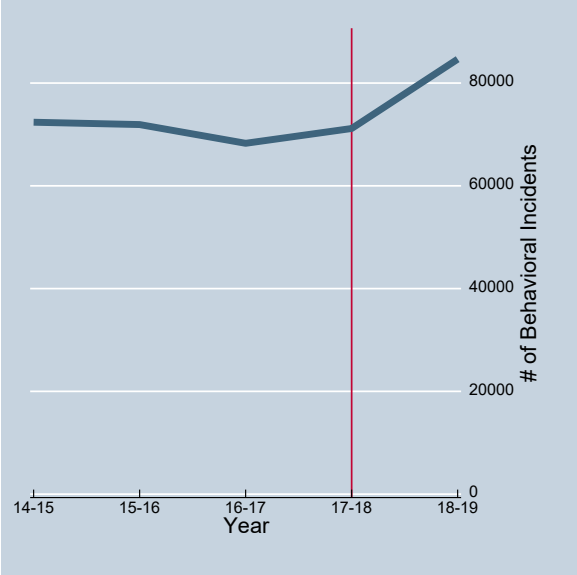

Figure 6. Number of reported behavioral incidents in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

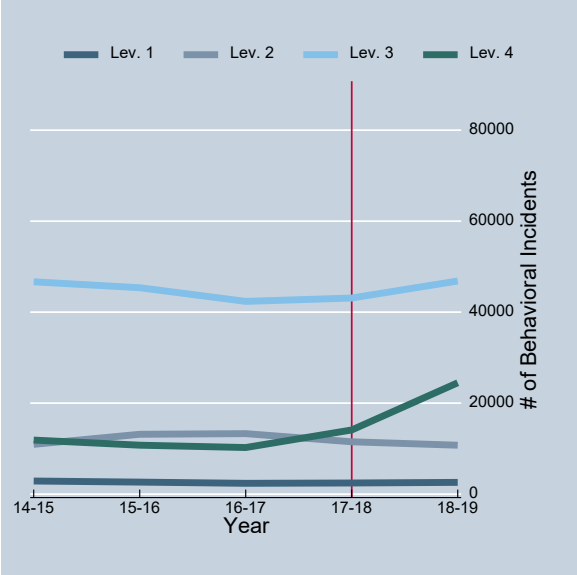

Figure 7. Number of reported behavioral incidents in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by school level

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

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The descriptive statistics suggest that this increase in reported behavioral incidents was largely driven by lower level incidents, categorized by the state as Level 3 and Level 4 incidents. As shown in Figure 7, the largest increase was seen in level 4 incidents, which increased by about 74% between 2017-18 and 2018-19. Within levels, however, the increases in reported behavioral incidents were driven by a handful of specific incident types. Specifically, there were meaningful increases in the district averages in the prevalence of bullying, threats/intimidation, drug related incidents, and tobacco related incidents (see Tables 5 and 6). Notably, in 2018-19, districts on average reported about 267 tobacco related incidents, more than doubling the previous year's average of 123. On a positive note, there were several incident types that showed notable decreases including physical attacks which decreased from a 2017-18 district average of 137 incidents to about 125 incidents in 2018-19.

These trends in reported behavioral incidents were largely mirrored by the trends in behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement. Figure 8 shows the number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement by year and Figure 9 shows these disaggregated by level. While only about a third of behavioral incidents reported to the state are reported to law enforcement in any given year, there was nevertheless a notable increase in the number of incidents reported to law enforcement following the 2018 Act. As shown, in 2017-18, there were 23,404 behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement. In the 2018-19 school year, school districts would report 29,275, an approximately 25% increase in the number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement. Notably, this percentage change in the number of incidents reported to law enforcement almost exactly matches the percentage change in the number of behavioral incidents reported to the state. In other words, the proportion of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement appears relatively constant over time, despite increases in both reported behavioral incidents and their reporting to law enforcement.

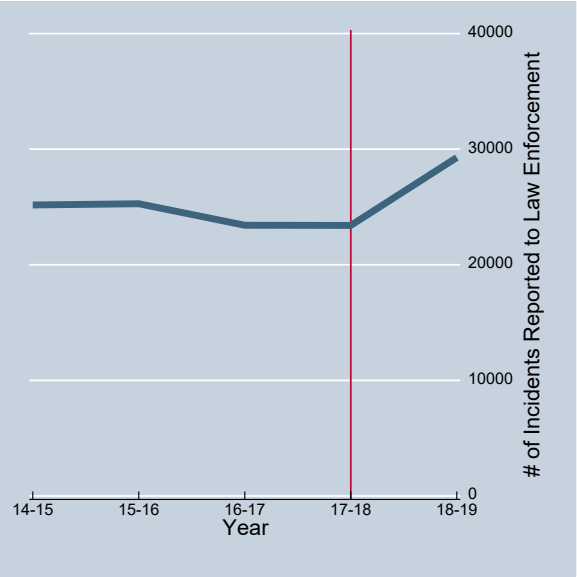

Figure 8. Number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

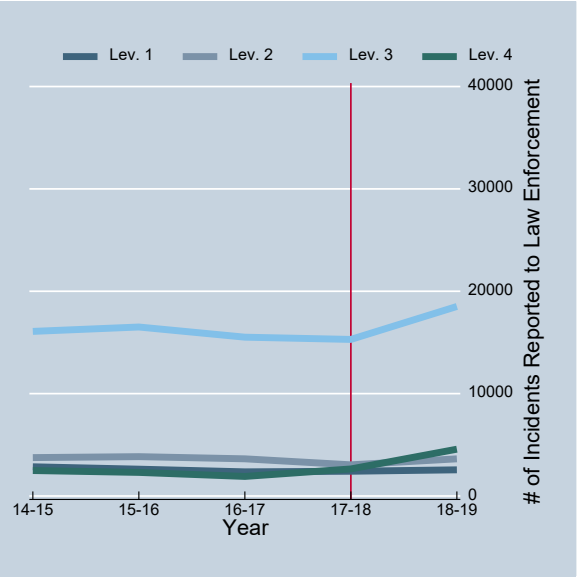

Figure 9. Number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by severity level

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

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Tables 7 and 8 show district-level and school-level averages of incidents reported to law enforcement. As with the incidents themselves, the increase in incidents reported to law enforcement was largely driven by increases in lower level offenses (Level 3 and 4). In particular, the number of Level 3 offenses increased by 21% between 2017-18 and 2018-19 while the number of Level 4 offenses increased by 73%. This means that schools were reporting significantly more Level 3 and 4 offenses to law enforcement following than 2018 Act than before. Specific increases were seen in the reporting of incidents of drug use/possession (district average of 120.19 in 2018-19 compared to 85.64 in 2017-18), tobacco-nicotine (district average of 52.70 in 2018-19 compared to 23.27 in 2017-18), threats/intimidation (district average of 38.54 in 2018-19 compared to 29.04 in 2017-18), and physical attacks (district average of 20.75 in 2018-19 and 12.70 in 2017-18). The last of these was particularly interesting given that the number of physical attacks reported to the state actually decreased between these two school years, suggesting that more of these incidents may be reported to law enforcement even though fewer are occurring.

With more reported behavioral incidents and more reported to law enforcement, it is perhaps little surprise that there were more arrests at school in 2018-19 than in the year prior (see Tables 9 and 10 for district-level and school-level averages, respectively). The frequency of school arrests had actually been decreasing steadily from 2014-15 to 2016-17 (see Figure 10); however, the trend began turning positive through the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. While still below the number in 2014-15, there were nearly 8,000 arrests in Florida public schools during the 2018-19 school year. These increases were driven by a leveling out of the number of misdemeanor arrests and an increase in the number of felony arrests in the 2018-19 school year.

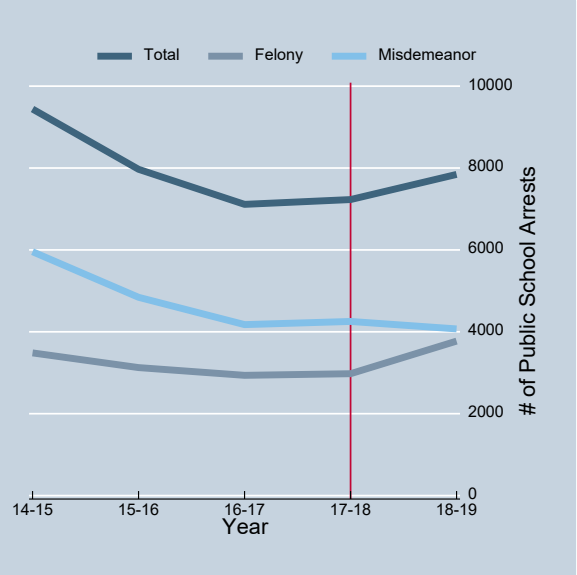

Figure 10. Number of public school arrests in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years
Source: Florida DJJ

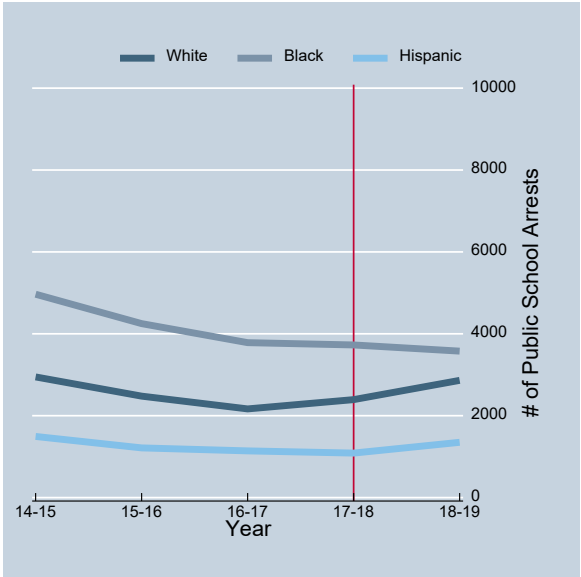

Figure 11. Number of public school arrests in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by race/ethnicity
Source: Florida DJJ

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Interestingly, this recent uptick in school arrests has been largely due to increases in the number of white students being arrested at school (Figure 11). As shown, the number of white students arrested at school increased to 2,863 students in 2018-19 from only 2,393 the year before, an almost 20% increase. The number of arrests of Hispanic students also increased between 2017-18 and 2018-19, growing by about 24%. This contrasts with the number of arrests of Black students which has shown a steady decline over the time period examined. It is important to note, however, that Black students still remain grossly over-represented in school arrests. This is clear given that the number of Black students arrested remains much higher than white students, despite there being fewer Black students enrolled in Florida public schools. In other words, there is clear evidence that racial disparities in school arrests persist in Florida.

Finally, along with increases in school arrests, there were concurrent increases between 2017-18 and 2018-19 in the use of exclusionary discipline practices following several years of declines (see Tables 11 and 12). Figures 12 and 13 show the number of OSS and ISS reported by school districts, both in total and disaggregated by student race/ethnicity. As shown, ISS is slightly more common than OSS, but, combined there were over 343,000 suspensions during the 2018-19 school year. While Black and Hispanic students are over-represented in both OSS and ISS relative to their proportion of students in the state, the trends in suspensions across race/ethnicity were generally consistent over the time period examined.

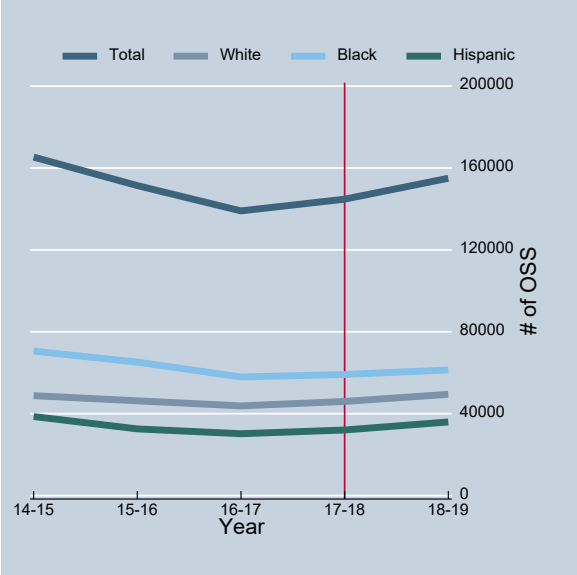

Figure 12. Number of out-of-school suspensions in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years overall and by race

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

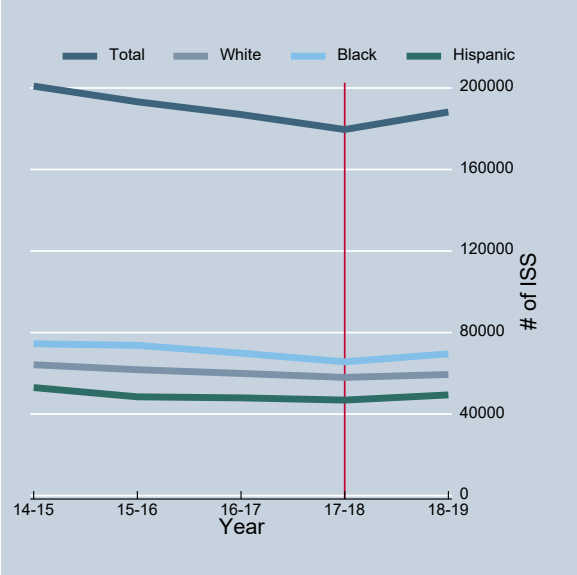

Figure 13. Number of in-school suspensions in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years overall and by race

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

Among other changes in school discipline rates, state data also revealed a significant increase in the number of districts reporting the use of physical restraint on students. Figure 14 shows the number of physical restraints per year. As shown, reports of physical restraints in

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2018-19 were over four times as large as those in the prior school year. While it is unclear what accounts for this substantial increase in the reporting of the use of physical restraint, the trend is particularly concerning. It is possible that this increase merely reflects a change in reporting practices among school districts. The next section explores whether these descriptive trends in reported behaviors, reporting to law enforcement, arrests, and discipline are linked to the presence of law enforcement or reflect other, unrelated trends.

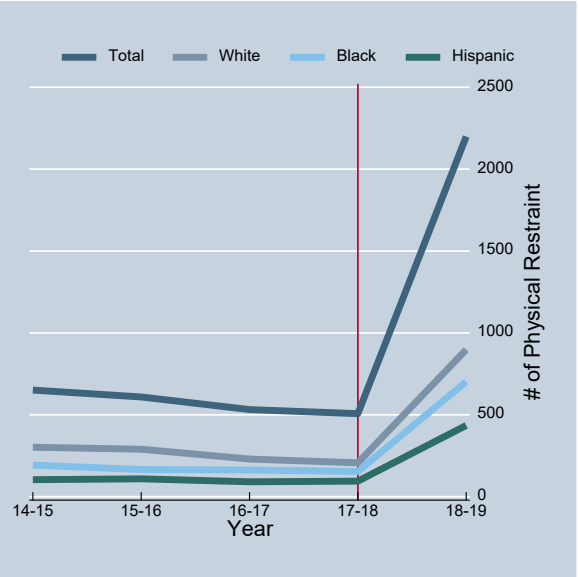

Figure 14. Number of physical restraints in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by level

Law Enforcement Presence and Student Outcomes

From the descriptive statistics, it is clear that the increasing presence of law enforcement in schools has been correlated with an increased frequency of a number of undesirable student outcomes including increased reports of behavioral incidents, increased number of incidents reported to law enforcement, increased school arrests, and increased use of exclusionary discipline. An important question, however, is whether these relationships are driven by the presence of law enforcement in schools or by other factors. In other words, are law enforcement in schools causing increases in these outcomes?

Results of the regression analyses with observable controls and fixed effects provide more evidence to answer this question. As described previously, the analytic technique accounts for differences in school contexts that are observable, for time trends that affect all districts/schools in the state, and for fixed characteristics of districts/schools over time. The results presented in this section, then, more closely approximate the effect of law enforcement on each of the outcomes. I begin by discussing the relationship between law enforcement and reported behavioral incidents in schools and then present results for behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement, school arrests, and student discipline. For each outcome, results are presented both from the district-level analysis, which covers all districts in the state, and for the school-level sample, which covers schools in approximately 84% of districts in the state. As will be shown, results are generally consistent between both. Finally, this section concludes with a description of a set of sensitivity and robustness checks.

Law Enforcement Presence and Reported Behavioral Incidents in Schools

The presence of law enforcement in schools was generally predictive of a greater number of reports of behavioral incidents in schools. At the district-level, the number of schools served by law enforcement was a statistically significant predictor of the number of reported behavioral incidents, both in models without district fixed effects and with their inclusion. As shown in columns 1 and 2 of Panel A of Table 13, each additional school in a district served by a law enforcement officer predicted a .14 to .33 percent increase in the number of reported behavioral incidents in the district. Though this is less than a percentage point, this translates to

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approximately 1.5 to 3.6 more reported incidents for the average size district for each additional school with an officer present. Furthermore, it suggests that, if the average size district in the state had no schools with officers as compared to all schools with officers, there would be approximately 85 to 200 fewer behavioral incidents reported per year in that district.

At the school-level, results were generally similar, though the positive relationship between law enforcement and reported behavioral incidents became insignificant when school fixed effects were included. As shown in columns 1-2 of Panel B of Table 13, the presence of an officer predicted a 38.5% greater number of reported incidents in models with district fixed effects. In models with school fixed effects, however, the IRR was reduced to 1.024 and was statistically insignificant. This could be a function of the school fixed effect better accounting for underlying characteristics of the schools, or, it may also reflect the fact that the school fixed effects models were driven largely by variation at the elementary school level, given that there were far more elementary schools that went from not having an officer to having an officer than was the case for middle or high schools. Indeed, as shown in Figure 15, the relationship between law enforcement and reported behavioral incidents was largest in middle and high schools, suggesting that the lack of significance in the school fixed effects model may be a function of much of the within-school variation coming from elementary settings.

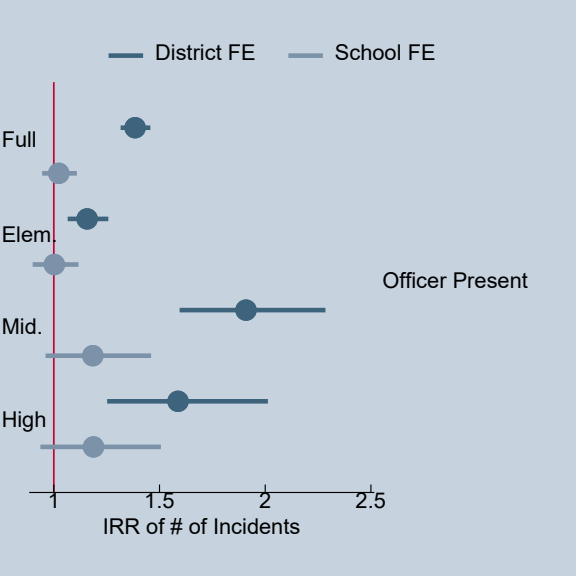

Figure 15. IRRs and 95% confidence intervals predicting behavioral incidents by level from the school-level analysis

The increase in reported behavioral incidents as a result of law enforcement in schools appeared to be driven primarily by Level 2 offenses (see columns 3-10 of Table 13). As shown, the relationship between law enforcement and reported behavioral incidents was statistically significant and positive in both the district-level analysis and school-level analysis and across models with varying fixed effects for Level 2 offenses. In contrast, offenses at other levels were not consistently statistically significant, particularly in the fully specified models. The results are clear that the presence of law enforcement in schools was not systematically related to decreases in behavioral incidents and may result in more reports of such incidents, suggesting that schools were not made safer by the presence of law enforcement.

Law Enforcement Presence and Reports to Law Enforcement

In addition to potentially increasing the number of reported behavioral incidents in schools, the presence of law enforcement positively predicted the number of behavioral incidents that were reported to law enforcement by schools. At the district-level, each additional school with an officer present positively predicted a statistically significant increase in the number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement (see columns 1-2 of Panel A of Table 14). The coefficients ranged from 0.0011 in the model with district fixed effects to 0.00312 in the model without district fixed effects, which, relative to the average number of incidents

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reported, translates to an approximately 0.41 to 1.17 additional incidents reported to law enforcement by a district per year for each additional officer. This suggests that if the average size district in the state had no schools with officers as compared to all schools with officers, there would be between 6-17% fewer incidents reported to law enforcement or between 23 to 65 fewer incidents reported annually by such a district.

Similarly, at the school-level, the presence of a law enforcement officer in a school was a significant predictor of reports of behavioral incidents to law enforcement. As shown in columns 1-2 of Panel B of Table 14, having an officer in a school was related to a higher number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement, both in models with district fixed effects and school fixed effects. This positive relationship ranged from a 25.7% increase in incidents in the school fixed effect model to a 64.8% increase in the district fixed effects model which, based on the average number of incidents reported by a school, would equate to 2.12 to 5.35 additional incidents reported to law enforcement per year per school. While this positive relationship was generally significant across grade levels, the relationship was particularly pronounced at the middle school level (see Figure 16). This is consistent with prior research that has found that school disciplinary rates and effects of SROs can be more pronounced for middle schoolers.

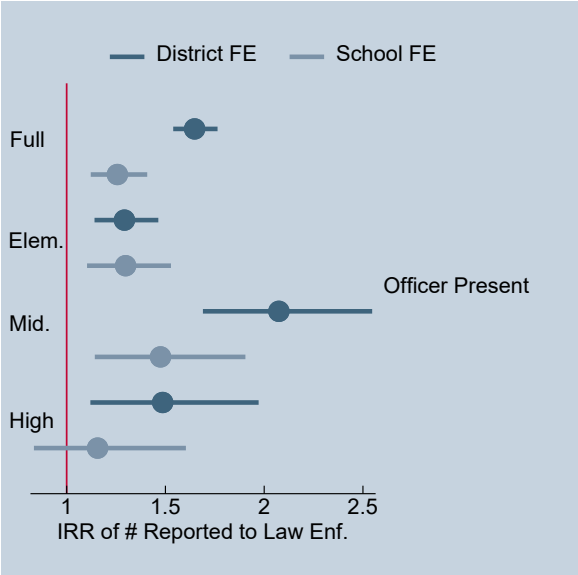

Figure 16. IRRs and 95% confidence intervals predicting behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement by school-level from the school-level analysis

Across both district and school-level analyses, the results suggest that the effects of law enforcement in schools on reports of behavioral incidents to law enforcement may be most pronounced among lower level offenses. As shown in columns 3-10 of Table 14 and in Figure 17, the relationship between law enforcement in schools and number of incidents reported to law enforcement tended to be highest for Level 4 offenses (the least serious) and lowest for Level 1 offenses (the most serious offenses). This suggests that the presence of law enforcement may be resulting in more frequent reporting of offenses that may otherwise have been handled by school staff without involving law enforcement.

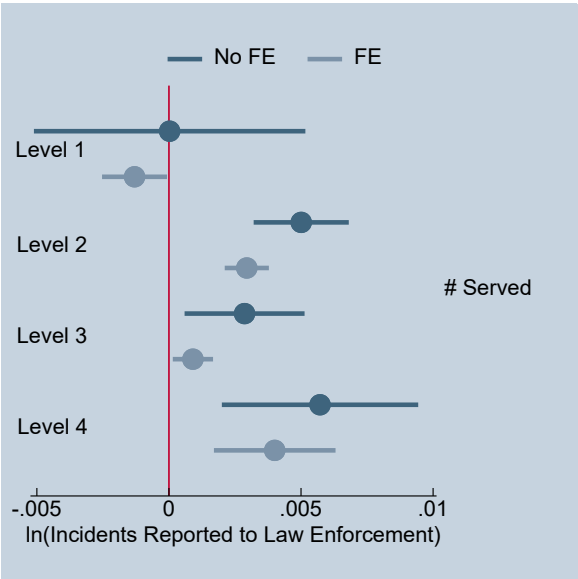

Figure 17. Coefficients and 95% confidence intervals predicting behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement by severity level from the district-level analysis

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Law Enforcement Presence and School Arrests

Given that law enforcement presence in schools appeared to result in more behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, it was also important to examine whether more students were arrested at school as a result. As shown in Table 15, results of models predicting the number of arrests of juveniles at public schools demonstrate that the presence of law enforcement in schools likely increased arrests of students. In the district-level analysis (Panel A of Table 15), the relationship between law enforcement presence and school arrests was consistently positive, though often statistically insignificant. The lack of consistent significance in the district-level models, however, may have been a function of the relatively smaller sample size and lack of ability to link arrests occurring in particular schools with the placement of law enforcement in those schools. Results from the school-level analysis (Panel B of Table 15) show that, with the additional precision afforded in the school-level dataset, these positive relationships held and were statistically significant, both in district and school fixed effects models. As shown, the presence of law enforcement in schools predicted 40 to 82% more arrests, on average. Relative to the average number of arrests (2.55), this suggests that the presence of a law enforcement officer in a school resulted in approximately 1-2 more arrests per school per year. Across the average sized district, the difference in arrests if the district had no law enforcement relative to having law enforcement in all schools would therefore equate to about 55 to 110 fewer arrests per year.

Interestingly, while a positive relationship with arrests was seen across racial/ethnic groups, the impact was most consistent for white students, rather than Black or Hispanic students. As shown, in the district-level analysis, only the coefficient on white students reached statistical significance at the p<.05 level. Similarly, at the school-level, the impact on arrests was statistically significant for white students in both the district fixed effects and school fixed effects models, while, for Black and Hispanic students, the result, though still positive in direction, was statistically insignificant when the school fixed effects were included. Importantly, statistical tests of the difference in the coefficients for white student arrests were no different than those for Black or Hispanic students, suggesting that the impact of law enforcement is not necessarily larger for white students, despite being more consistently statistically significant. While prior research would have suggested larger impacts on racial/ethnic minority students, this finding was consistent with descriptive trends in the state which show increases in school-based arrests of white students between 2017-18 and 2018-19 without a similar increase for Black students. It is also important to note that the rate of school arrests remains higher for Black and Hispanic students, indicating that despite school-based law enforcement increasing arrests of white students, Black and Hispanic students remain

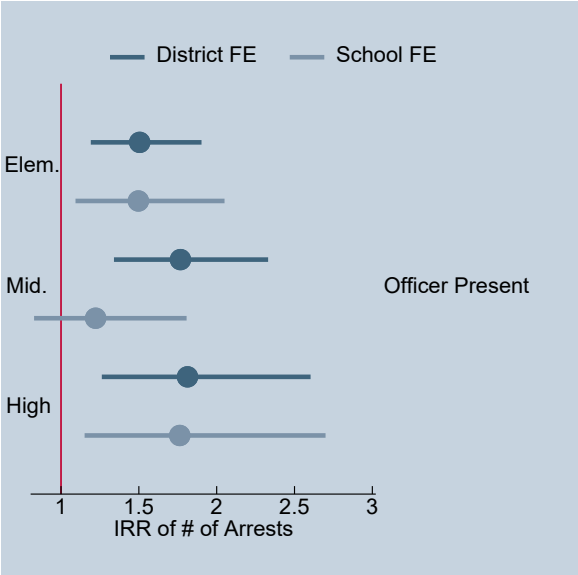

Figure 18. IRRs and 95% confidence intervals predicting school arrests by grade level from the school-level analysis

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disproportionately likely to experience an arrest at school relative to their white peers.

The relationship between law enforcement presence and school arrests was generally consistent across grade levels. As shown in Figure 18, the IRR was similar across elementary, middle, and high schools, suggesting that the presence of a law enforcement officer increases the probability of arrest fairly equally across grade levels. Importantly, however, each of these increases was relative to different base line rates of arrest. Given that elementary schools had far fewer school arrests than middle or high schools, the increase in the number of arrests as a result of school-based law enforcement was still more pronounced at higher grade levels.

Finally, an exploratory analysis was conducted examining the relationship between law enforcement presence and school arrests by offense type. Versions of the primary equation were estimated using arrests by offense type as the outcome. In the district-level analysis with district fixed effects, there were positive and at least marginally ($p<0.10$) significant relationships with assault/battery, burglary, disorderly conduct, and petit/larceny. At the school-level with district fixed effects, a number of offense types were statistically significant (significant ones are shown in Figure 19). When the school fixed effects were added to the school-level analysis, assault/battery and weapons arrests remained positive and statistically significant while felony drug arrests was marginally significant.

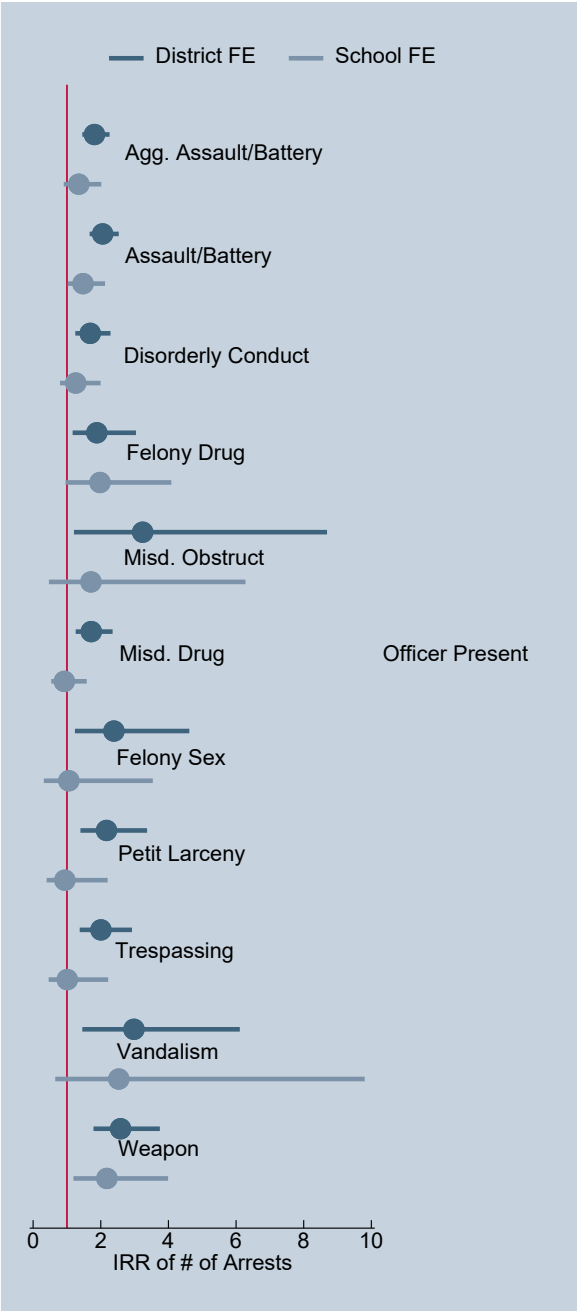

Figure 19. IRRs and 95% confidence intervals predicting school arrests by offense type from the school-level analysis

Law Enforcement Presence and Exclusionary Discipline

While law enforcement in schools would be expected to increase the likelihood of reports to law enforcement and arrests, prior research also suggests that their presence may contribute to a greater use of exclusionary discipline practices like suspension. Table 16 presents results of models predicting the use of OSS and ISS from indicators of law enforcement in schools as well as OSS broken out by race. As shown, there were few significant relationships in the district-level analysis and, while estimates were positive and significant in the school-level analysis with district fixed effects, these relationships were not robust to the inclusion of the school fixed effects. As a whole, then, these

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results suggest that, in the Florida context, the presence of law enforcement in schools were not necessarily resulting in increases in the use of exclusionary discipline.

Sensitivity and Robustness Checks

As discussed previously, for the district-level analysis, the primary analytic approach was to model the logged version of outcomes using an ordinary least squares regression framework with weights for district enrollment to account for differing sizes of districts. This approach was used to account for the skewed distribution of the outcome variables and was suitable given that few districts reported values of zero for the outcome (which would result in an unidentified value when log transformed and therefore drop from the analysis). In contrast, at the school-level, there were many schools that reported no incidents. Consequently, the primary school-level analyses were reported using conditional fixed effects negative binomial regression, an approach suitable for count outcome data that retains observations with values of zero.

In addition to these primary analytic approaches, a series of sensitivity checks were conducted to explore the robustness of the findings to alternative estimation approaches. In particular, versions of the primary equations were estimated that used ordinary least squares regression, used untransformed outcome variables, included or omitted weighting for enrollment, and used Poisson regression (another method appropriate for estimating count outcomes). Additionally, models were estimated that used the number of law enforcement in a district or in a school as the independent variable rather than the number of schools served or the binary indicator of whether a school had law enforcement. The results of these sensitivity analyses are presented in tables in Appendix B. Across these tables, the primary model is shown in the top row and other specifications are shown below. For ease of comparison, statistically significant positive relationships are highlighted in blue and statistically significant negative relationships are highlighted in orange. Statistically insignificant findings have a white background. While the coefficients were expected to be different in size across some models given the different estimation strategies, the sensitivity checks generally show that the primary results are robust to a number of specification choices.

Limitations

While this report provides the most comprehensive analysis of law enforcement in Florida schools to date, it is important to note several limitations. First, results of this study are limited to reports of law enforcement and outcomes by school districts. As noted earlier, there is some indication that school districts may report school safety assistants and other personnel as law enforcement to the state. While these individuals are not technically sworn law enforcement and generally lack arrest power, they are trained by a Sheriff's department, typically wear uniforms, and are armed. Consequently, it is likely that many students perceive and experience them in ways similar to sworn law enforcement.

Next, this analysis was unable to identify alternative forms of security in schools such as armed school staff, unarmed security guards, or other private security. Given the 2018 Act, any school without law enforcement in 2018-19 was required to have either an armed staff member or other armed security personnel. Consequently, the results of this analysis should be interpreted as comparing the use of law enforcement in schools to a mix of other alternatives that, depending on the year, may include no security personnel, unarmed security personnel, or armed non-law enforcement personnel. It is expected, however, that the impact of such comparisons to other security personnel would diminish relationships estimated in this analysis,

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meaning that the true impacts of law enforcement on student outcomes may be larger than those reported here.

Finally, it is worth noting that this study cannot definitively eliminate all sources of selection bias. While the research design accounts for a large number of potential confounding variables, it is nevertheless possible that districts/schools with and without law enforcement varied in unobservable ways that contributed to the observed relationships. That said, the analytic approach used here accounted for a robust set of differences in schools including observable characteristics of the students served, general time trends in the state as a whole, and time-invariant characteristics of the district/schools such as general crime or safety of areas that schools serve. As a result, this analysis provides a very rigorous estimate of law enforcement's relationship with student outcomes.

Conclusion

In the months following the killing of George Floyd by law enforcement, school districts and local governments across the country have reconsidered the role of law enforcement in their schools, with several large districts choosing to remove law enforcement. These discussions and actions are in distinct contrast to what had previously been a decades long trend toward increasing the number of schools across the nation that have law enforcement present (Correa & Diliberti, 2020; Musu-Gillette et al., 2018). This research report contributes to these ongoing policy discussions over whether law enforcement should be placed in schools.

The findings of this report suggest that, in Florida, the presence of law enforcement in schools is linked to a number of undesirable outcomes for students and schools. Despite being placed in schools largely to improve safety, the results of this analysis suggest that school-based law enforcement have not reduced the frequency of behavioral incidents occurring in schools. In fact, their presence appears to result in more behavioral incidents being reported to the state tracking system.

What is more, the results of this analysis suggest that law enforcement in schools results in greater exposure of students to law enforcement responses. The results consistently showed that, when law enforcement are in schools, a greater number of behavioral incidents are reported to law enforcement. Alarmingly, there is evidence that law enforcement in schools increases the frequency of lower level incidents being reported to law enforcement.

The results also suggests that this increased reporting of incidents to law enforcement leads to more students experiencing arrest at school. Results of the school-level analysis consistently showed that the presence of law enforcement in schools was related to a greater number of juvenile arrests in public schools. While district-level results were statistically insignificant, they nevertheless followed the same trend. In contrast to what might be suggested by prior research, the potential impact on school arrests appeared to be most consistent for white students, though Black students continue to be disproportionately over-represented among school arrests overall.

Finally, this report found little evidence that the presence of law enforcement in schools decreased the frequency with which schools reported using exclusionary discipline practices like OSS and ISS. This finding is consistent with there being little impact of school-based law

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enforcement on student safety, as it suggests that the frequency of incidents resulting in a serious disciplinary response was not decreased.

The findings of this analysis fit within a mixed set of prior evidence on the impacts of school-based law enforcement on school safety and rather consistent prior evidence that law enforcement increases students' exposure to arrest and exclusionary discipline. Some prior work has found that the presence of law enforcement in schools decreases school crime. For example, using national data, Owens found that principals reported 1-2% fewer disruptive criminal incidents at school when the county they were located in had received a federal grant to support the hiring of school-based law enforcement (2016). Similarly, prior studies have found that the presence of law enforcement in schools is related to higher perceptions of safety among students (Raymond, 2010). That said, other prior work has found that law enforcement do not increase school safety. In a national study of schools, Na & Gottfredson found that schools with law enforcement report more crimes involving weapons and drugs than those without (2013). Other emerging work suggests that, law enforcement in schools may increase students' sense of risk, heightening their perceived need of law enforcement to protect them from objectively unlikely to occur threats (Curran, Fisher, Viano, & Kupchik, 2020).

Even for the most serious of incidents, such as mass shootings, the prior evidence suggests the presence of law enforcement does little to prevent or limit the damage done during such an event. For example, a study of all school shootings that have occurred since the Columbine tragedy found that the presence of law enforcement at a school did not predict lower casualties (Livingston, Rossheim, & Hall, 2019). It is worth noting that many of the mass casualty school shootings, including those at Parkland and Columbine, occurred with law enforcement present on campus.

While prior work is somewhat mixed on the impact of school-based law enforcement on safety, prior work is clear that law enforcement in schools increases students' likelihood of interfacing with and experiencing a law enforcement response like arrest. Prior work has shown that law enforcement in schools result in a greater proportion of incidents being reported to law enforcement and in increases in arrests of students (Owens, 2016). This results in what many have termed the "school-to-prison" pipeline.

The findings of this study demonstrate a potentially similar phenomenon in which students are exposed to a higher level of surveillance by law enforcement. By placing law enforcement in schools, student behavior that would have otherwise occurred and been handled by school personnel is more likely to come to the attention of law enforcement. It is likely then that the increases in behavioral incidents reported to the state and those reported to law enforcement observed in this study are a product not of increased misconduct by students but of increased involvement of law enforcement in the response to such misconduct. Such law enforcement involvement, as seen in this study, potentially increases students' risk of arrest at school and involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Finally, while law enforcement presence in schools was not systematically related to increases in exclusionary discipline, it also did not appear to decrease school's use of exclusionary discipline. Prior research has often found law enforcement presence increases exclusionary discipline (Fisher & Hennessy, 2016; Kupchik, 2010). For example, prior studies have found that schools in Texas that received federal grants to support additional law enforcement in schools resulted in greater rates of school discipline, as much as a 6% increase

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among middle schoolers, and that these impacts were driven by increases in discipline for lower level offenses and among Black students (Weisburst, 2019). Qualitative work has shown that these increases may be driven by the ways that law enforcement take part in disciplinary activities such as reporting misconduct to school personnel and assisting with interrogations of misbehaving students as well as the ways that school-based law enforcement may contribute to shifts in school climate more broadly that result in a more punitive environment (Curran, Fisher, Viano, & Kupchik, 2019; Kupchik, 2010). Though there are some exceptions to the finding that law enforcement in schools increase exclusionary discipline, including one that uses a similar approach to this analysis with longitudinal school-level data (Na & Gottfredson, 2013), a meta-analytic review has confirmed that, on balance, most studies show that school-based law enforcement are related to higher rates of exclusionary discipline (Fisher & Hennessy, 2016).

Coupled with such prior research, the findings of this study suggest that schools should carefully consider their use of law enforcement in schools, both whether law enforcement should be present in schools at all and, if they are, the roles and interactions that law enforcement engage in with students. While many districts nationwide are considering removing law enforcement from schools, the decision in Florida is complicated by the restrictions of the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act which requires schools to have armed personnel. While schools in other states can decide to not have law enforcement or any armed personnel present, Florida schools that opt not to use school-based law enforcement are then required to either arm school personnel (such as teachers) or hire private armed security. Unfortunately, neither of these alternative solutions are evidence-based and each raises its own set of concerns around student safety and well-being. Consequently, there is a need for the state law to be revisited to return flexibility to local districts to determine whether law enforcement or armed personnel should be in schools. In the meantime, if schools determine that the use of law enforcement is preferable to the alternatives, they should actively take steps to reduce the potentially negative impacts of school-based law enforcement on student outcomes. To this end, the following policy recommendations are offered:

1. School districts should reconsider whether law enforcement should be present in schools, keeping in mind that state law limits alternatives.
2. The state requirement to have armed personnel in schools should be revisited with an eye toward returning control to local school districts and schools to determine how best to ensure a safe learning environment.
3. School districts and law enforcement agencies should adopt clear policies that restrict the ability to arrest to a limited set of serious infractions and prohibit arrest of young students.
4. If present, law enforcement in schools should be trained in age-appropriate conflict resolution, in ways to reduce implicit bias and disproportionate minority contact, and in alternatives to the use of force or arrest.

At the end of the day, all students deserve a safe, supportive, and equitable learning environment. The results of this analysis suggest that the use of law enforcement in schools may be compromising student well-being without increasing the safety of schools. It is important, therefore, for policymakers and educators to actively seek solutions to ensure students are safe from unnecessary exposure to law enforcement and arrest.

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Table 1. Means and standard deviations of control variables for district-level analysis

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Enrollment	41717.48	40937.70	41446.76	41824.54	42076.46	42301.94
	(66855.14)	(66316.45)	(67034.07)	(67537.91)	(67683.83)	(67704.10)
Proportion White Enrollment	0.55	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.54
	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)
Proportion Black Enrollment	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)
Proportion Hispanic/Latinx Enrollment	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21
	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.17)	(0.17)
Proportion Asian Enrollment	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Proportion Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander Enrollment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Proportion American Indian or Alaska Native Enrollment	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Proportion Two or More Races Enrollment	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Proportion of Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	0.68	0.59	0.69	0.70	0.70	0.69
	(0.17)	(0.12)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.19)	(0.20)
# Schools	55.34	55.15	55.37	55.40	55.37	55.42
	(85.47)	(85.56)	(85.85)	(86.01)	(86.20)	(86.30)
# Elementary Schools	28.33	28.34	28.42	28.39	28.21	28.27
	(42.18)	(42.49)	(42.73)	(42.59)	(42.19)	(42.17)
# Middle Schools	8.75	8.91	8.82	8.69	8.67	8.64
	(13.47)	(13.76)	(13.60)	(13.41)	(13.50)	(13.48)
# High Schools	10.60	10.63	10.66	10.67	10.58	10.48
	(16.59)	(16.66)	(16.60)	(16.81)	(16.75)	(16.60)
Teachers per 1,000 Students	63.37	63.32	63.59	63.39	63.09	63.46
	(6.38)	(5.85)	(6.41)	(6.80)	(5.54)	(7.32)
Guidance Counselors per 1,000 Students	2.15	2.16	2.16	2.13	2.12	2.17
	(0.47)	(0.52)	(0.49)	(0.44)	(0.48)	(0.45)
Psychologists per 1,000 Students	0.36	0.38	0.36	0.34	0.36	0.36
	(0.25)	(0.26)	(0.23)	(0.27)	(0.24)	(0.23)
Principals per 1,000 Students	1.48	1.51	1.54	1.49	1.42	1.45
	(0.51)	(0.42)	(0.55)	(0.55)	(0.48)	(0.52)
Asst. Principals per 1,000 Students	1.70	1.64	1.67	1.68	1.71	1.78
	(0.51)	(0.50)	(0.47)	(0.50)	(0.52)	(0.54)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

Note. Data from FL DOE public data archive

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Table 2. Means and standard deviations of control variables for school-level analysis

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Enrollment	854.84	846.82	859.49	867.00	860.79	841.49
	(539.52)	(526.77)	(541.72)	(549.29)	(543.97)	(535.46)
Proportion White Enrollment	0.45	0.47	0.46	0.45	0.45	0.44
	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.25)
Proportion Black Enrollment	0.20	0.21	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.20
	(0.21)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.20)	(0.22)
Proportion Hispanic/Latinx Enrollment	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25
	(0.20)	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)
Proportion Asian Enrollment	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)
Proportion Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander Enrollment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Proportion American Indian or Alaska Native Enrollment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Proportion Two or More Races Enrollment	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Proportion of Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	0.65	0.59	0.66	0.66	0.67	0.66
	(0.27)	(0.24)	(0.27)	(0.27)	(0.27)	(0.28)
Elementary	0.57	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.57	0.59
	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.49)
Middle	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.17
	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.38)
High	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15
	(0.36)	(0.37)	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.35)
Observations	9,972	1,840	1,922	1,924	2,064	2,222

Note.

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Table 3. Means and standard deviations of law enforcement presence in school districts from district-level analysis

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# of Schools Served by Officers	38.03	37.60	36.30	33.51	34.46	48.28
	(54.57)	(58.55)	(46.73)	(46.20)	(48.85)	(69.25)
# of Schools Served by Officers - Elementary	18.87	17.37	18.03	16.00	16.78	26.18
	(31.19)	(29.20)	(28.49)	(28.50)	(29.90)	(38.50)
# of Schools Served by Officers - Middle	7.84	7.78	7.84	7.85	7.79	7.96
	(11.34)	(11.72)	(11.44)	(11.49)	(11.04)	(11.34)
# of Schools Served by Officers - High	6.27	5.93	6.16	6.09	6.34	6.85
	(8.39)	(7.95)	(7.93)	(7.96)	(8.37)	(9.79)
# of Officers	29.75	21.35	22.63	22.93	27.53	54.31
	(45.36)	(30.73)	(31.94)	(31.36)	(35.87)	(73.41)
# of Officers - Elementary	9.94	4.07	4.58	5.26	8.49	27.31
	(22.21)	(10.07)	(10.57)	(11.68)	(14.85)	(39.14)
# of Officers - Middle	7.70	7.12	7.56	7.43	7.65	8.75
	(11.51)	(11.61)	(11.84)	(11.39)	(11.12)	(11.87)
# of Officers - High	7.83	6.97	7.16	7.15	7.91	9.96
	(10.66)	(9.69)	(9.97)	(9.97)	(10.57)	(12.81)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

Note. Data from district self-reports to annual FL DOE Safe Schools Appropriations Expenditure Report

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Table 4. Means and standard deviations of law enforcement presence in school districts from school-level analysis

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Law Enforcement Present	0.62	0.57	0.60	0.61	0.61	0.72
	(0.48)	(0.50)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.45)
Law Enforcement Present - Elementary	0.45	0.38	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.60
	(0.50)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.49)
Law Enforcement Present - Middle	0.91	0.89	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.95
	(0.28)	(0.31)	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.29)	(0.22)
Law Enforcement Present - High	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.97
	(0.22)	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.18)
# of Law Enforcement	0.56	0.48	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.75
	(0.52)	(0.51)	(0.52)	(0.51)	(0.51)	(0.50)
# of Law Enforcement - Elementary	0.31	0.19	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.60
	(0.41)	(0.32)	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.49)
# of Law Enforcement - Middle	0.90	0.86	0.91	0.89	0.89	0.95
	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.33)	(0.30)	(0.30)	(0.25)
# of Law Enforcement - High	1.09	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.08	1.17
	(0.45)	(0.46)	(0.45)	(0.46)	(0.43)	(0.44)
Observations	9972	1840	1922	1924	2064	2222

Note. Data gathered from school district and law enforcement agencies

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Table 5. Means and standard deviations for district-level reports of behavioral incidents

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Incidents						
Total	1099.66	1080.27	1073.49	1019.06	1062.07	1263.42
	(2001.84)	(2065.42)	(2097.44)	(1995.35)	(1870.79)	(2024.06)
Level 1	38.60	43.03	39.45	35.49	36.52	38.52
	(72.38)	(81.80)	(70.16)	(66.64)	(72.59)	(71.79)
Level 2	178.04	163.34	196.31	198.45	171.69	160.43
	(704.63)	(751.52)	(805.50)	(813.80)	(633.89)	(483.26)
Level 3	669.69	696.54	677.18	632.25	643.33	699.13
	(1201.02)	(1295.93)	(1253.18)	(1152.36)	(1119.96)	(1209.85)
Level 4	213.33	177.36	160.55	152.87	210.54	365.33
	(353.80)	(264.73)	(235.48)	(246.14)	(338.35)	(549.13)
Alcohol	18.01	18.03	17.73	17.21	18.48	18.60
	(22.27)	(22.70)	(22.43)	(21.29)	(22.51)	(23.01)
Arson	1.31	1.55	1.49	1.19	1.24	1.09
	(2.83)	(2.95)	(3.05)	(2.96)	(3.05)	(2.08)
Battery - Aggravated/Felony	36.67	40.87	37.51	33.70	34.63	36.67
	(70.13)	(79.27)	(67.86)	(64.24)	(69.99)	(70.30)
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	4.18	5.18	4.28	6.12	3.18	2.15
	(25.14)	(29.05)	(25.00)	(37.08)	(16.00)	(9.40)
Bullying	45.53	43.84	42.52	46.87	43.91	50.49
	(83.00)	(75.78)	(73.26)	(94.41)	(78.84)	(92.64)
Disruption on Campus-Major	49.67	48.01	50.61	49.52	50.09	50.10
	(111.17)	(116.14)	(119.30)	(113.06)	(111.39)	(98.12)
Drug Sale/Distribution Excluding Alcohol	8.95	9.93	8.24	7.45	8.36	10.79
	(12.66)	(13.34)	(11.56)	(10.68)	(11.73)	(15.49)
Drug Use/Possession Excluding Alcohol	103.57	97.30	93.90	90.69	101.60	134.36
	(152.34)	(148.97)	(139.46)	(132.23)	(147.89)	(187.57)
Fighting	312.33	359.07	327.46	294.34	288.96	291.79
	(740.55)	(878.08)	(798.43)	(719.91)	(668.95)	(630.27)
Harassment	26.89	26.93	27.19	26.46	24.69	29.19
	(50.33)	(48.96)	(51.43)	(51.21)	(46.25)	(54.83)
Hazing	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.06
	(0.42)	(0.45)	(0.38)	(0.54)	(0.41)	(0.30)
Homicide	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.08)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.12)	(0.12)
Kidnapping	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.00
	(0.13)	(0.00)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.12)	(0.00)
Larceny/Theft	25.87	31.06	30.48	29.19	21.06	17.55
	(61.47)	(73.02)	(64.40)	(77.18)	(42.30)	(41.75)
Other Major	36.65	33.27	40.22	37.54	36.49	35.75
	(86.40)	(76.88)	(92.96)	(98.02)	(89.00)	(75.30)

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Physical Attack	138.81	118.75	154.34	158.67	137.31	124.96
	(687.36)	(737.43)	(790.06)	(797.51)	(615.48)	(454.85)
Robbery	2.12	2.06	2.48	2.19	1.93	1.94
	(5.57)	(5.73)	(6.51)	(5.43)	(4.83)	(5.35)
Sexual Assault	0.65	0.34	0.37	0.69	0.81	1.03
	(1.75)	(1.21)	(1.11)	(1.76)	(1.97)	(2.34)
Sexual Battery	0.59	0.61	0.42	0.55	0.63	0.75
	(1.53)	(1.60)	(1.16)	(1.41)	(1.48)	(1.93)
Sexual Harassment	30.37	26.43	26.82	29.03	32.18	37.40
	(74.49)	(58.04)	(59.55)	(69.08)	(74.20)	(103.95)
Sexual Offenses (Other)	22.40	21.19	23.48	21.33	22.24	23.78
	(44.07)	(53.35)	(46.78)	(39.21)	(35.91)	(44.26)
Threat/Intimidation	69.93	62.75	64.30	61.42	73.21	87.96
	(123.98)	(109.44)	(114.49)	(109.41)	(127.03)	(155.21)
Tobacco-Nicotine	122.90	88.57	73.10	62.33	123.46	267.04
	(243.16)	(150.17)	(121.04)	(116.10)	(219.50)	(414.52)
Trespassing	7.54	7.72	8.15	7.09	6.78	7.99
	(18.05)	(15.58)	(22.52)	(16.86)	(15.39)	(19.39)
Vandalism	11.26	9.64	11.67	12.01	10.57	12.40
	(36.31)	(32.37)	(38.71)	(39.88)	(33.29)	(37.71)
Weapons Possession	23.34	27.09	26.60	23.33	20.10	19.57
	(49.20)	(63.29)	(59.64)	(45.63)	(38.39)	(32.91)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

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Table 6. Means and standard deviations for school-level reports of behavioral incidents

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Incidents						
Total	21.02	17.68	20.44	19.55	21.21	25.41
	(34.39)	(28.78)	(33.81)	(31.88)	(34.28)	(40.41)
Level 1	0.83	0.86	0.87	0.80	0.81	0.79
	(3.06)	(2.47)	(2.94)	(2.85)	(3.46)	(3.36)
Level 2	2.61	1.48	2.48	2.66	2.70	3.53
	(7.29)	(3.44)	(6.93)	(7.87)	(7.19)	(9.16)
Level 3	13.06	11.76	13.58	12.85	13.25	13.68
	(23.60)	(20.99)	(24.96)	(23.11)	(23.79)	(24.63)
Level 4	4.53	3.57	3.51	3.23	4.44	7.40
	(10.25)	(6.88)	(6.63)	(6.24)	(9.22)	(16.44)
Alcohol	0.43	0.41	0.46	0.42	0.47	0.42
	(1.29)	(1.29)	(1.42)	(1.23)	(1.29)	(1.21)
Arson	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03
	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.18)
Battery - Aggravated/Felony	0.78	0.81	0.84	0.77	0.77	0.75
	(2.98)	(2.42)	(2.87)	(2.73)	(3.41)	(3.28)
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.02
	(0.23)	(0.22)	(0.17)	(0.23)	(0.25)	(0.24)
Bullying	0.97	0.87	0.91	1.01	0.96	1.08
	(2.37)	(1.93)	(2.05)	(3.08)	(2.18)	(2.43)
Disruption on Campus-Major	1.05	0.92	1.13	1.07	1.11	1.01
	(4.15)	(3.78)	(5.31)	(4.25)	(3.86)	(3.41)
Drug Sale/Distribution Excluding Alcohol	0.21	0.23	0.20	0.18	0.21	0.25
	(0.70)	(0.74)	(0.66)	(0.60)	(0.70)	(0.79)
Drug Use/Possession Excluding Alcohol	2.25	2.08	2.05	2.04	2.26	2.72
	(5.65)	(5.05)	(5.01)	(5.03)	(5.59)	(7.01)
Fighting	5.33	4.73	5.89	5.19	5.24	5.55
	(12.89)	(10.97)	(14.12)	(11.75)	(12.99)	(14.04)
Harassment	0.58	0.54	0.60	0.61	0.52	0.61
	(1.78)	(1.75)	(1.83)	(1.88)	(1.50)	(1.90)
Hazing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.05)
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Kidnapping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Larceny/Theft	0.45	0.51	0.59	0.50	0.41	0.29
	(1.33)	(1.44)	(1.62)	(1.45)	(1.21)	(0.87)
Other Major	0.78	0.69	0.80	0.89	0.85	0.65
	(3.43)	(3.84)	(3.74)	(4.20)	(3.18)	(1.95)
Physical Attack	1.82	0.61	1.67	1.89	1.95	2.79
	(6.89)	(2.67)	(6.52)	(7.47)	(6.72)	(8.83)
Robbery	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
	(0.29)	(0.26)	(0.34)	(0.29)	(0.29)	(0.25)
Sexual Assault	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02

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	(0.12)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.15)	(0.17)
Sexual Battery	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.11)	(0.13)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.13)
Sexual Harassment	0.72	0.60	0.65	0.73	0.76	0.83
	(2.01)	(1.81)	(1.82)	(2.01)	(2.03)	(2.28)
Sexual Offenses (Other)	0.48	0.43	0.52	0.48	0.52	0.46
	(1.32)	(1.22)	(1.45)	(1.32)	(1.34)	(1.26)
Threat/Intimidation	1.67	1.50	1.60	1.61	1.79	1.83
	(4.17)	(3.84)	(4.41)	(4.72)	(4.00)	(3.87)
Tobacco-Nicotine	2.55	1.75	1.54	1.19	2.49	5.30
	(8.67)	(4.96)	(4.57)	(3.66)	(7.59)	(14.93)
Trespassing	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.10
	(0.58)	(0.66)	(0.51)	(0.54)	(0.61)	(0.57)
Vandalism	0.22	0.17	0.23	0.24	0.20	0.25
	(0.99)	(0.69)	(1.03)	(1.10)	(0.93)	(1.09)
Weapons Possession	0.50	0.58	0.54	0.51	0.46	0.42
	(1.15)	(1.27)	(1.19)	(1.19)	(1.12)	(1.01)
Observations	9,972	1,840	1,922	1,924	2,064	2,222

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Table 7. Means and standard deviations for district-level reports of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Reported to Law Enforcement						
Total	377.76	375.72	377.28	349.54	349.31	436.94
	(577.77)	(626.87)	(594.27)	(547.98)	(541.59)	(586.85)
Level 1	38.25	42.61	39.12	35.24	36.10	38.16
	(72.09)	(81.57)	(70.11)	(66.30)	(71.97)	(71.58)
Level 2	53.45	56.00	57.37	54.21	45.48	54.19
	(103.65)	(125.48)	(116.27)	(106.64)	(70.52)	(93.11)
Level 3	244.52	240.00	246.40	231.57	228.30	276.33
	(386.91)	(406.69)	(396.90)	(371.93)	(370.95)	(396.51)
Level 4	41.54	37.10	34.39	28.52	39.43	68.25
	(73.57)	(72.40)	(59.88)	(48.28)	(71.96)	(100.41)
Alcohol	9.09	9.93	9.60	9.49	8.69	7.76
	(14.74)	(15.60)	(16.19)	(16.26)	(13.38)	(12.13)
Arson	0.96	1.13	1.16	0.94	0.82	0.73
	(2.33)	(2.35)	(2.76)	(2.65)	(2.02)	(1.73)
Battery - Aggravated/Felony	36.67	40.87	37.51	33.70	34.63	36.67
	(70.13)	(79.27)	(67.86)	(64.24)	(69.99)	(70.30)
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	4.05	5.01	4.13	6.01	3.10	1.99
	(25.14)	(29.06)	(25.01)	(37.09)	(16.01)	(9.25)
Bullying	4.92	5.22	5.28	4.37	5.06	4.67
	(11.31)	(13.90)	(13.17)	(9.88)	(10.83)	(8.09)
Disruption on Campus-Major	41.67	41.24	44.03	43.52	38.76	40.82
	(105.17)	(114.94)	(114.71)	(109.30)	(102.11)	(84.93)
Drug Sale/Distribution Excluding Alcohol	8.19	9.07	7.69	6.90	7.61	9.70
	(11.88)	(12.92)	(10.82)	(10.11)	(10.81)	(14.34)
Drug Use/Possession Excluding Alcohol	91.46	86.27	85.27	79.93	85.64	120.19
	(135.59)	(137.84)	(126.74)	(111.91)	(127.47)	(167.73)
Fighting	26.91	28.43	29.39	23.39	26.97	26.37
	(53.98)	(55.47)	(56.73)	(50.29)	(64.54)	(41.64)
Harassment	2.78	2.66	2.96	2.76	2.42	3.12
	(5.48)	(5.58)	(6.20)	(5.66)	(5.06)	(4.94)
Hazing	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.03
	(0.19)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.37)	(0.12)	(0.17)
Homicide	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.08)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.12)	(0.12)
Kidnapping	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.00
	(0.13)	(0.00)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.12)	(0.00)
Larceny/Theft	17.27	21.82	20.78	20.97	12.16	10.63
	(57.37)	(68.06)	(59.24)	(74.24)	(37.15)	(38.75)
Other Major	13.07	12.96	14.21	13.72	11.48	13.01
	(30.65)	(35.49)	(34.74)	(34.57)	(22.92)	(23.72)
Physical Attack	15.66	12.73	16.46	15.66	12.70	20.75

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	(54.14)	(67.48)	(59.69)	(53.23)	(27.70)	(55.43)
Robbery	1.93	1.91	2.34	2.09	1.61	1.67
	(5.27)	(5.59)	(6.20)	(5.22)	(4.35)	(4.91)
Sexual Assault	0.28	0.18	0.15	0.22	0.34	0.52
	(0.74)	(0.52)	(0.53)	(0.55)	(0.81)	(1.09)
Sexual Battery	0.59	0.61	0.42	0.55	0.63	0.75
	(1.53)	(1.60)	(1.16)	(1.41)	(1.48)	(1.93)
Sexual Harassment	6.80	5.90	5.69	6.61	7.18	8.63
	(16.79)	(15.57)	(12.30)	(17.86)	(17.35)	(20.18)
Sexual Offenses (Other)	10.56	9.88	11.76	10.30	10.31	10.57
	(20.23)	(22.62)	(22.92)	(19.01)	(18.44)	(18.19)
Threat/Intimidation	28.34	24.30	25.91	23.90	29.04	38.54
	(58.24)	(58.32)	(59.72)	(49.02)	(53.90)	(68.87)
Tobacco-Nicotine	24.74	19.30	16.55	11.90	23.27	52.70
	(52.78)	(46.13)	(31.49)	(24.31)	(48.51)	(83.51)
Trespassing	3.45	3.93	3.60	3.24	2.73	3.75
	(9.55)	(9.98)	(9.27)	(8.91)	(6.31)	(12.48)
Vandalism	4.96	5.28	5.78	5.96	4.00	3.79
	(24.83)	(28.87)	(29.28)	(28.86)	(18.17)	(16.17)
Weapons Possession	23.34	27.09	26.60	23.33	20.10	19.57
	(49.20)	(63.29)	(59.64)	(45.63)	(38.39)	(32.91)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

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Table 8. Means and standard deviations for school-level reports of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Reported to Law Enforcement						
Total	8.26	7.75	8.31	7.64	8.31	9.11
	(17.29)	(15.85)	(17.90)	(15.85)	(17.38)	(18.91)
Level 1	0.82	0.85	0.87	0.80	0.80	0.78
	(3.05)	(2.46)	(2.94)	(2.85)	(3.44)	(3.34)
Level 2	1.03	0.97	1.05	1.01	1.06	1.04
	(2.25)	(1.95)	(2.35)	(2.39)	(2.37)	(2.17)
Level 3	5.24	4.90	5.39	5.03	5.31	5.51
	(11.67)	(10.80)	(12.50)	(11.58)	(11.85)	(11.53)
Level 4	1.17	1.03	1.00	0.80	1.14	1.78
	(4.42)	(3.52)	(3.18)	(2.49)	(4.06)	(6.90)
Alcohol	0.23	0.22	0.26	0.23	0.25	0.20
	(0.88)	(0.85)	(1.00)	(0.88)	(0.88)	(0.78)
Arson	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.22)	(0.17)	(0.15)
Battery - Aggravated/Felony	0.78	0.81	0.84	0.77	0.77	0.75
	(2.98)	(2.42)	(2.87)	(2.73)	(3.41)	(3.28)
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02
	(0.22)	(0.21)	(0.17)	(0.22)	(0.25)	(0.22)
Bullying	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.12	0.14	0.10
	(0.62)	(0.66)	(0.77)	(0.52)	(0.61)	(0.52)
Disruption on Campus-Major	0.87	0.78	0.98	0.90	0.88	0.82
	(3.96)	(3.60)	(5.20)	(4.10)	(3.58)	(3.13)
Drug Sale/Distribution Excluding Alcohol	0.20	0.21	0.18	0.17	0.19	0.22
	(0.67)	(0.71)	(0.62)	(0.57)	(0.68)	(0.74)
Drug Use/Possession Excluding Alcohol	1.98	1.84	1.84	1.73	1.98	2.43
	(5.13)	(4.56)	(4.51)	(4.36)	(5.07)	(6.54)
Fighting	0.66	0.67	0.72	0.65	0.70	0.57
	(2.46)	(2.32)	(2.52)	(2.36)	(3.00)	(2.00)
Harassment	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07
	(0.44)	(0.46)	(0.48)	(0.43)	(0.40)	(0.43)
Hazing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.03)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.07)	(0.00)	(0.02)
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Kidnapping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Larceny/Theft	0.27	0.32	0.37	0.32	0.22	0.15
	(0.99)	(1.05)	(1.27)	(1.16)	(0.75)	(0.58)
Other Major	0.26	0.25	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.26
	(1.33)	(1.48)	(1.68)	(1.41)	(1.00)	(1.03)
Physical Attack	0.27	0.12	0.26	0.26	0.34	0.34
	(1.34)	(0.67)	(1.46)	(1.60)	(1.49)	(1.25)
Robbery	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.31)	(0.27)	(0.23)	(0.22)
Sexual Assault	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.10)	(0.11)
Sexual Battery	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.11)	(0.13)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.13)
Sexual Harassment	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.20	0.20	0.20
	(0.80)	(0.74)	(0.70)	(0.91)	(0.87)	(0.77)
Sexual Offenses (Other)	0.24	0.19	0.28	0.24	0.27	0.22

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	(0.85)	(0.70)	(1.02)	(0.90)	(0.87)	(0.76)
Threat/Intimidation	0.66	0.55	0.64	0.63	0.71	0.76
	(1.89)	(1.81)	(1.98)	(2.02)	(1.76)	(1.89)
Tobacco-Nicotine	0.74	0.59	0.51	0.36	0.69	1.42
	(3.82)	(2.80)	(2.27)	(1.76)	(3.36)	(6.38)
Trespassing	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05
	(0.36)	(0.45)	(0.39)	(0.34)	(0.35)	(0.29)
Vandalism	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04
	(0.30)	(0.27)	(0.38)	(0.35)	(0.26)	(0.25)
Weapons Possession	0.50	0.58	0.54	0.51	0.46	0.42
	(1.15)	(1.27)	(1.19)	(1.19)	(1.12)	(1.01)
Observations	9,972	1,840	1,922	1,924	2,064	2,222

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Table 9. Means and standard deviations for district-level reports of school arrests

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
School Arrests						
Total	118.20	140.91	118.94	106.16	107.91	117.07
	(154.87)	(194.39)	(164.96)	(136.95)	(133.14)	(138.23)
Black	60.61	74.13	63.42	56.48	55.64	53.39
	(89.75)	(113.95)	(97.10)	(80.77)	(79.09)	(72.71)
White	38.35	43.99	36.99	32.33	35.72	42.73
	(46.16)	(54.01)	(47.97)	(38.44)	(40.86)	(48.16)
Hispanic	18.76	22.28	18.12	17.03	16.22	20.15
	(34.19)	(43.38)	(34.75)	(30.09)	(26.82)	(34.31)
Other Race	0.48	0.51	0.42	0.33	0.33	0.81
	(1.06)	(1.22)	(0.86)	(0.81)	(0.61)	(1.50)
Felony	48.65	52.01	46.66	43.84	44.43	56.31
	(67.57)	(77.50)	(66.63)	(60.61)	(55.80)	(75.87)
Misdemeanor	69.55	88.90	72.28	62.33	63.48	60.76
	(93.09)	(122.05)	(102.55)	(82.21)	(80.93)	(67.68)
Agg. Assault/Battery	16.51	17.87	17.51	14.96	15.51	16.72
	(23.35)	(26.71)	(25.79)	(21.33)	(20.81)	(22.06)
Alcohol Offenses	0.73	0.82	0.85	0.58	0.66	0.73
	(1.36)	(1.56)	(1.63)	(1.09)	(1.05)	(1.39)
Armed Robbery	0.08	0.12	0.10	0.01	0.07	0.10
	(0.43)	(0.56)	(0.46)	(0.12)	(0.32)	(0.53)
Arson	0.33	0.27	0.49	0.21	0.36	0.31
	(0.82)	(0.77)	(1.04)	(0.54)	(0.95)	(0.68)
Assault/Battery	22.38	26.31	22.58	20.42	22.09	20.49
	(29.47)	(35.70)	(30.89)	(25.28)	(29.49)	(25.19)
Att. Murder/Manslaughter	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.08)	(0.00)	(0.17)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Auto Theft	0.35	0.31	0.45	0.40	0.30	0.27
	(0.84)	(0.84)	(0.99)	(0.92)	(0.74)	(0.66)
Burglary	4.79	5.81	4.85	5.99	4.10	3.18
	(8.69)	(11.17)	(7.85)	(10.40)	(6.33)	(6.46)
Disorderly Conduct	17.62	22.45	17.24	15.49	16.64	16.28
	(25.75)	(32.47)	(27.89)	(23.35)	(23.54)	(19.84)
Escape	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.03
	(0.18)	(0.27)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.00)	(0.24)
Felony Drug	8.25	6.43	4.79	5.01	6.31	18.72
	(17.44)	(9.68)	(7.25)	(7.16)	(8.41)	(33.62)
Felony Vandalism	0.58	0.76	0.54	0.61	0.63	0.37
	(1.25)	(1.56)	(1.17)	(1.22)	(1.35)	(0.85)
Fraud Forgery Counterfeit	0.56	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.99	1.25
	(1.84)	(0.52)	(0.56)	(0.47)	(2.48)	(3.01)
Grand Larceny (excl Auto Theft)	4.44	6.10	5.57	4.49	3.57	2.45
	(6.54)	(8.48)	(7.54)	(6.49)	(4.85)	(3.59)
Hunt Fish Boat Laws	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01

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	(0.05)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.12)
Kidnapping	0.19	0.19	0.06	0.28	0.22	0.18
	(0.67)	(0.70)	(0.30)	(0.92)	(0.69)	(0.60)
Loitering Prowling	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.03
	(0.22)	(0.00)	(0.17)	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.17)
Misd. Obstruct Justice	1.54	2.07	1.52	1.42	1.24	1.45
	(3.14)	(5.29)	(2.63)	(2.53)	(1.84)	(2.21)
Misd. Sex Offenses	0.58	0.57	0.73	0.52	0.61	0.45
	(1.31)	(1.10)	(1.73)	(1.17)	(1.41)	(1.05)
Misd. Weapon/Firearm	0.25	0.40	0.21	0.18	0.16	0.31
	(0.65)	(0.85)	(0.48)	(0.55)	(0.45)	(0.78)
Misdemeanor Drug	15.93	22.09	17.64	14.30	12.93	12.67
	(28.94)	(42.36)	(35.90)	(22.56)	(18.60)	(15.34)
Murder/Manslaughter	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04
	(0.14)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.27)
Non-Felony Traffic Offenses	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.05)	(0.12)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Obstruct Justice	0.41	0.37	0.49	0.43	0.33	0.45
	(0.94)	(1.03)	(0.98)	(0.86)	(0.68)	(1.12)
Obstruct Justice Violent	0.53	0.60	0.63	0.33	0.48	0.61
	(1.21)	(1.36)	(1.44)	(0.66)	(1.08)	(1.36)
Other Fel. Sex Offense	1.35	1.60	1.19	1.06	1.42	1.49
	(2.34)	(2.55)	(2.13)	(2.07)	(2.28)	(2.62)
Other Misdemeanors	0.41	0.45	0.36	0.40	0.45	0.42
	(0.92)	(0.96)	(0.79)	(0.72)	(1.29)	(0.76)
Other Robbery	1.29	1.34	1.49	1.39	1.25	0.96
	(3.22)	(3.55)	(3.74)	(3.10)	(3.10)	(2.56)
Petit Larceny	3.13	4.43	3.75	3.19	2.30	2.00
	(4.86)	(6.82)	(5.12)	(4.57)	(3.55)	(3.04)
Sexual Battery	0.48	0.58	0.51	0.42	0.51	0.37
	(1.13)	(1.44)	(1.35)	(1.00)	(1.05)	(0.69)
Stolen Property	0.21	0.40	0.28	0.15	0.07	0.16
	(0.67)	(1.06)	(0.52)	(0.56)	(0.40)	(0.59)
Trespassing	5.27	7.06	5.61	4.36	4.87	4.48
	(9.68)	(13.81)	(10.23)	(7.50)	(8.32)	(6.97)
Vandalism	1.66	2.22	1.76	1.40	1.46	1.43
	(2.36)	(2.85)	(2.63)	(1.95)	(2.39)	(1.77)
Weapon/Firearm	7.02	8.16	6.64	6.88	6.58	6.85
	(11.50)	(15.27)	(10.69)	(11.28)	(9.80)	(9.84)
“Other” Felony	1.24	0.85	0.81	1.00	1.73	1.79
	(2.21)	(1.37)	(1.66)	(1.56)	(2.92)	(2.84)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

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Table 10. Means and standard deviations for school-level reports of school arrests

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
School Arrests						
Total	2.55	2.94	2.68	2.34	2.39	2.42
	(5.78)	(6.31)	(6.12)	(5.24)	(5.42)	(5.78)
Black	1.20	1.40	1.31	1.15	1.15	1.03
	(3.50)	(3.84)	(3.77)	(3.16)	(3.38)	(3.32)
White	0.92	1.02	0.93	0.80	0.89	0.98
	(2.30)	(2.42)	(2.39)	(2.07)	(2.09)	(2.49)
Hispanic	0.41	0.51	0.43	0.38	0.35	0.39
	(1.35)	(1.64)	(1.39)	(1.26)	(1.12)	(1.30)
Other Race	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.08)	(0.16)
Felony	0.99	1.00	0.97	0.89	0.94	1.13
	(2.35)	(2.30)	(2.36)	(2.05)	(2.11)	(2.79)
Misdemeanor	1.55	1.94	1.70	1.45	1.45	1.29
	(3.91)	(4.48)	(4.18)	(3.59)	(3.72)	(3.56)
Agg. Assault/Battery	0.30	0.29	0.33	0.27	0.29	0.31
	(0.93)	(0.99)	(1.04)	(0.82)	(0.85)	(0.93)
Alcohol Offenses	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.19)
Armed Robbery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.06)	(0.00)	(0.04)	(0.03)
Arson	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.12)	(0.06)	(0.10)	(0.08)
Assault/Battery	0.49	0.54	0.50	0.46	0.50	0.44
	(1.40)	(1.52)	(1.37)	(1.34)	(1.41)	(1.35)
Att. Murder/Manslaughter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.03)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Auto Theft	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.08)	(0.11)	(0.07)	(0.10)
Burglary	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.07
	(0.53)	(0.57)	(0.56)	(0.59)	(0.51)	(0.39)
Disorderly Conduct	0.39	0.47	0.41	0.35	0.38	0.34
	(1.58)	(1.63)	(1.73)	(1.46)	(1.64)	(1.44)
Escape	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.03)
Felony Drug	0.18	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.14	0.38
	(0.90)	(0.50)	(0.43)	(0.45)	(0.60)	(1.64)
Felony Vandalism	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00
	(0.14)	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.17)	(0.13)	(0.09)
Fraud Forgery Counterfeit	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
	(0.16)	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.21)	(0.25)
Grand Larceny (excl Auto Theft)	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.09	0.05
	(0.45)	(0.51)	(0.47)	(0.54)	(0.41)	(0.29)
Hunt Fish Boat Laws	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.02)
Kidnapping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
	(0.09)	(0.11)	(0.03)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.08)
Loitering Prowling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.04)	(0.00)	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.03)
Misd. Obstruct Justice	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03
	(0.22)	(0.28)	(0.22)	(0.20)	(0.19)	(0.22)
Misd. Sex Offenses	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
	(0.17)	(0.13)	(0.26)	(0.14)	(0.17)	(0.13)
Misd. Weapon/Firearm	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.08)	(0.12)	(0.07)	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.06)
Misdemeanor Drug	0.38	0.54	0.44	0.35	0.30	0.28
	(1.21)	(1.53)	(1.44)	(1.09)	(0.95)	(0.95)
Murder/Manslaughter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.04)
Non-Felony Traffic Offenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Obstruct Justice	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.08)	(0.10)
Obstruct Justice Violent	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.16)	(0.08)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Other Fel. Sex Offense	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03
	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.20)	(0.20)

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Other Misdemeanors	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.10)
Other Robbery	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
	(0.23)	(0.22)	(0.27)	(0.27)	(0.21)	(0.17)
Petit Larceny	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.05
	(0.38)	(0.52)	(0.42)	(0.37)	(0.29)	(0.27)
Sexual Battery	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.13)	(0.17)	(0.13)	(0.10)	(0.14)	(0.10)
Stolen Property	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.10)	(0.16)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.09)
Trespassing	0.12	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.12	0.09
	(0.54)	(0.67)	(0.57)	(0.44)	(0.50)	(0.50)
Vandalism	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
	(0.20)	(0.24)	(0.22)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.17)
Weapon/Firearm	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.14
	(0.54)	(0.65)	(0.55)	(0.51)	(0.49)	(0.52)
“Other” Felony	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.04
	(0.21)	(0.17)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.26)	(0.24)
Observations	9,972	1,840	1,922	1,924	2,064	2,222

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Table 11. Means and standard deviations for district-level reports of school discipline

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Disciplinary Outcomes						
OSS	2255.55	2467.79	2260.04	2075.48	2160.99	2313.45
	(3062.70)	(3482.24)	(3125.28)	(2780.29)	(2903.99)	(3053.11)
ISS	2832.82	2998.75	2884.07	2790.91	2681.10	2809.28
	(4010.86)	(4609.49)	(4178.79)	(3905.23)	(3613.05)	(3786.69)
OSS – White Students	699.58	728.58	690.78	653.88	686.39	738.25
	(801.60)	(821.19)	(809.47)	(761.21)	(794.87)	(840.36)
OSS – Black Students	937.98	1053.15	973.16	864.76	882.87	915.97
	(1528.06)	(1744.30)	(1604.72)	(1372.94)	(1445.90)	(1482.99)
OSS – Hispanic Students	505.70	576.21	486.28	450.99	478.15	536.90
	(949.80)	(1219.92)	(908.34)	(819.68)	(842.88)	(927.09)
Physical Restraint	13.43	9.72	9.09	7.94	7.57	32.82
	(27.16)	(21.60)	(19.54)	(17.73)	(15.89)	(42.85)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

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Table 12. Means and standard deviations for school-level reports of school discipline

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Disciplinary Outcomes						
OSS	50.50	.	.	.	49.84	51.11
	(69.40)	.	.	.	(68.47)	(70.27)
ISS	61.54	.	.	.	62.24	60.89
	(102.49)	.	.	.	(103.11)	(101.93)
OSS – White Students	22.78	.	.	.	22.72	22.83
	(29.73)	.	.	.	(28.54)	(30.79)
OSS – Black Students	24.01	.	.	.	24.02	23.99
	(35.73)	.	.	.	(35.84)	(35.64)
OSS – Hispanic Students	15.14	.	.	.	15.02	15.25
	(26.63)	.	.	.	(26.09)	(27.13)
Physical Restraint	0.25	.	.	.	0.09	0.40
	(1.42)	.	.	.	(1.01)	(1.70)
Observations	9,972				2,064	2,222

Note. School-level discipline data was only available from the state from 2017-18 onward

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Table 13. Regression coefficients and standard errors from models predicting behavioral incidents from officer presence for district-level and school-level analyses overall and by incident severity level

	Total Incidents		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Panel A: District-Level Analysis										
# Schools Served	0.00337**	0.00143*	5.09e-05	-0.00129*	0.00562**	0.00370**	0.00305*	0.00136+	0.00263*	0.000182
	(0.00112)	(0.000612)	(0.00258)	(0.000600)	(0.00132)	(0.000637)	(0.00119)	(0.000810)	(0.00104)	(0.000412)
Constant	4.225**	-0.424	-0.980	-11.46**	-0.299	-3.136	2.893**	-6.175+	4.403**	5.482+
	(1.031)	(2.759)	(1.605)	(4.109)	(3.034)	(6.367)	(0.832)	(3.533)	(0.971)	(3.274)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	335	335	309	309	329	329	335	335	331	331
Panel B: School-Level Analysis										
Officer Served	1.385**	1.024	1.642**	0.978	1.429**	1.230**	1.513**	1.006	1.273**	0.933
	(0.0359)	(0.0419)	(0.116)	(0.122)	(0.0643)	(0.0977)	(0.0458)	(0.0482)	(0.0455)	(0.0590)
Constant	0.169**	0.887	0.0258**	0.488+	0.0659**	0.355**	0.111**	0.858	0.200**	0.985
	(0.00890)	(0.104)	(0.00370)	(0.207)	(0.00595)	(0.0742)	(0.00657)	(0.115)	(0.0142)	(0.170)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
School Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	9,609	9,002	9,609	4,535	9,609	6,887	9,609	8,467	9,609	7,918

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. SE are clustered in district-level analysis. Sample sizes vary due to some districts with zero disciplinary incidents for outcome which is undefined when log transformed and some schools with all zero outcomes over time. Results in Panel A are from OLS regression with log transformed outcome, and results in Panel B are incidence rate ratios from conditional fixed effect negative binomial regressions. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Table 14. Regression coefficients and standard errors from models predicting behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement from officer presence for district-level and school-level analyses overall and by incident severity level

	Reports to Law Enf.		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Panel A: District-Level Analysis										
# Schools Served	0.00312**	0.00110**	2.69e-05	-0.00130*	0.00501**	0.00295**	0.00286*	0.000907*	0.00572**	0.00400**
	(0.00115)	(0.000319)	(0.00257)	(0.000616)	(0.000902)	(0.000418)	(0.00114)	(0.000382)	(0.00186)	(0.00115)
Constant	2.127+	0.934	-0.996	-11.65**	-0.633	3.052	1.244	0.478	-5.147**	6.696
	(1.123)	(4.655)	(1.618)	(4.212)	(1.257)	(5.946)	(1.214)	(5.324)	(1.841)	(6.286)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	335	335	308	308	319	319	333	333	296	296
Panel B: School-Level Analysis										
Officer Served	1.648**	1.257**	1.655**	0.988	1.981**	1.354**	1.483**	1.186*	1.745**	1.692**
	(0.0572)	(0.0728)	(0.118)	(0.124)	(0.114)	(0.147)	(0.0603)	(0.0821)	(0.138)	(0.233)
Constant	0.0946**	0.900	0.0250**	0.500	0.0794**	0.545+	0.0785**	1.078	0.0567**	0.350**
	(0.00628)	(0.155)	(0.00362)	(0.216)	(0.00865)	(0.183)	(0.00590)	(0.217)	(0.00740)	(0.115)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
School Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	9,609	7,881	9,609	4,474	9,594	5,975	9,609	7,008	9,594	4,121

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. SE are clustered in district-level analysis. Sample sizes vary due to some districts with zero disciplinary incidents for outcome which is undefined when log transformed and some schools with all zero outcomes over time. Results in Panel A are from OLS regression with log transformed outcome, and results in Panel B are incidence rate ratios from conditional fixed effect negative binomial regressions. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Table 15. Regression coefficients and standard errors from models predicting public school arrests from officer presence for district-level and school-level analyses

	Total Arrests		Felonies		Misdemeanors		White		Black		Hispanic	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Panel A: District-Level Analysis												
# Schools Served	0.00167+	0.000713	0.00128	0.000145	0.00212*	0.00162	0.00351*	0.00150	0.00145+	0.000905	0.00223+	0.00116
	(0.000904)	(0.000795)	(0.000829)	(0.000691)	(0.00106)	(0.00108)	(0.00152)	(0.00145)	(0.000861)	(0.000684)	(0.00120)	(0.000998)
Constant	-0.515	1.883	-0.521	-0.0800	-2.012*	1.308	-3.361**	-1.002	-2.320*	0.331	-4.729**	-1.460
	(0.780)	(4.315)	(0.778)	(4.135)	(0.896)	(4.840)	(0.967)	(5.978)	(0.966)	(3.483)	(1.037)	(6.613)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	331	331	319	319	327	327	326	326	313	313	243	243
Panel B: School-Level Analysis												
Officer Served	1.823**	1.401**	1.676**	1.439**	2.038**	1.399*	1.875**	1.376*	1.751**	1.136	2.069**	1.306
	(0.105)	(0.141)	(0.121)	(0.183)	(0.157)	(0.189)	(0.151)	(0.198)	(0.134)	(0.150)	(0.293)	(0.320)
Constant	0.0383**	0.862	0.0410**	0.400*	0.0248**	0.729	0.0628**	0.929	0.0138**	0.720	0.0126**	1.407
	(0.00406)	(0.243)	(0.00548)	(0.169)	(0.00326)	(0.242)	(0.00870)	(0.385)	(0.00201)	(0.302)	(0.00271)	(2.053)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
School Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	9,609	5,517	9,609	4,750	9,609	4,431	9,549	4,214	9,609	4,289	9,372	2,915

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. SE are clustered in district-level analysis. Sample sizes vary due to some districts with zero disciplinary incidents for outcome which is undefined when log transformed and some schools with all zero outcomes over time. Results in Panel A are from OLS regression with log transformed outcome, and results in Panel B are incidence rate ratios from conditional fixed effect negative binomial regressions. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Table 16. Regression coefficients and standard errors from models predicting disciplinary outcomes from officer presence for district-level and school-level analyses

	OSS		ISS		OSS - White		OSS - Black		OSS - Hispanic	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Panel A: District-Level Analysis										
# Schools Served	0.00246	0.000325	0.00184+	-0.000256	0.00289	-0.000153	0.00220	0.000384	0.00316+	-6.36e-05
	(0.00170)	(0.00109)	(0.000989)	(0.000368)	(0.00202)	(0.00101)	(0.00197)	(0.00130)	(0.00189)	(0.00109)
Constant	2.811*	-8.648	4.410**	4.836+	2.385+	-6.660	0.167	-15.68+	-1.831	-7.619
	(1.098)	(7.338)	(1.220)	(2.646)	(1.223)	(6.654)	(1.119)	(8.949)	(1.227)	(7.050)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	335	335	331	331	335	335	335	335	333	333
Panel B: School-Level Analysis										
Officer Served	1.149**	1.035	1.308**	0.932	1.258**	1.050	1.073+	1.050	1.139**	0.990
	(0.0401)	(0.0507)	(0.0549)	(0.0650)	(0.0471)	(0.0415)	(0.0443)	(0.0535)	(0.0491)	(0.0588)
Constant	0.171**	1.752**	0.0602**	1.297	0.736**	8.362**	0.101**	4.188**	0.243**	3.725**
	(0.0115)	(0.370)	(0.00514)	(0.285)	(0.0547)	(3.131)	(0.00862)	(1.409)	(0.0196)	(1.597)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
School Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	4,162	3,764	4,162	3,428	3,161	2,508	3,161	2,502	3,158	2,484

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. SE are clustered in district-level analysis. Sample sizes vary due to some districts with zero disciplinary incidents for outcome which is undefined when log transformed and some schools with all zero outcomes over time. Results in Panel A are from OLS regression with log transformed outcome, and results in Panel B are incidence rate ratios from conditional fixed effect negative binomial regressions. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Appendix A. School district coverage in school-level analyses

School District	School-Level Analysis Coverage
Alachua	Complete
Baker	Complete
Bay	Partial – Only available for 17-18 and 18-19 school years
Bradford	Complete - Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Brevard	Partial– Only available for 17-18 and 18-19 school years
Broward	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Calhoun	Complete
Charlotte	Complete
Citrus	Complete – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Clay	Complete
Collier	Complete – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Columbia	Complete
Desoto	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Dixie	Complete
Duval	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Escambia	Complete
Flagler	Partial– Not available for 14-15 school year
Franklin	Complete
Gadsden	Complete
Gilchrist	Complete
Glades	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Gulf	Complete
Hamilton	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Hardee	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Hendry	Complete
Hernando	Complete
Highlands	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Hillsborough	Complete
Holmes	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data

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Indian River	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Jackson	Complete
Jefferson	Complete – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Lafayette	Complete
Lake	Complete – No data on charter schools
Lee	Complete
Leon	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Levy	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Liberty	Complete
Madison	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Manatee	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Marion	Complete
Martin	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Miami-Dade	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Monroe	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Nassau	Complete – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Okaloosa	Complete
Okeechobee	Complete
Orange	Complete
Osceola	Complete
Palm Beach	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Pasco	Complete
Pinellas	Complete
Polk	Complete
Putnam	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Santa Rosa	Complete
Sarasota	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Seminole	Complete
St. Johns	Complete
St. Lucie	Complete – Provided by school district and local law enforcement agency
Sumter	Complete

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Suwannee	Complete
Taylor	Complete
Union	Complete
Volusia	Partial – Not available for 14-15 school year
Wakulla	Complete
Walton	Complete
Washington	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies

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Appendix Table B1. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting total reported behavioral incidents and incidents by level for district-level analysis

	Total Incidents		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE
# of Schools Served										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00337**	0.00143*	5.09e-05	-0.00129*	0.00562**	0.00370**	0.00305*	0.00136+	0.00263*	0.000182
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00701**	0.000521	0.00490	-0.00195	0.00745**	0.00223**	0.00724**	0.000501	0.00543*	-0.000215
Weighted OLS	8.824*	11.38**	-0.111	-0.109	3.463+	4.303**	2.680	4.581+	2.792**	2.601**
Unweighted OLS	13.37**	8.282**	0.281	-0.185	3.829	3.211*	7.226**	1.996+	2.035**	3.260*
Poisson	0.00394**	0.00122*	0.00307	-0.00143*	0.00823**	0.00198+	0.00350**	0.000696	0.00222*	-9.94e-05
Negative Binomial	1.009**	1.001	1.011+	0.999	1.009**	1.002+	1.008**	1.001	1.007*	1.000
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00151+	0.00135	-0.00201	-0.00219**	0.00194	0.00339**	0.00208**	0.00178	0.000258	-0.000398
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00234	-0.00105	0.000267	-0.00279+	0.00143	-4.88e-05	0.00326*	-0.000497	0.00160	-0.000943
Weighted OLS	5.967+	14.72**	-0.144	-0.107	-0.546	3.765**	2.642	6.734**	4.016**	4.326**
Unweighted OLS	5.131	5.338	0.0563	-0.177	-1.974	0.0834	3.258	0.554	3.792**	4.877**
Poisson	0.000830	0.00102	0.000777	-0.00223**	-0.00271	0.00287	0.00183+	0.000982	0.000816	-0.000534
Negative Binomial	1.002	1.000	1.001	0.998*	1.001	1.000	1.003	1.000	1.002	1.000

Note. Each coefficient is from a separate regression including observable controls, year fixed-effects, and, as specified in the column headers, either with or without district fixed effects. Boxes highlighted in blue show statistically significant positive relationships while those in orange show statistically significant negative relationships. The primary results are those shown in the top row. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Appendix Table B2. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting total behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement and incidents by level for district-level analysis

	Incidents Reported to Law Enforcement		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE
# of Schools Served										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00312**	0.00110**	2.69e-05	-0.00130*	0.00501**	0.00295**	0.00286*	0.000907*	0.00572**	0.00400**
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00595*	-8.09e-05	0.00475	-0.00210	0.00612**	0.00149+	0.00593*	0.000414	0.00817*	0.00194
Weighted OLS	3.096**	2.088**	-0.113	-0.108	1.289**	1.084**	1.729**	1.184**	0.191	-0.0717
Unweighted OLS	4.749**	1.758*	0.276	-0.185	1.043**	0.815**	2.873*	1.167*	0.557	-0.0386
Poisson	0.00402**	0.000925*	0.00307	-0.00144*	0.00533**	0.00244**	0.00387**	0.00106*	0.00746**	-0.000987
Negative Binomial	1.010*	0.999	1.011+	0.999	1.007**	1.001	1.010*	0.999	1.019**	1.002
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00117	-0.000285	-0.00199	-0.00224**	0.00316*	0.00189	0.00108	-0.000482	0.00584**	0.00277
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.000864	-0.00214+	0.000232	-0.00296*	0.00197	-0.00102	0.00116	-0.00127	0.00104	0.00105
Weighted OLS	2.685**	1.393	-0.144	-0.107	1.244**	1.040**	1.595**	0.615	-0.0102	-0.155
Unweighted OLS	2.668**	0.789	0.0556	-0.177	0.565+	0.333	1.662**	0.506	0.385	0.127
Poisson	0.00160+	-0.000887	0.000794	-0.00226**	0.00375**	0.00196+	0.00181+	-0.000775	0.00166	-0.00384+
Negative Binomial	1.000	0.998*	1.001	0.998*	1.003	0.992**	1.000	0.999+	0.999	1.000

Note. Each coefficient is from a separate regression including observable controls, year fixed-effects, and, as specified in the column headers, either with or without district fixed effects. Boxes highlighted in blue show statistically significant positive relationships while those in orange show statistically significant negative relationships. The primary results are those shown in the top row. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Appendix Table B3. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting school arrests for district-level analysis

	Total Arrests		Felonies		Misdemeanors		White		Black		Hispanic	
	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE
# of Schools Served												
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00167+	0.000713	0.00128	0.000145	0.00212*	0.00162	0.00351*	0.00150	0.00145+	0.000905	0.00223+	0.00116
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00383+	-0.000116	0.00389*	-0.000445	0.00417+	0.000326	0.00748**	0.00122	0.00318	-0.000212	0.00525*	0.000576
Weighted OLS	0.182	-0.0237	0.0493	0.0137	0.133	-0.0373	0.0311	-0.0941+	0.142	0.0332	0.0119	0.0409
Unweighted OLS	0.685	-0.0936	0.251*	0.0429	0.435	-0.137	0.247	-0.0314	0.410*	-0.0597	0.0254	-0.00497
Poisson	0.00231+	-4.25e-05	0.00194*	-0.000113	0.00267	-7.46e-05	0.00351*	-0.000722	0.00226+	0.000139	0.00252*	-0.000147
Negative Binomial	1.006+	1.000	1.006*	1.000	0.0119	0.0409	1.009*	1.000	1.005	1.000	1.008*	0.999
# of Officers												
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.000733	0.000653	0.000104	0.000191	0.00128	0.00143	0.00416**	0.00238*	0.000415	0.000893	0.00204*	0.000305
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.000119	-0.000718	0.000996	-0.000872	-0.000554	-0.000980	0.00424*	0.00110	-0.000219	-0.000940	0.00228	-0.000463
Weighted OLS	0.0890	0.0341	0.0879+	0.120+	0.00109	-0.0864	0.0151	-0.0794	0.0472	0.0217	0.0318	0.0984
Unweighted OLS	0.0738	-0.148	0.193**	0.117	-0.119	-0.265*	0.143+	0.0210	-0.0736	-0.204*	0.00171	0.0335
Poisson	0.000250	-0.000678	0.000297	-0.000571	-0.000112	-0.00115	0.00140	-0.000915	-0.000223	-0.000528	0.00129	-0.000686
Negative Binomial	1.000	1.000	1.001	1.000	0.999	0.999	1.002	1.000	0.999	1.000	0.999	0.998

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Appendix Table B4. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting school discipline for district-level analysis

	OSS		ISS		OSS - White		OSS - Black		OSS - Hispanic	
	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE
# of Schools Served										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00246	0.000325	0.00184+	-0.000256	0.00289	-0.000153	0.00220	0.000384	0.00316+	-6.36e-05
Unweighted OLS w/ logged outcome	0.00592*	-0.000974**	0.00425*	-0.000315	0.00701**	-0.00135**	0.00625*	-0.00132*	0.00717*	-0.00148**
Weighted OLS	7.683	-0.613	-5.254	-3.422	2.593	-0.954*	4.599	-0.239	-0.0334	0.728
Unweighted OLS	24.37*	-6.103*	8.830	-5.213	5.746+	-0.861*	13.44**	-3.156	4.108	-2.004**
Poisson	0.00387**	-0.00118**	0.00200*	-0.000453	0.00489**	-0.00114**	0.00414**	-0.00138**	0.00357*	-0.000841
Negative Binomial	1.008*	0.999	1.006*	1.000	1.010*	0.999+	1.008*	1.000	1.010*	0.998**
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.000422	0.00138	0.000749	-0.000510	0.000748	0.000854	-2.91e-06	0.00152	0.00107	0.00106
Unweighted OLS w/ logged outcome	0.00140	-0.000772+	0.00188	-0.000640	0.00186	-0.000777	0.00116	-0.00119*	0.00108	-0.00117
Weighted OLS	-2.739	6.376	-7.503+	-2.980	0.234	-0.520	-1.340	2.743	-1.683	4.220
Unweighted OLS	6.250	-2.234	-3.367	-7.637*	1.456	-0.0508	2.705	-1.741	1.729	-0.500
Poisson	0.00109	-0.000788	-3.65e-05	-0.000981	0.000993	-0.000842+	0.00117	-0.00103	0.00204	0.000323
Negative Binomial	1.002	1.000	1.001	0.999	1.002	1.000	1.002	1.001	1.000	1.000

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Appendix Table B5. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting reported behavioral incidents for school-level analysis

	Total Incidents		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE
Officer Served										
Negative Binomial	1.385**	1.024	1.642**	0.978	1.429**	1.230**	1.513**	1.006	1.273**	0.933
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.234**	-0.119	0.376**	-0.00805	0.0120	0.0885	0.311**	-0.133	0.179**	-0.145
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.254**	-0.137*	0.406**	0.0316	0.0201	-0.0225	0.336**	-0.173*	0.176**	-0.124
Weighted OLS	8.327**	-8.967**	1.423**	0.123	1.181**	-0.307	3.792**	-4.181**	1.931**	-4.602**
Unweighted OLS	7.108**	-6.339**	1.215**	0.109	0.861*	-0.515*	3.492**	-3.263**	1.540**	-2.670**
Poisson	0.376*	-0.265**	0.786*	0.394*	0.0228	0.00772	0.485**	-0.321**	0.343**	-0.150
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.102*	-0.0854+	0.173**	0.0449	0.127**	-0.0398	0.141**	-0.114*	-0.0615	-0.0826
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.155**	-0.145**	0.226**	0.0344	0.0694	-0.123	0.223**	-0.176**	0.0137	-0.136+
Weighted OLS	3.739*	-6.352**	0.951**	0.0631	0.815*	-0.683*	2.059+	-2.892*	-0.0869	-2.840*
Unweighted OLS	5.475**	-6.176**	0.983**	0.0849	0.569+	-0.947**	3.518**	-2.848**	0.405	-2.466**
Poisson	0.153	-0.0788	0.395**	0.150	0.160	-0.133+	0.157	-0.136*	0.0429	0.0180
Negative Binomial	1.139**	1.017	1.366**	1.010	1.250**	0.980	1.162**	1.028	1.009	0.917+

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Appendix Table B6. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement for school-level analysis

	Incidents Reported to Law Enforcement		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE
# of Schools Served										
Negative Binomial	1.648**	1.257**	1.655**	0.988	1.981**	1.354**	1.483**	1.186*	1.745**	1.692**
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.408**	0.193*	0.361**	-0.00217	0.0358	0.149	0.354**	0.123	0.268**	0.0535
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.445**	0.199*	0.397**	0.0434	0.0629	0.114	0.409**	0.123	0.294**	0.0613
Weighted OLS	8.042**	-1.084+	1.420**	0.123	0.264*	0.0477	4.429**	-0.487	1.928**	-0.767**
Unweighted OLS	6.662**	-0.277	1.213**	0.109	0.319**	0.0543	3.764**	-0.0422	1.366**	-0.398*
Poisson	0.673**	0.256**	0.784+	0.396*	0.685**	0.235	0.612**	0.213*	0.730*	0.471*
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.199**	0.102+	0.170**	0.0516	0.117**	0.0638	0.161**	0.0927	0.0567	0.0105
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.275**	0.105	0.222**	0.0453	0.110**	0.0274	0.253**	0.0820	0.0922	0.0484
Weighted OLS	4.055**	0.357	0.946**	0.0695	0.492**	0.00848	1.602*	0.570	1.016*	-0.291
Unweighted OLS	4.737**	0.204	0.978**	0.0854	0.423**	-0.0164	2.458**	0.363	0.878**	-0.228
Poisson	0.279**	0.170*	0.398**	0.150	0.224+	0.0396	0.257**	0.186**	0.354**	0.160
Negative Binomial	1.208**	1.108*	1.381**	1.012	1.237**	1.052	1.165**	1.130**	1.264**	1.207*

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Appendix Table B7. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting school arrests for school-level analysis

	Total Arrests		Felonies		Misdemeanors		White		Black		Hispanic	
	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE
# of Schools Served												
Negative Binomial	1.823**	1.401**	1.676**	1.439**	2.038**	1.399*	1.875**	1.376*	1.751**	1.136	2.069**	1.306
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.172**	0.113	0.0137	-0.0104	0.111	-0.0636	0.143*	0.0199	0.144+	0.0814	-0.0411	0.209
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.211**	0.0838	0.0691	0.0107	0.131+	-0.183	0.143*	0.0108	0.205**	0.0837	-0.0672	0.0272
Weighted OLS	1.496**	0.126	0.161	-0.182	1.335**	0.308	0.777**	-0.118	0.784**	0.174	-0.0707	0.0773
Unweighted OLS	1.211**	0.0712	0.227*	-0.0598	0.984**	0.131	0.594**	-0.0344	0.652**	0.0724	-0.0398	0.0377
Poisson	0.566**	0.107	0.553**	0.280*	0.542*	-0.0177	0.633**	0.164	0.521+	0.00892	0.754**	0.370
# of Officers												
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	-0.00205	0.00965	-0.0452	0.0342	-0.0963	-0.189+	-0.108+	-0.114	-0.0974	-0.106	0.000881	0.0540
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.0753	0.0110	-0.00165	0.0310	-0.0352	-0.224*	-0.0366	-0.104	0.0174	-0.0755	-0.0277	0.0118
Weighted OLS	0.274	-0.460	-0.0841	-0.341	0.358	-0.119	-0.0999	-0.371*	0.246	-0.0960	0.133	0.0122
Unweighted OLS	0.822**	-0.253	0.179+	-0.179	0.643**	-0.0744	0.161+	-0.183*	0.578**	-0.0591	0.0837	-0.00419
Poisson	0.0670	-0.0627	0.0810	0.0247	0.0467	-0.144	0.197+	-0.0641	0.00362	-0.0942	0.135	0.00797
Negative Binomial	1.099*	1.055	1.113*	1.150+	1.085+	0.988	1.193**	1.039	1.027	0.938	1.103	1.107

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Appendix Table B8. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting school discipline for school-level analysis

	OSS		ISS		OSS - White		OSS - Black		OSS - Hispanic	
	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE
# of Schools Served										
Negative Binomial	1.149**	1.035	1.308**	0.932	1.258**	1.050	1.073+	1.050	1.139**	0.990
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.254**	0.0181	0.446**	0.106	0.160**	0.0523	0.171**	0.081	0.152**	-0.0262
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.226**	-0.00379	0.477**	0.142	0.140**	0.0821	0.166**	0.0917	0.141**	-0.00670
Weighted OLS	32.59**	-2.272	7.492	1.528	15.80**	-1.015	10.09**	-0.303	5.385*	-1.339
Unweighted OLS	22.99**	-0.581	7.808+	1.491	11.12**	-0.106	8.375**	0.397	2.922*	-0.828
Poisson	0.226*	0.0333	0.474**	0.142*	0.218**	0.0390	0.233*	0.0396	0.193*	-0.00232
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.240**	-0.115	0.336**	0.0563	0.0943*	-0.0208	0.127*	0.0174	0.0766	-0.0693
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.222**	-0.0944	0.391**	0.0921	0.0921*	-0.00254	0.156**	0.0431	0.105*	-0.0229
Weighted OLS	15.10**	-6.102*	20.52**	-0.440	4.139*	-2.703	8.035**	-1.100	1.369	-1.743
Unweighted OLS	15.58**	-3.430+	17.03**	0.218	4.738**	-1.478	8.027**	-0.418	1.964+	-1.044
Poisson	0.168**	-0.0131	0.186*	0.0650	0.151**	-0.00655	0.190**	0.00418	0.0649	-0.0347
Negative Binomial	1.088**	0.951	1.234**	0.934	1.130**	0.992	1.055	1.002	1.031	0.945

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"While as Americans we all have a right to peacefully assemble, violence or rioting of any kind is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in the state of Florida. In 2020, I proposed legislation to stop violent assemblies, combat rioting and protect law enforcement. In light of today's events at our United States Capitol, we have no time to waste to uphold public safety. I look forward to working with House Speaker Sprowls and Senate President Simpson to swiftly pass this bill during the upcoming Legislative Session so that we may protect the rule of law in our great state."

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"In a democracy, rioting, violence and lawlessness are repugnant and unacceptable. This isn't a peaceful protest. It's an act of domestic terrorism. It's a tragic, cowardly and un-American spectacle. Together we are taking immediate action in Florida by filing the Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act. The House will work together with Governor DeSantis and the Senate to protect Floridians from this kind of nonsensical violence. And when these types of despicable acts happen, law enforcement and prosecutors will have the tools and the support they need to keep Floridians safe, communities whole and property undamaged."

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"Our constitutional right to protest has played a critical role in the great history of our democracy. I fully respect the right of every American to peacefully protest; however, there is absolutely no excuse for attacking law enforcement and destroying property. Over the last few months, Governor DeSantis has discussed strengthening our state laws to increase penalties for bad actors who turn otherwise peaceful and constitutional protests into violent attacks on law enforcement officers. I am proud to support our Governor and join with our House colleagues to make it clear that peaceful protests are welcome, but violent, destructive mobs will not be tolerated in Florida."

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ICYMI: Florida Speaker Sprowls Targets Mob Violence with New Bill: 'You Will Go to Prison'

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. *(January 8, 2021)* — Today, Florida Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls (R-Palm Harbor), a former state prosecutor, joined *America's Newsroom* on Fox News Channel to highlight HB 1, the first-in-the-nation bill that targets rioting and mob violence statewide in Florida.

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Sprowls said, “We do not care about which viewpoint is being expressed. This is a nation of laws governed by the Constitution and in the state of Florida our message is very very clear: that kind of conduct, that kind of activity will not be tolerated, and you will go to prison.” (LINK)

HB 1 was filed in the House by Representatives by Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R-Miami-Dade) on Wednesday night in timely response to the violent protests in Washington, D.C., and across the nation last summer.

The link to the full interview can be seen here.

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Subject: FW: PLEASE correct/update Exec Order 2020-180 to stop excluding homeowners decimated by loss of vacation rental income

From: Floyd Calhoun <islandfloydo@gmail.com>
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Hello Governor and Anyone willing to help,

Executive order 2020-87 and all subsequent orders that essentially eliminated the vast majority of income for vacation rental owners for the season is about to land thousands, including my family, on the streets. Our home is a duplex... our primary residence is one half of a duplex; the other side is an Airbnb Vacation Rental.

Executive Order 2020-180 does not protect us from the imminent foreclosure. I know of dozens of people in this same situation because this order only protected single family residences, not primary residences. Statewide, thousands upon thousands of owner-occupied vacation home owners are in the process of losing their homes, their Florida dreams because of the excruciating loss of income and because Executive Order 180 excluded muli-family property owners from protection.

I prat this was an oversight.

PLEASE UPDATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-180 by simply
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just add "and Owner-Occupied muli-family" homes.

I fully understand the intention to limit the scope of the mortgage and eviction moratorium to weed out those taking advantage of the coronavirus situation, but literally thousands of owner-occupied multi-family homeowners who rely on vacation rental income to pay the mortgage, taxes, insurance, etc. are currently unprotected from the loss of income that is 100% the result of banning vacation rentals and the subsequent orders.

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Cc: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>; Kauffman, Lisa <Kauffman.Lisa@flsenate.gov>
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Yes. Here you go.

President Simpson:

"The right to protest is very important, but there is absolutely no excuse for attacking law enforcement and destroying property. I'm glad Governor DeSantis has suggested strengthening our state laws to increase penalties for bad actors who turn otherwise peaceful and constitutional protests into violent attacks on law enforcement officers, and look forward to working with him on that legislation this session."

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Hi Katie, was just calling to see if Senate President Simpson has a reaction/statement about the events on Capitol Hill today. We'll be adding reactions to our story as we get them from various officials, etc. Thanks.

Gray Rohrer
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CC: Kauffman, Lisa <Kauffman.Lisa@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: SB 484

Good Morning Ladies! Would it be possible for Senator Burgess to give Dara Kam with the News Service of Florida a call today regarding SB 484/HB 1?

The summary of HB 1 is below. The language is identical to Senator Burgess' SB 484. Dara's cell is (850) 570-1592.

HB 1 Summary

HB 1 relates to combatting public disturbances and will:

- Codify current offense of rioting and create new offenses of aggravated rioting and aggravated inciting or encouraging a riot.
- Enhance penalties for defacing a memorial, create offense of destroying a memorial and require mandatory restitution for the full cost of repair or replacement of the memorial.
- Create offense of mob intimidation for an assembly of three or more persons to act together to compel another person by force, or threat of force, to do any act or assume or abandon a particular viewpoint.
- Create offense of doxing that will make it a 1st degree misdemeanor to electronically publish another's personal identification information with the intent the information will be used to threaten, intimidate, harass, or place a person in fear of death or great bodily harm.
- Create a minimum mandatory sentence of six months in jail for a person convicted of battery of a law enforcement officer in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.
- Reclassify the misdemeanor or felony degree of the offenses of assault, battery, theft and burglary offenses when committed in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.
- Increase the ranking in the offense severity ranking chart for specified crimes committed in furtherance of a riot including: aggravated assault or battery, assault or battery on a law enforcement officer, removing a tomb or monument or disturbing a grave, and specified thefts or burglaries.
- Provide a process for objecting to a reduction in a police budget and will allow the Governor and Cabinet to overturn a reduction upon a finding that public safety would be compromised.
- Create a cause of action and waives sovereign immunity to allow a victim of a crime resulting from a riot to sue a municipality for damages, if the municipality obstructed or interfered with law enforcement's ability to provide police protection during a riot or unlawful assembly.
- Correct constitutional infirmities in current law to permit law enforcement to prohibit obstructing streets, highways, and roads and create a defense to civil liability for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage arising from injury or damage sustained by a person participating in a riot or unlawful assembly.
- Require a person to be held in jail until appearing before a court for first appearance when he or she is arrested for certain rioting offenses.

Please let me know if you need any more information on this. Thank you!

Katie

From: Dara Kam <darakam@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 8:01 AM
To: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>
Subject: SB 484

Good morning Katie. Would it be possible to speak with Sen. Burgess or President Simpson today about SB 484?
Thank you,
Dara

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Dara Kam

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To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: SB 54 - Motor Vehicle Insurance

This is important. Please print and reply

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Subject: SB 54 - Motor Vehicle Insurance

Dear Senator Burgess,

I wanted to circle back with you to discuss SB 54 – Motor Vehicle Insurance. We have discussed this legislation in the past and some of the concerns that the Florida Orthopaedic Society has with eliminating PIP without providing patients with clarity over what insurance coverage will cover any harm they may do to themselves and unambiguous language that will make it clear that health insurance will become the primary payer of care rendered in the event of an automobile accident.

Our specific concerns with the current bill are as follows:

1. We understand the argument that for drivers that have both health insurance and PIP, they are carrying duplicative coverage. But we also understand there are a significant number of Floridians that are uninsured because their employers do not offer them coverage and they are priced out of the health insurance market. The massive loss of jobs due to COVID has made this situation even worse. For those uninsured, the Florida no-fault coverage is their only health insurance coverage. Though the bill has a mandatory "offering" of med pay, we would encourage mandatory election of such coverage for those drivers that cannot provide proof of health insurance coverage when purchasing their auto policy. This would create a small risk pool of uninsured patients that are required to pay into Med Pay Coverage which should have a positive impact on rates with more people paying into that pool, rather than just relying on those that voluntarily choose to purchase the additional med pay. We support a strict definition of what is covered in that mandatory Med Pay coverage to be limited to only Emergency Care as defined in the Statutes. We strongly believe there will be a significant impact on emergency physicians and uninsured Floridians if there is no mandated coverage to pay for emergency care if the motorist cannot provide prove of health insurance.
2. It is current practice for health insurance carriers to deny claims that are related to automobile accidents. That is why our members routinely have to ask if an injury the patient has sustained is related to an auto accident or workers compensation. When other insurance products may be responsible, the health insurance carriers currently deny the claim. We would strongly encourage you to include clear language that establishes that health insurance is the primary payer for auto injuries and provides a process for coordination of benefits after the fact with an Auto Insurance Carrier that is ultimately found responsible for the claim. This will ensure timely access to care and treatment for injured motorists and a process for the health insurance carrier to be made whole for the payment of any treatment that was the responsibility of the auto carrier.
3. Finally, with more patients needing to utilize their health insurance to receive treatment for auto accidents in emergency rooms and outside of their usual primary care and specialist networks, physicians and insurance carriers will need a venue to address any out-of-network payment disputes that will arise. It would help to make it clear that any payment dispute between the health insurer, auto carrier, and physician, the appropriate venue for resolution is the Provider and Health Plan Dispute Resolution Program currently in statute and housed at AHCA. That dispute resolution process was last reviewed when the state addressed Surprise Medical Billing. We believe the need to use that process will increase as health insurance becomes primary for more auto related care. We do need to fix that Dispute Resolution Process to include mandatory participation from the insurance carriers as well as currently their participation is optional and we have seen many refuse to participate.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide these three concerns that we have with the current legislative proposal. We hope to work with you on your legislation as it moves through the process so we achieve clarity for all stakeholders and make sure patients are able to access care in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Senate Bill 54 Talking Points and Summary

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On Tuesday, January 26, the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance will consider Senate Bill 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance by Senator Danny Burgess. Please see the attached talking points and bill summary for Senate Bill 54, created by the Senate Majority Office. Our office is available to assist you should you have any questions.

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Senate Bill 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance

by Senator Danny Burgess

Repealing PIP, requiring BI coverage, and creating a new framework for bad faith actions

Talking Points:

- Senate Bill 54 transforms ineffective and outdated insurance practices to result in a more stable insurance market and better outcomes for all insured Floridians.
- Florida is one of only two states that does not currently require drivers to carry liability coverage that immediately kicks in if they cause bodily injury or death.
- This legislation repeals Florida's No-Fault Law and instead enacts a bodily injury liability system, providing fairness to insured drivers and placing liability on the at-fault party in an accident.
- Florida's No-Fault Law, which requires Personal Injury Protection (PIP), has failed to substantially reduce litigation.
- For everyone's protection, drivers must be insured at sufficient levels. The repeal of PIP will allow Floridians to purchase better coverage.
- Enacting Senate Bill 54 will ensure more significant bodily injury liability coverage for Floridians and require insurance companies to offer first party medical coverage (MedPay) of $5,000 or $10,000 to all drivers.
- Senate Bill 54 also reforms bad faith actions in order to reduce litigation by providing a set of standards that will govern conduct of both parties during the claims handling process.
- This legislation creates a framework to improve the claims handling process and lead to more favorable conclusions for both the insured and insurance company.
- Allowing insurers to conduct settlement negotiations that are more in line with insurer's evaluation of the claim can lead to less overall costs.
- Senate Bill 54 aims to lower the number of uninsured and underinsured drivers and provide a greater safety net in the event of an accident.

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Bill Summary:

Repeal Personal Injury Protection (PIP) and Mandate Bodily Injury (BI) Coverage

- Repeals the Florida's No-Fault Law, which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain PIP coverage.
- Enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:
    - For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and;
    - Subject to that limit for one person, $50,000 for BI or death of two or more people in any one crash.
    - Retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.
    - Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
    - Eliminates limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Mandate the Offer of Medical Payments Coverage (MedPay)

- Requires insurers to offer MedPay with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured.
    - Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000.
    - Insurers may offer deductibles of up to $500.
- Requires insurers to reserve $5,000 of MedPay to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.

Create a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Claims

- Creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance.
- Requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.

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- Establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:
    - Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
    - State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
    - Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
    - Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed their policy limit.
    - Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
    - Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of demand and ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.
- Allows the third-party bad faith claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a 2-hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets.
- The claimant may withdraw the settlement demand after the EUO.
- If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, they may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.
- Provides a safe harbor to the insurer in third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., providing that an insurer is not liable for bad faith if it tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a settlement demand.
- Requires the trier of fact to consider certain actions of the insurer such as compliance with best practices.
- Prohibits punitive damages in a bad faith failure to settle action.

<u>Allow Named Driver Exclusions</u>

- Authorizes the exclusion of a specifically named individual from specified insurance coverages under a private passenger motor vehicle policy, with the written consent of the policyholder.

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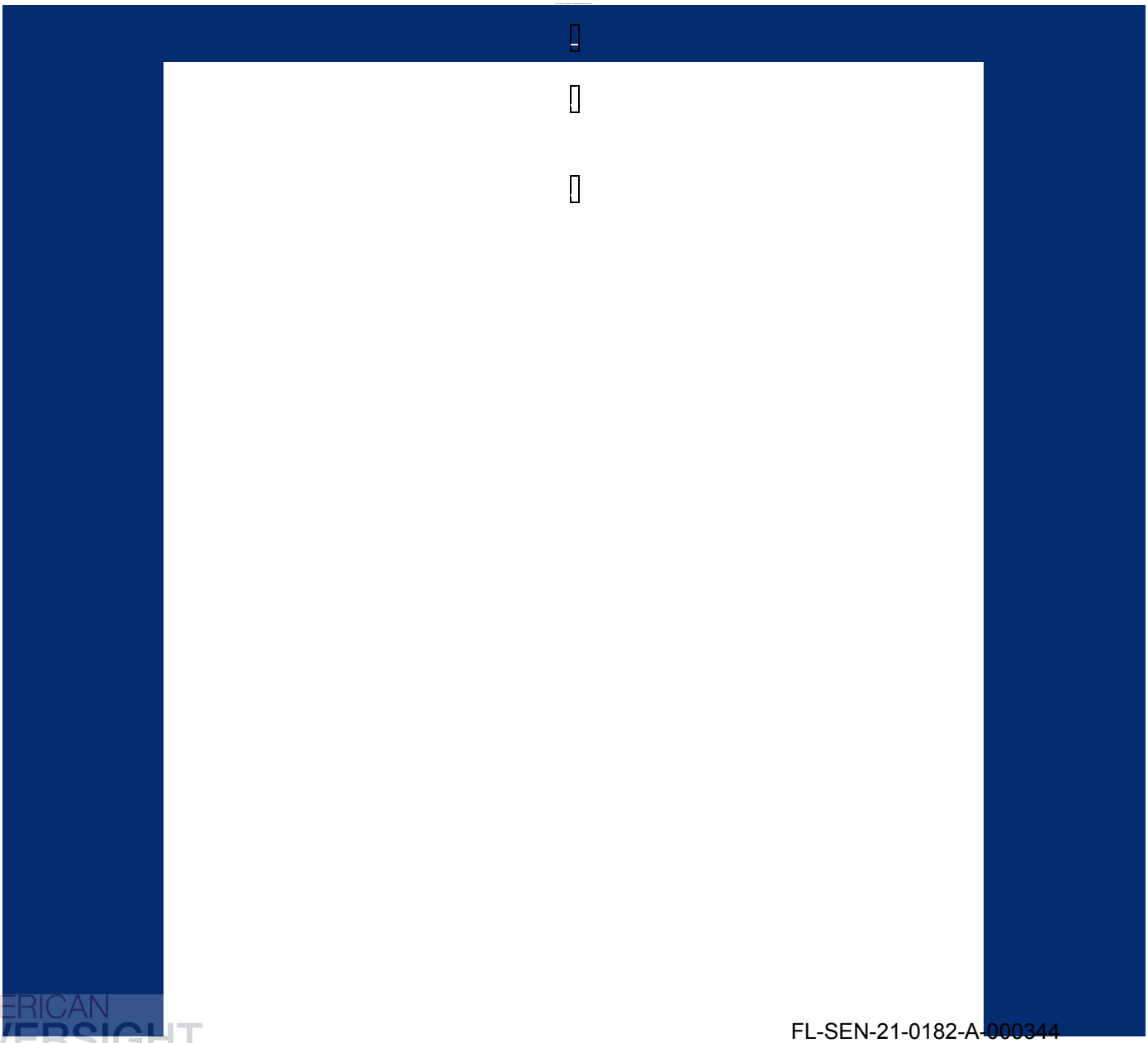

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In this inaugural newsletter, I provide a brief overview of the upcoming week and discuss a few of the bills I've filed so far.

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On Friday I filed legislation to improve access to vaccinations for Floridians. **SB 494: Administration of Vaccines** would amend Florida State Statutes to allow pharmacists who meet certain requirements to administer vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to adults.

This legislation will increase the number of vaccination sites by allowing licensed and approved pharmacists to vaccinate the public at their local pharmacy.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder

We are a nation of law and order, not violence, destruction, and unrest. We respect the right to peacefully protest, but the shameful conduct we witnessed at the United States Capitol and episodes of violent civil unrest that we have witnessed over the last several months have no place in our country.

Last week I filed **SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder.** SB 484 makes it clear that here in Florida criminals who seek to thwart peaceful protests by willfully inciting violence, attacking law enforcement, and destroying public or private property will be held accountable.

Read the statements from Governor Ron DeSantis, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senate President Wilton Simpson, and Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin HERE.

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This legislation would require social media companies to provide individual and business users notice when the website has suspended or disabled a user's account and requires the companies to detail the steps necessary to restore the account.

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The Week Ahead

As the chair of the Senate Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, I am looking forward to our first meeting on Thursday, January 14.

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees, and the Former Secretary of the Florida Agency on Health Care Administration, Mary Mayhew will be presenting to the committee.

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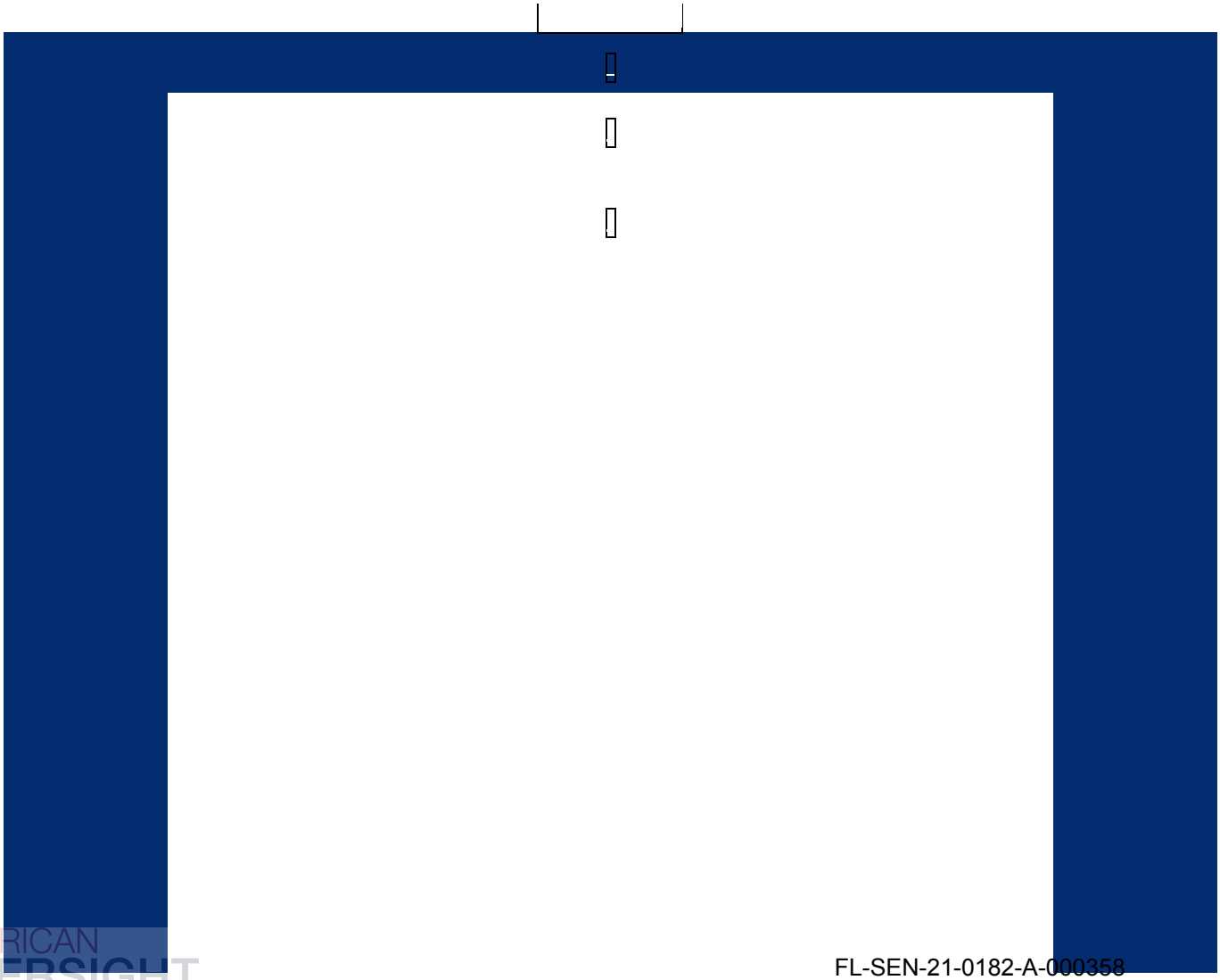

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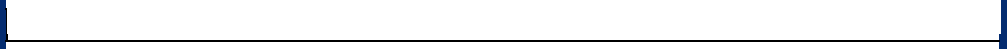

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This week in the Florida Senate

Dear friends,

I've just returned from another busy week in the Florida Senate.

This week, I presented (and passed) my first bill, cast my first votes, and attended quite a few virtual meetings. On Thursday, my committee received an update on vaccine distribution and the pandemic response from the National Guard and the Department of Emergency Management.

It is an honor to serve you in the Florida Senate.

Forward March,

Danny Burgess
State Senator
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Some Pawsitive News!

In between meetings, my staff and I have been busy child-proofing (and puppy-proofing) the office.

I am very excited to announce that Courtney, the kids, and our newest addition, Briar, will be joining me in Tallahassee next week! If you follow me on social media you may have seen photos of Briar, our four-month-old King Charles Cavalier puppy.

You can follow Briar's adventures on Twitter and Facebook at @legallybriar.

SB 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance Approved by Banking and Insurance Committee

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This week the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, chaired by Senator Jim Boyd approved **SB 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance**.

SB 54 is the first bill I presented in the Florida Senate. This legislation will replace Florida's no-fault system with a bodily injury liability system more appropriately places liability where it should be – with the party that caused the accident.

Additionally, the bill creates a new framework for handling bad faith litigation that provides a clear set of standards to govern the conduct of both parties in the claims handling process, which I believe will lead to better outcomes for both insured Floridians and their insurance companies.

- Repeals No-Fault, Requires Bodily Injury Liability Coverage
- Requires Insurance Companies to Offer Medical Payments Coverage
- Creates a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions
- Allows for Named Driver Exclusions

Senate Bill 54 transforms this ineffective and outdated insurance structure, which I believe will lead to a more stable insurance market and better outcomes for insured Floridians when they face the unfortunate and in some cases tragic circumstance of being involved in a serious vehicle accident.

Emergency Management Director and Florida National Guard Brief Committee on Pandemic Response

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This week in the Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response:

As chair of the Select Committee, I asked our Division of Emergency Management Director, **Jared Moskowitz** to update our committee members on the state's COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Director Moskowitz gave an incredibly detailed presentation and provided a week-by-week review of Florida's vaccine distribution and administration progress. Although Florida leads the nation in vaccinations of seniors 65 years of age and older, there remains a critical need for increased vaccine supply from the federal government. The lack of vaccine supply from the federal government is currently the major impediment to vaccinating more Floridians.

I also asked the Florida National Guard's Director of Military Support, Col. John L. Steele, to brief the Select Committee on their response to COVID-19.

The Florida National Guard continues to support the state's COVID-19 response through operational support of Community Based Testing Sites, Community Vaccination Sites, Mobile Testing Teams, augmentation to airport screening, statewide logistics support, coordination, food distribution, planning, and operational mission sets.

My Legislation

Below are the bills I will present in committee meetings next week:

- S 416 **POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial**
  - On Committee agenda-- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/02/21
- S 494 **Administration of Vaccines**
  - On Committee agenda-- Health Policy, 02/04/21

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Senator Burgess,

The attached PDF is the official number of uninsured motorists in the state of Florida. For November 2020, it was 6.6 percent. I've included their uninsured motorist estimate as an attachment dated 12.16.2020.

Here is how DHSMV generates that number:

- Once a month a data pull is conducted for the number of vehicles registered in the state, and the number of vehicles that have meet the minimal insurance requirements as reported to the Department from the Insurance industry. Those numbers are reflected on the page and used to create a rate. Commercial vehicles are excluded from the pull since it is only to reflect personally owned vehicles.

The insurance industry generates a very different number. A 2017 Insurance Research Council report estimated that in 2015, 26.7 percent of Florida drivers were uninsured. This was the highest uninsured motorist rate in the country. In my experience, the insurance industry points to this number rather than the DHSMV number. I've included the 2017 IRC report as an attachment.

Here is how the IRC generates their number:

- Uninsured motorist rates were estimated by comparing the injury portion of UM insurance coverage with bodily injury (BI) liability coverage. If an insured person is injured in an auto accident caused by an at-fault driver, then he or she will fi le a BI liability claim against the at-fault driver seeking compensation for their injury. However, if the at-fault driver is uninsured or the injured person is a victim of a hit-and-run driver, then the injured person will fi le a UM claim with their own insurance company to seek compensation. Claim frequencies measure the number of insurance claims per 100 vehicles insured for an entire year. The ratio of UM claim frequency to BI claim frequency represents the chance that someone injured in an auto accident was the victim of an uninsured at-fault driver.

It think the IRC number likely overestimates the number of true uninsured in Florida because Florida does not require BI coverage. The most likely ways the DHSMV number is incorrect is if there are large numbers of unregistered vehicles on the roads, or the insurance industry data is somehow incorrect regarding the real number of insureds.

Personally, I think that by mandating BI, the IRC number of 26.7% is likely to decrease because more drivers will have BI, but the DHSMV number will increase because the coverage will likely be more expensive for some people that currently buy PIP/PD only policies.

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Average Uninsured Motorist Rate in FL for CY 2020

	Vehicles Registered Requring Insurance	Number Of Uninsured Vehicles	% of Uninsured Vehicles
January 2019	14,307,274	870,475	6.084
February 2019	14,455,785	871,196	6.027
March 2019	14,530,348	852,507	5.867
April 2019	14,581,375	835,962	5.733
May 2019	14,681,314	854,852	5.823
June 2019	14,697,659	866,487	5.895
July 2019	14,749,245	877,606	5.950
August 2019	14,746,471	888,887	6.028
September 2019	14,752,148	898,349	6.090
October 2019	14,763,143	907,656	6.148
November 2019	14,781,065	986,880	6.677
December 2019	14,796,734	1,079,572	7.296
January 2020	14,607,444	1,213,035	8.304
February 2020	14,763,716	1,216,847	8.242
March 2020	14,848,562	1,170,098	7.880
April 2020	14,883,373	1,040,236	6.989
May 2020	14,872,564	1,015,738	6.830
June 2020	14,814,079	977,708	6.600
July 2020	14,878,914	971,508	6.529
August 2020	14,927,788	988,004	6.619
September 2020	14,948,625	994,795	6.655
October 2020	14,978,402	995,977	6.649
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Executive Summary

Most licensed drivers in the United States are required by state law to maintain liability insurance coverage that will compensate others for injuries or damages resulting from auto accidents in which the insured is found to be at fault. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia have adopted compulsory insurance laws requiring drivers to maintain liability insurance coverage.[1] Even in New Hampshire, the only state without a compulsory auto insurance law, drivers who have demonstrated a lack of financial responsibility for past auto accidents must provide proof of financial responsibility for potential future accidents.[2]

Despite the near-universal requirement that drivers maintain liability insurance coverage, a significant number do not, and these uninsured drivers increase costs for drivers who do have coverage. Auto insurance policies typically include uninsured motorist (UM) coverage that will protect the insured if they are injured by an at-fault uninsured driver. The costs associated with UM insurance coverage can be significant. According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), the countrywide average premium cost per covered vehicle for UM coverage in 2013 was $67.[3]

Uninsured motorists pose additional costs for insurance companies, state governments, and taxpayers. In 2012, the average UM claim included $11,379 in claimed medical losses and $7,960 in lost wages.[4] In addition to underwriting UM insurance coverage and processing UM insurance claims, auto insurance companies must comply with regulations in many states requiring insurers to inform the state any time auto insurance coverage is cancelled. State governments administer taxpayer-funded programs to monitor the insurance status of motor vehicles registered in the state.

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1 Insurance Information Institute, 2017 Insurance Fact Book (New York: Insurance Information Institute, 2017) p. 87.

2 New Hampshire Statute RSA 264.

3 National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Auto Insurance Database Report 2013/2014 (Kansas City, Kans.: National Association of Insurance Commissioners, 2017) p. 148. The amount noted includes costs associated with underinsured, as well as uninsured, motorist claims. Texas is not included in the calculation.

4 Insurance Research Council, Auto Injury Claims: Countrywide Patterns in Treatment, Cost, and Compensation (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2012) p. 39.

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This report updates previous Insurance Research Council (IRC) estimates of the percentage of drivers who are uninsured. New estimates for the years 2013–15 are presented, along with earlier estimates from 1999–2012. The new estimates are based on the analysis of auto injury claim frequency data provided by 143 insurance companies, representing 60 percent of the private passenger auto insurance market countrywide in 2015.

Uninsured motorist rates were estimated by comparing the injury portion of UM insurance coverage with bodily injury (BI) liability coverage. If an insured person is injured in an auto accident caused by an at-fault driver, then he or she will file a BI liability claim against the at-fault driver seeking compensation for their injury. However, if the at-fault driver is uninsured or the injured person is a victim of a hit-and-run driver, then the injured person will file a UM claim with their own insurance company to seek compensation. Claim frequencies measure the number of insurance claims per 100 vehicles insured for an entire year. The ratio of UM claim frequency to BI claim frequency represents the chance that someone injured in an auto accident was the victim of an uninsured at-fault driver.

Because an at-fault driver is either uninsured or insured, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio estimates the percentage of all drivers who are uninsured. For example, if, in a group of 10,000 vehicle owners, 1,000 (10 percent) do not have auto liability insurance and accidents involving injuries occur at a frequency of 5 percent per year, then 500 auto accidents with an injury would occur (5 percent × 10,000), of which 50 would involve uninsured drivers (10 percent × 500). Five of the 50 accidents (10 percent) would involve another uninsured motorist, while 45 of the accidents would involve insured motorists as the injured parties. As a result, these 45 injured individuals would submit UM claims to their own insurers, producing a claim frequency rate of 0.005 (45 UM claims for 9,000 insured vehicles). Meanwhile, there would be 450 BI claims for 9,000 insured vehicles, producing a BI claim frequency of 0.05. The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies would be 0.10, or 10 percent (0.005/0.05). Thus, the ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies produces a measure of the probability that an injury to an insured car occupant will have been the fault of an uninsured driver. This approach assumes that insured and uninsured drivers experience the same frequency of at-fault accidents resulting in injuries. If accident rates for uninsured drivers are greater than for insured drivers, then the IRC estimates understate the true prevalence of uninsured drivers. If, on the other hand, accident rates for insured drivers are greater than for uninsured drivers, then the IRC estimates overstate the true prevalence of uninsured drivers.

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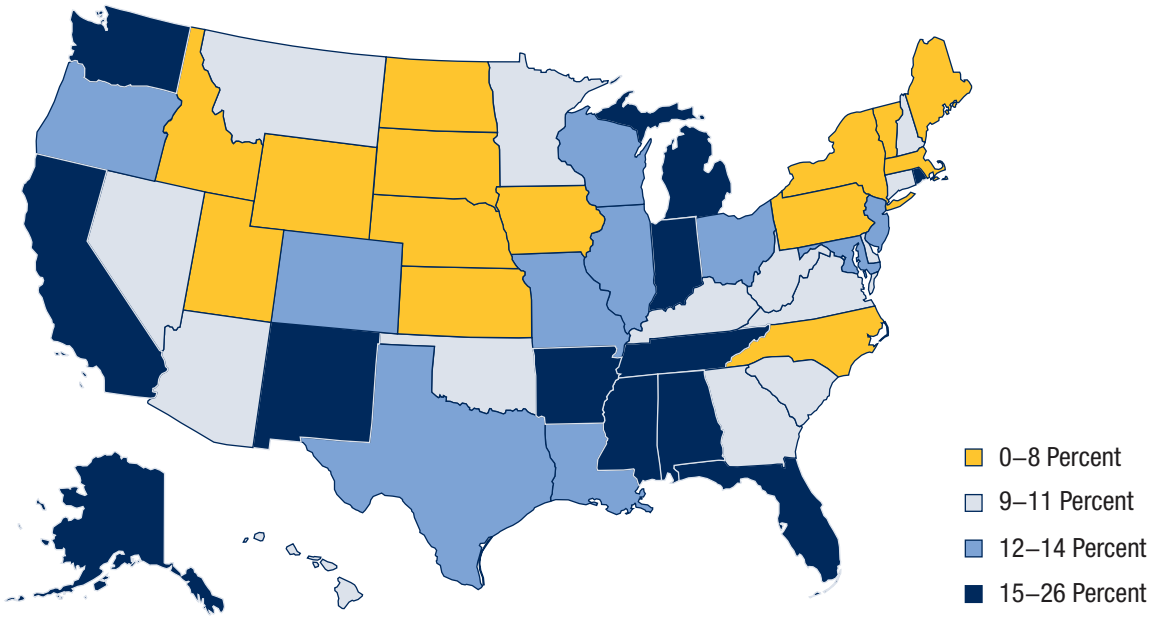
Major findings

- In 2015, when someone was injured in an auto accident in the U.S., the chances were about one in 8 that the at-fault driver in the accident was uninsured. From 2010 to 2015, the countrywide ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies increased from 12.3 percent to 13.0 percent, following a seven-year decline from a high of 14.9 percent in 2003.
- The percentage of uninsured drivers varied significantly by state. In 2015, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio was highest in Florida (26.7 percent) and lowest in Maine (4.5 percent). Other states with comparatively high uninsured motorist rates in 2015 were Mississippi (23.7 percent), New Mexico (20.8 percent), Michigan (20.3 percent) and Tennessee (20.0 percent). Figure 1 illustrates the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers in each state in 2015. In thirteen states and the District of Columbia, the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers was equal to or greater than 15 percent.

Figure 1

Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers in 2015



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- Five states (Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Florida, and North Dakota) experienced increases in their estimated uninsured motorist rates of 3 percentage points or more from 2006–15. Two of these states (Michigan and Florida) had uninsured motorist rates exceeding 20 percent in 2015. Massachusetts and North Dakota had comparatively low uninsured motorist rates in 2015, even after experiencing significant increases over the 2006–15 period.
- Several states experienced significant improvements in their uninsured motorist rates over the 2006–15 period. Oklahoma's rate fell 13.5 percentage points, from 24.0 percent to 10.5 percent, likely due to legislation enacted in 2013 aimed at reducing the number of uninsured drivers. New Mexico also experienced a significant decline in its uninsured motorist rate—from 30.7 percent to 20.8 percent.
- High uninsured motorist rates do not always indicate high underlying claim frequencies. For example, Michigan had one of the highest uninsured motorist rates in the country in 2015 (20.3 percent), but also had one of the country's lowest UM and BI claim frequency rates. Indiana experienced low BI claim frequency rates and medium UM claim frequency rates, but had one of the ten highest uninsured motorist estimates (16.7 percent).
- Uninsured motorist rates are likely influenced by several factors. Higher average expenditures for auto liability insurance coverage are associated with higher rates of uninsured motorists, although the relationship is relatively weak and insurance cost is not a strong predictor of uninsured motorist rates. Future IRC research will explore the factors and conditions that explain uninsured motorist rates across states and over time.

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National Uninsured Motorists Trends

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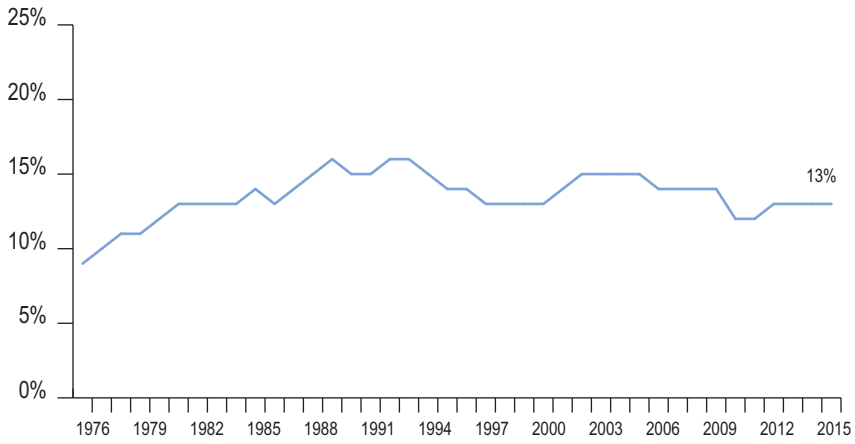
The IRC previously estimated that, in 2012, the countrywide uninsured motorist rate was 12.6 percent.[5] This report adds three additional years to the trend of uninsured motorist estimates. The IRC estimates that the percentage of drivers countrywide who were uninsured increased to 12.7 percent in 2013, and then to 13.0 percent in 2014. In 2015, the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers remained at 13.0 percent.

The percentage of drivers who are uninsured has increased slowly since 2011, when the UM rate was at its lowest since 1980, 12.2 percent (Figure 2). Uninsured motorist rates have typically fluctuated between 11 and 15 percent. Only 6 of the 37 years that the IRC has studied uninsured motorists had estimated rates that fell outside the 11 to 15 percent range. The current estimate of 13 percent is in the middle of that range.

Figure 2

Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers Countrywide

(Ratio of UM to BI claim frequency rates)



Source: IRC estimates. Estimates for 1987, 1988, and 1998 are interpolated from prior and post year IRC estimates.

[5] Insurance Research Council, Uninsured Motorists, 2014 Edition (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2014), p. 4.

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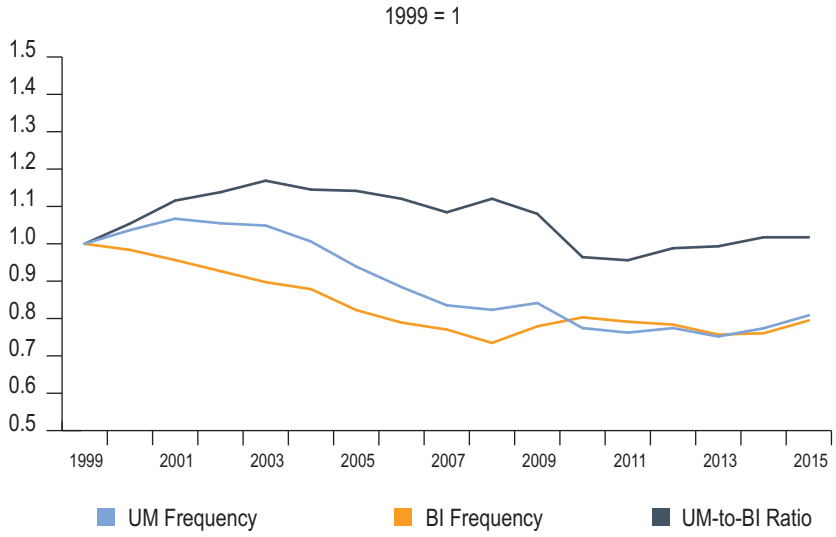
The ratio of UM and BI claim frequency rates forms the basis for the IRC's estimate of the prevalence of uninsured motorists. Figure 3 depicts change over time in UM and BI claim frequency rates and the UM to BI ratio by indexing each measure to 1, starting in 1999. The trends illustrate how changes in underlying claim frequencies affect the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers. The UM to BI claim frequency ratio (the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers) changes very little when UM and BI claim frequency trends follow each other closely. For example, from 2014 to 2015, the UM and BI claim frequency rates both increased, but at approximately the same rate, thus resulting in no change in the UM to BI ratio. When UM and BI claim frequency trends move in different directions, or move in the same direction but at different rates, then the UM to BI claim frequency ratio changes. For example, from 2007 to 2008, the UM claim frequency rate decreased, but not as rapidly as BI claim frequency. As a result, the UM to BI claim frequency rate increased. A more dramatic example can be seen with 2009 to 2010, when UM claim frequency decreased as BI claim frequency increased, resulting in a significant decline in the UM to BI ratio, from 13.8 to 12.3 percent.

Figure 3

Indexed Change in Countrywide UM & BI Claim Frequencies, UM/BI Ratio



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Despite long-term declines in both UM and BI claim frequencies, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio was only slightly different in 2015, at 13.0 percent, than it was in 1999, when it was 12.7 percent. The UM to BI ratio was little changed because UM and BI claim frequency rates experienced very similar declines over the sixteen-year period. If the UM and BI claim frequency trends had experienced very different trends, then the UM to BI ratio in 2015 would have differed considerably from what it was in 1999.

Countrywide uninsured motorists and bodily injury claim frequency rates, as well as the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers (the UM to BI claim frequency ratio) are presented in Figure 4 for the years 1999–2015. Only claims involving bodily injury are included in the UM claim frequency rates. Claim frequency rates and uninsured motorist estimates prior to 1999 can be found in previous IRC *Uninsured Motorists* reports.

Figure 4

Countrywide Claim Frequencies and UM to BI Ratios

	UM claim frequency*+	BI claim frequency+	Ratio: UM to BI claim frequencies
1999	0.164	1.285	12.8%
2000	0.170	1.264	13.4
2001	0.175	1.229	14.2
2002	0.173	1.191	14.5
2003	0.172	1.153	14.9
2004	0.165	1.129	14.6
2005	0.154	1.057	14.6
2006	0.145	1.014	14.3
2007	0.137	0.990	13.8
2008	0.135	0.944	14.3
2009	0.138	1.001	13.8
2010	0.127	1.032	12.3
2011	0.125	1.017	12.3
2012	0.127	1.007	12.6
2013	0.123	0.973	12.7
2014	0.127	0.977	13.0
2015	0.133	1.021	13.0

* Including only injury claims paid under UM coverage.

+ Number of claims paid per 100 insured exposures.

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Individual state UM to BI claim frequency ratios in 2015 ranged from 4.5 percent in Maine to 26.7 percent in Florida. Four other states, in addition to Florida, had UM to BI ratios of 20 percent or more: Mississippi (23.7 percent), New Mexico (20.8 percent), Michigan (20.3 percent), and Tennessee (20.0 percent). Wide variation in uninsured motorist rates across states is not a new phenomenon; similar differences have been documented in previous IRC UM studies. The 2015 ranking of states by the percentage of uninsured drivers, as measured by the UM to BI claim frequency ratio, is shown in figure 5.

Figure 5

Estimated Uninsured Motorist Rates in 2015

Rank		UM Claim Frequency*	BI Claim Frequency*	Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers
1	Florida	0.358	1.339	26.7%
2	Mississippi	0.229	0.966	23.7
3	New Mexico	0.192	0.921	20.8
4	Michigan	0.061	0.299	20.3
5	Tennessee	0.171	0.855	20.0
6	Alabama	0.158	0.862	18.4
7	Washington	0.208	1.197	17.4
8	Indiana	0.122	0.728	16.7
9	Arkansas	0.164	0.985	16.6
10	District of Columbia	0.321	2.060	15.6
11	Alaska	0.103	0.670	15.4
12	California	0.165	1.091	15.2
13	Rhode Island	0.283	1.869	15.2
14	New Jersey	0.110	0.740	14.9
15	Wisconsin	0.086	0.604	14.3
16	Texas	0.182	1.291	14.1
17	Missouri	0.125	0.892	14.0
18	Illinois	0.123	0.894	13.7
19	Colorado	0.115	0.862	13.3
20	Louisiana	0.265	2.043	13.0

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Rank		UM Claim Frequency*	BI Claim Frequency*	Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers
21	Oregon	0.150	1.174	12.7%
22	Ohio	0.119	0.956	12.4
23	Maryland	0.213	1.725	12.4
24	Arizona	0.142	1.185	12.0
25	Georgia	0.192	1.599	12.0
26	Kentucky	0.115	0.996	11.5
27	Minnesota	0.045	0.387	11.5
28	Delaware	0.139	1.223	11.4
29	Nevada	0.159	1.490	10.6
30	Hawaii	0.039	0.368	10.6
31	Oklahoma	0.096	0.916	10.5
32	West Virginia	0.073	0.720	10.1
33	Montana	0.049	0.497	9.9
34	Virginia	0.091	0.923	9.9
35	New Hampshire	0.062	0.633	9.9
36	Connecticut	0.116	1.240	9.4
37	South Carolina	0.141	1.510	9.4
38	Iowa	0.046	0.536	8.7
39	Utah	0.083	1.016	8.2
40	Idaho	0.066	0.807	8.2
41	Wyoming	0.026	0.339	7.8
42	South Dakota	0.033	0.430	7.7
43	Pennsylvania	0.049	0.647	7.6
44	Kansas	0.032	0.443	7.2
45	North Dakota	0.019	0.275	6.8
46	Nebraska	0.049	0.728	6.8
47	Vermont	0.034	0.510	6.8
48	North Carolina	0.066	1.019	6.5
49	Massachusetts	0.079	1.280	6.2
50	New York	0.051	0.822	6.1
51	Maine	0.026	0.580	4.5

*Number of paid claims per 100 insured exposures.

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In 2015, twenty states had uninsured motorist rates equal to or greater than the countrywide rate (13.0 percent) while 30 states had rates below the countrywide rate. Most of the states with the highest uninsured motorist rates in 2015 also had high rates in 2006, but that was not the case for all of them. Indiana, for example, ranked eighth in 2015 but only twentieth in 2006. Similarly, Arkansas ranked ninth in 2015, but nineteenth in 2006. Conversely, some states with relatively high rankings in 2006 had significantly lower rankings 10 years later. Oklahoma, for example, had the fourth highest uninsured motorist rate in 2006, but ranked thirty-first by 2015.

Uninsured motorist rates for individual states often change from year-to-year, although the changes are typically small. Some states, however, have experienced significant changes over extended periods of time. Figure 6 lists states with the greatest increases or decreases in their UM to BI ratios from 2006 to 2015. Although the 2015 UM to BI ratio for Massachusetts (6.2 percent) was less than one-half the countrywide rate, the state experienced the largest percentage point increase, rising 4.8 points over the ten-year period. Many of the other states with the largest percentage point increases also are among the states with the highest UM to BI ratios in 2015. Michigan, for example, experienced a 3.8 percentage point increase in its UM to BI ratio, and Florida, which ranked fifth highest among all the states in 2006, ranked first in 2015, with a UM to BI ratio of 26.7 percent. This followed a 3.4 percentage point increase over 10 years.

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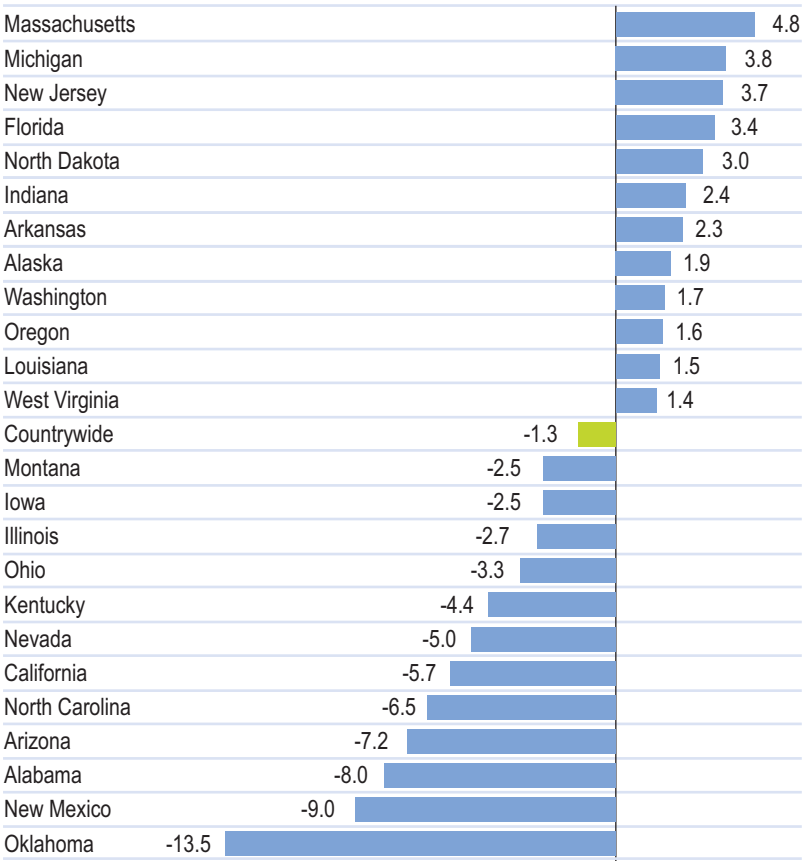
Figure 6

States With Largest Percentage Point Increases or Decreases in Estimated Uninsured Motorist Rates 2006–15



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Among the states with significant decreases in their UM to BI ratios, Oklahoma is particularly noteworthy. The dramatic decrease in Oklahoma's ratio (falling from 24.0 percent to 10.5 percent) may be attributed to the enactment of legislation in 2013 aimed at reducing the number of uninsured drivers.[6] Others states experiencing substantial decreases include New Mexico (declining 9.0 points to 20.8 percent) and Alabama (declining 8.0 points to 18.4 percent). Even with substantial decreases, however, New Mexico and Alabama are among the states with the highest estimated percentage of uninsured drivers. Another state to note is California, where the UM to BI ratio dropped 5.7 points, to 15.2 percent. In 2006, California had the sixth highest estimated percentage of uninsured drivers in the country. By 2015, California ranked twelfth among all the states.

Further insight into uninsured motorist rates is found in the underlying claim frequency rates used to calculate UM to BI claim frequency ratios. Figure 7 indicates for each state whether UM and BI claim frequencies are relatively low, medium, or high. The 10 states with the highest UM to BI ratios are shown in bold. Uninsured motorist rates may be high even when claim frequency rates are low, as was the case with Michigan, where strong no-fault rules limit all types of liability claims involving bodily injury. States with medium and high BI claim frequency rates and high UM claim frequency rates tend to have higher UM to BI ratios. Thirteen of 17 states with this combination of claim frequencies also experienced UM to BI ratios equal to or greater than the countrywide average (13.0 percent), in 2015.

[6] The legislation authorized law enforcement personnel to remove the tags of any uninsured vehicle and return the tags only after insurance has been purchased and any related fines have been paid. "Oklahoma Governor Signs Uninsured Motorist Bill," Insurance Journal, May 2, 2013, www.insurancejournal.com/news/ southcentral/2013/05/02/290661.htm (accessed August 9, 2015).

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Figure 7

UM and BI Claim Frequency Distribution, 2007

UM Claim Frequency	Low < .75	Medium .75 to 1	High > 1
High > 0.15		**AL, AR, MS, NM**, SC, **TN**, UT	CA, **DC, FL**, GA, LA, MD, NV, RI, TX, **WA**
Medium 0.07 to 0.15	AK, **IN**, NJ, WI	CO, IL, KY, MO, OH, OK, VA	AZ, CT, DE, MA, OR
Low < 0.07	HI, IA, KS, ME, **MI**, MN, MT, ND, NH, PA, SD, VT, WV, WY	ID, NE, NC, NY	

BI Claim Frequency

States with the 10 highest UM to BI claim frequency ratios are in bold.

UM and BI claim frequency rates varied more across states than did UM to BI claim frequency ratios. The coefficient of variation (CV) is a commonly used measure of variation across a set of data. It is particularly useful in comparing different groups of data with different characteristics. Expressed as a percentage, a higher CV indicates greater variation among the data in a group, and a lower CV indicates less variation. The CV for UM claim frequency in 2015 was 65 percent, compared with 46 percent for BI claim frequency, which indicates that BI claim frequency varied less across states than UM claim frequency. The CV for state UM to BI claim frequency ratios was even lower at 39 percent, indicating that state uninsured motorist rates, as measured by UM to BI ratios, varied less than the underlying claim frequencies on which the uninsured motorist estimates are based.

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Understanding why uninsured motorist rates vary significantly across states is a critical requirement to devise effective strategies to reduce the prevalence of uninsured drivers. For example, as might be expected, higher insurance costs are associated with higher uninsured motorist rates. Figure 8 illustrates the relationship between state UM to BI ratios and average liability premiums, as calculated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Average liability premiums are the total premiums paid by policyholders for all auto liability coverages combined, divided by the number of insured liability exposures (that is, the number of vehicles insured for an entire year).[7] The slope of the line and the dispersion of states around the line indicates that only about 15 percent of the total variation in the UM to BI ratios of every state and the District of Columbia in 2014 was explained by average liability premium costs. In other words, the average cost of insurance (average liability premium) explains only a portion of the variation in uninsured motorist rates across states. A $200 difference in average liability premium costs was associated with an average 2.4 percentage point difference in UM to BI ratios. However, the wide dispersion of states at different premium cost levels indicates that cost alone is a poor predictor of uninsured motorist rates. States with similar insurance costs had uninsured motorist rates that varied widely. For example, in states with average liability premium costs ranging narrowly between $750 and $850, the UM to BI ratio ranged from 6.2 percent to 26.7 percent. This finding suggests that factors in addition to the cost of insurance likely contribute to the prevalence of uninsured drivers in any particular state.[8]

[7] National Association of Insurance Commissioners, "Auto Insurance Database Report 2013/2014," www.naic.org/prod_serv/AUT-PB-TOC.pdf (accessed August 15, 2017).

[8] This analysis could be strengthened by controlling for differences in liability coverage limits actually purchased. Information on coverage limits in force, however, was not available to the IRC.

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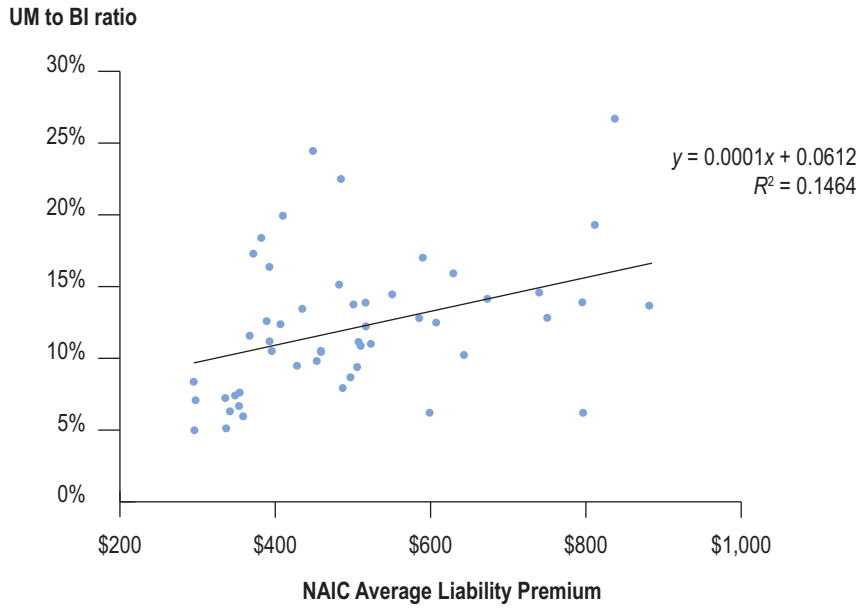
Figure 8

NAIC Average Liability Premium and UM to BI Ratios, 2014

Each point denotes the UM to BI ratio and average liability premium for a single state in 2014.



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Many states have taken steps to encourage drivers to obtain auto insurance coverage and to reduce the frequency of uninsured driving. The most common approach to promoting insurance coverage is to enact compulsory auto insurance laws requiring motor vehicle owners to obtain property damage and bodily injury liability coverage with specific minimum coverage limits. Figure 9 lists the minimum insurance requirements for motorists in each state. In addition to requiring liability coverage, states with no-fault systems require Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. Several states also require UM coverage to protect those who incur medical and/or property damage losses caused by an uninsured driver. Compulsory insurance requirements, while designed and intended to promote insurance coverage, may have the unintended effect of increasing the prevalence of uninsured drivers if the amount of coverage required, and the associated costs, are greater than what some drivers believe they are able to afford or prefer to pay.

Most states also prescribe specific penalties and fines for failing to comply with state insurance requirements. The penalties for driving without insurance vary widely, ranging from $100 for a first offense to a year in jail for multiple violations.[9] The states also take a variety of steps to enforce insurance requirements and identify drivers who fail to maintain minimum coverage. In several instances, state enforcement mechanisms require insurance companies to report detailed information to state agencies whenever a change in a policy that might indicate that a vehicle is no longer appropriately insured occurs.

Compulsory insurance requirements, fines and penalties for noncompliance, and the cost and affordability of insurance coverage are just some of the factors that may influence the prevalence of uninsured motorists. Future IRC research will explore how these factors work both independently and in concert to explain differences in uninsured motorist rates across states.

[9] Insurance Research Council, *Uninsured Motorists*, 2014 Edition (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2014), pp. 16–18.

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Figure 9

State Bodily Injury and Property Damage Auto Insurance Requirements (per person bodily injury/per accident bodily injury/property damage)*L

State	Minimum Liability Limits	UM Coverage Required
Alabama	25/50/25	
Alaska	50/100/25	
Arizona	15/30/10	
Arkansas @	25/50/25	
California	15/30/5	
Colorado	25/50/15	
Connecticut #	20/40/10	Yes
Delaware @	15/30/10	
D.C. @	25/50/10	Yes
Florida @ +	-/-/10	
Georgia	25/50/25	
Hawaii @	20/40/10	
Idaho	25/50/15	
Illinois #	25/50/20	Yes
Indiana	25/50/10	
Iowa	20/40/15	
Kansas @	25/50/25	
Kentucky @	25/50/10	
Louisiana	15/30/25	
Maine	50/100/25	Yes
Maryland @ #	30/60/15	Yes
Massachusetts @	20/40/5	Yes
Michigan @	20/40/10	
Minnesota @ #	30/60/10	Yes
Mississippi	25/50/25	
Missouri	25/50/10	Yes

State	Minimum Liability Limits	UM Coverage Required
Montana	25/50/10	
Nebraska #	25/50/25	Yes
Nevada	15/30/10	
New Hampshire %	-/-/-	
New Jersey @ #	15/30/5	Yes
New Mexico	25/50/10	
New York @	25/50/10	Yes
North Carolina #	30/60/25	Yes
North Dakota @ #	25/50/25	Yes
Ohio	25/50/25	
Oklahoma	25/50/25	
Oregon @ #	25/50/20	Yes
Pennsylvania @	15/30/5	
Rhode Island	25/50/25	
South Carolina	25/50/25	Yes
South Dakota #	25/50/25	Yes
Tennessee	25/50/15	
Texas	30/60/25	
Utah @	25/65/15	
Vermont #	25/50/10	Yes
Virginia #	25/50/20	Yes
Washington	25/50/10	
West Virginia	25/50/25	Yes
Wisconsin	25/50/10	Yes
Wyoming	25/50/20	

* In $ thousands.
@ PIP coverage also required.
# Underinsured motorists coverage also required.
\+ Bodily injury liability coverage is not required.
% Neither bodily injury nor property damage liability coverage are required.

Source: Insurance Information Institute, *2017 Insurance Fact Book*, p 87.

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Methodology

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IRC analyzed UM and BI liability exposure and claim count data provided by participating companies for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. Data from previous IRC studies were also examined. Fourteen insurers, representing approximately 60 percent of the private passenger auto liability insurance business countrywide, participated in the study. Each insurer provided data for its total private passenger auto line of business (preferred, standard, and nonstandard lines) in each state. The number of earned car years and the number of incurred claims, including incurred but not reported claims, were combined to calculate UM and BI claim frequencies and the corresponding UM to BI claim frequency ratio.

The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies produces a reasonable estimate of the proportion of injury-producing accidents caused by uninsured or hit-and-run motorists. Claim frequencies, rather than claim counts, were used to minimize distortions from different numbers of UM and BI earned car years. Calculating the size of the uninsured driver population is important in fashioning appropriate public policies to address the uninsured motorist issue and to measure the effectiveness of different approaches. The illegal nature of driving a vehicle without insurance makes obtaining an exact and accurate number of uninsured drivers in each state a difficult task. The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies provides an estimate of the probability that an at-fault driver in an accident was uninsured and unable to satisfy their liability for someone else's injuries caused by the accident. Therefore, the UM to BI ratio provides a measure of the impact on society of uninsured motorists.

A limitation of the UM to BI ratio is that the UM claim frequency also includes injury claims from hit-and-run accidents in which it is unknown if the at-fault driver had insurance. Also, any potential underlying differences in claiming behavior between injured parties deciding to make a BI claim versus a UM claim could affect underlying claim frequencies. Vehicles that were not insured, but also not driven on the road, do not factor into the UM to BI ratio. Finally, this approach assumes that insured and uninsured drivers experience the same frequency of at-fault accidents resulting in injuries. If accident rates for uninsured drivers are actually greater than or less than the rates for insured drivers, then IRC estimates understate or overstate, respectively, the true prevalence of uninsured drivers. Considering these factors, the UM to BI ratio provides a consistent and reasonable measure for comparing the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers from state to state and over time within each state.

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Description of Relevant Auto Insurance Coverages

The claim frequency information in this study relied on the UM and BI portions of private passenger auto injury insurance coverage. If an injury occurred to a person in an auto accident and the other driver was at fault, the injured person would file a BI claim against the at-fault driver. Because the injured claimant is typically someone outside the driver's household, BI claims are referred to as third-party claims. BI payments can include coverage for medical expenses and lost wages, as well as payments for general damages, sometimes referred to as pain and suffering payments.

However, if an injury occurred to a person in an auto accident and the other driver was at fault but did not have liability insurance, the injured person would file a UM claim with his or her own insurance company. The insured's UM coverage pays the amount the injured person would have otherwise received from the at-fault driver. Eligibility for payments from either BI or UM coverage depends on the other driver being at fault for the accident.

Other auto injury insurance coverages, such as medical payments (MP) and PIP, were not included in this analysis because neither involves a comparable group of claims to UM claims. UM is a fault-based coverage, whereas MP and PIP are no-fault, first-party coverages.

Participating Companies

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American Family Insurance Group

Amica Mutual Insurance

CSAA Insurance Group

Erie Insurance Group

GEICO

Hanover Insurance

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

Liberty Mutual Group

Nationwide Insurance

Sentry Insurance

State Farm Insurance Companies

Travelers Insurance

USAA

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Appendix Uninsured Motorist Estimates by State, 1999–2015

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Alabama	1999	0.273	0.973	28.1%	3
	2000	0.227	0.926	24.5	4
	2001	0.198	0.920	21.5	6
	2002	0.208	0.889	23.4	4
	2003	0.212	0.867	24.5	4
	2004	0.219	0.884	24.8	2
	2005	0.212	0.824	25.7	2
	2006	0.212	0.804	26.4	2
	2007	0.206	0.786	26.1	3
	2008	0.169	0.721	23.5	4
	2009	0.171	0.785	21.8	6
	2010	0.171	0.791	21.6	4
	2011	0.156	0.778	20.1	6
	2012	0.155	0.791	19.6	7
	2013	0.145	0.796	18.2	6
	2014	0.150	0.816	18.4	6
	2015	0.158	0.862	18.4	6
Alaska	1999	0.191	1.338	14.3%	15
	2000	0.197	1.182	16.7	11
	2001	0.220	1.216	18.1	9
	2002	0.225	1.184	19.0	9
	2003	0.169	1.179	14.3	19
	2004	0.176	1.145	15.3	16
	2005	0.154	1.114	13.8	20
	2006	0.142	1.049	13.5	22
	2007	0.120	0.947	12.7	24
	2008	0.116	0.875	13.3	28
	2009	0.109	0.834	13.0	26
	2010	0.108	0.823	13.1	17
	2011	0.101	0.804	12.5	21
	2012	0.113	0.856	13.2	21
	2013	0.108	0.821	13.2	17
	2014	0.099	0.688	14.5	13
	2015	0.103	0.670	15.4	11

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Arizona	1999	0.287	1.698	16.9%	8
	2000	0.282	1.621	17.4	9
	2001	0.289	1.575	18.3	8
	2002	0.299	1.517	19.7	8
	2003	0.318	1.484	21.4	8
	2004	0.329	1.491	22.0	5
	2005	0.288	1.373	21.0	7
	2006	0.255	1.327	19.2	8
	2007	0.221	1.243	17.8	8
	2008	0.148	1.059	14.0	23
	2009	0.122	1.024	11.9	28
	2010	0.109	1.079	10.1	31
	2011	0.111	1.135	9.8	32
	2012	0.119	1.123	10.6	29
	2013	0.130	1.118	11.7	28
	2014	0.127	1.143	11.1	28
	2015	0.142	1.185	12.0	24
Arkansas	1999	0.132	1.204	10.9%	27
	2000	0.135	1.156	11.6	27
	2001	0.131	1.159	11.3	29
	2002	0.136	1.133	12.0	28
	2003	0.150	1.131	13.3	23
	2004	0.163	1.179	13.9	21
	2005	0.151	1.097	13.8	21
	2006	0.151	1.056	14.3	19
	2007	0.152	1.018	14.9	15
	2008	0.161	0.927	17.3	9
	2009	0.154	0.964	16.0	12
	2010	0.156	0.986	15.8	10
	2011	0.153	0.990	15.4	12
	2012	0.158	0.994	15.9	11
	2013	0.158	0.943	16.7	7
	2014	0.155	0.949	16.4	9
	2015	0.164	0.985	16.6	9

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
California	1999	0.290	1.501	19.4%	6
	2000	0.291	1.490	19.5	7
	2001	0.306	1.479	20.7	7
	2002	0.310	1.390	22.3	5
	2003	0.313	1.314	23.8	5
	2004	0.320	1.291	24.8	3
	2005	0.248	1.178	21.0	6
	2006	0.232	1.111	20.9	6
	2007	0.197	1.090	18.1	7
	2008	0.169	1.025	16.5	11
	2009	0.163	1.086	15.0	17
	2010	0.169	1.148	14.7	14
	2011	0.162	1.123	14.4	14
	2012	0.167	1.132	14.7	13
	2013	0.162	1.078	15.0	11
	2014	0.162	1.071	15.1	11
	2015	0.165	1.091	15.2	12
Colorado	1999	0.131	0.437	29.9%	1
	2000	0.112	0.433	25.9	3
	2001	0.115	0.430	26.8	2
	2002	0.134	0.460	29.2	1
	2003	0.144	0.668	21.6	7
	2004	0.141	0.940	15.0	17
	2005	0.116	0.804	14.4	18
	2006	0.107	0.741	14.4	18
	2007	0.109	0.741	14.7	19
	2008	0.108	0.717	15.0	19
	2009	0.111	0.733	15.2	16
	2010	0.113	0.718	15.7	11
	2011	0.117	0.748	15.6	11
	2012	0.121	0.748	16.2	9
	2013	0.116	0.777	15.0	13
	2014	0.113	0.823	13.8	17
	2015	0.115	0.862	13.3	19

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Connecticut	1999	0.176	1.760	10.0%	34
	2000	0.197	1.688	11.6	28
	2001	0.183	1.562	11.7	27
	2002	0.176	1.556	11.3	32
	2003	0.196	1.631	12.0	28
	2004	0.195	1.604	12.2	29
	2005	0.156	1.463	10.6	35
	2006	0.137	1.335	10.2	37
	2007	0.126	1.337	9.4	36
	2008	0.109	1.204	9.1	42
	2009	0.120	1.257	9.5	40
	2010	0.096	1.364	7.0	43
	2011	0.100	1.423	7.0	43
	2012	0.109	1.370	8.0	41
	2013	0.132	1.201	11.0	29
	2014	0.124	1.211	10.2	34
	2015	0.116	1.240	9.4	36
Deleware	1999	0.191	1.324	14.4%	14
	2000	0.184	1.323	13.9	17
	2001	0.171	1.340	12.7	25
	2002	0.193	1.395	13.8	21
	2003	0.172	1.305	13.2	25
	2004	0.142	1.215	11.7	31
	2005	0.140	1.218	11.5	32
	2006	0.147	1.200	12.2	28
	2007	0.137	1.312	10.4	34
	2008	0.160	1.184	13.5	26
	2009	0.128	1.194	10.8	36
	2010	0.129	1.212	10.6	28
	2011	0.117	1.136	10.3	29
	2012	0.133	1.161	11.5	27
	2013	0.170	1.287	13.2	16
	2014	0.165	1.190	13.9	15
	2015	0.139	1.223	11.4	28

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
DC	1999	0.487	2.538	19.2%	7
	2000	0.510	2.310	22.1	5
	2001	0.504	2.115	23.8	3
	2002	0.395	1.832	21.6	6
	2003	0.406	1.655	24.5	3
	2004	0.328	1.599	20.5	7
	2005	0.285	1.543	18.5	9
	2006	0.224	1.475	15.2	16
	2007	0.220	1.517	14.5	20
	2008	0.262	1.666	15.7	14
	2009	0.280	1.832	15.3	15
	2010	0.209	1.638	12.7	19
	2011	0.191	1.602	11.9	23
	2012	0.188	1.574	11.9	24
	2013	0.278	1.819	15.3	11
	2014	0.288	1.809	15.9	10
	2015	0.321	2.060	15.6	10
Florida	1999	0.179	1.197	15.0%	12
	2000	0.202	1.211	16.7	10
	2001	0.213	1.226	17.4	12
	2002	0.221	1.206	18.3	10
	2003	0.231	1.166	19.8	9
	2004	0.233	1.200	19.4	8
	2005	0.272	1.128	24.1	5
	2006	0.254	1.090	23.3	5
	2007	0.252	1.100	22.9	5
	2008	0.269	1.064	25.2	3
	2009	0.294	1.250	23.5	5
	2010	0.288	1.401	20.6	6
	2011	0.288	1.336	21.6	4
	2012	0.292	1.224	23.8	2
	2013	0.312	1.222	25.5	1
	2014	0.341	1.278	26.7	1
	2015	0.358	1.339	26.7	1

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Georgia	1999	0.102	1.089	9.3%	36
	2000	0.121	1.084	11.1	30
	2001	0.117	1.088	10.7	33
	2002	0.130	1.063	12.3	26
	2003	0.118	1.044	11.3	33
	2004	0.098	1.026	9.6	39
	2005	0.140	1.183	11.9	29
	2006	0.133	1.154	11.5	31
	2007	0.135	1.165	11.6	31
	2008	0.179	1.103	16.2	12
	2009	0.196	1.248	15.7	14
	2010	0.134	1.256	10.7	27
	2011	0.148	1.286	11.5	25
	2012	0.157	1.348	11.7	26
	2013	0.165	1.390	11.9	24
	2014	0.173	1.417	12.2	25
	2015	0.192	1.599	12.0	25
Hawaii	1999	0.090	0.559	16.1%	10
	2000	0.077	0.536	14.4	16
	2001	0.074	0.484	15.2	16
	2002	0.068	0.491	13.9	20
	2003	0.071	0.476	15.0	17
	2004	0.062	0.461	13.5	22
	2005	0.056	0.439	12.6	24
	2006	0.052	0.420	12.5	26
	2007	0.049	0.393	12.4	26
	2008	0.048	0.350	13.7	25
	2009	0.045	0.403	11.2	31
	2010	0.032	0.360	8.9	36
	2011	0.036	0.368	9.8	31
	2012	0.033	0.369	8.9	37
	2013	0.041	0.390	10.5	32
	2014	0.039	0.374	10.4	33
	2015	0.039	0.368	10.6	30

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Idaho	1999	0.083	1.068	7.7%	40
	2000	0.099	1.061	9.3	39
	2001	0.103	1.009	10.2	37
	2002	0.085	0.981	8.7	44
	2003	0.090	0.944	9.5	39
	2004	0.085	0.967	8.8	42
	2005	0.088	0.923	9.5	39
	2006	0.089	0.909	9.8	39
	2007	0.079	0.862	9.2	39
	2008	0.066	0.738	8.9	43
	2009	0.058	0.741	7.9	45
	2010	0.060	0.734	8.2	41
	2011	0.049	0.732	6.6	45
	2012	0.050	0.742	6.7	45
	2013	0.058	0.791	7.4	43
	2014	0.058	0.781	7.4	42
	2015	0.066	0.807	8.2	40
Illinois	1999	0.210	1.317	16.0%	11
	2000	0.210	1.283	16.4	13
	2001	0.199	1.184	16.8	14
	2002	0.191	1.184	16.2	14
	2003	0.181	1.115	16.2	14
	2004	0.168	1.043	16.1	13
	2005	0.170	1.024	16.6	12
	2006	0.168	1.025	16.4	10
	2007	0.159	1.078	14.8	17
	2008	0.128	0.894	14.3	22
	2009	0.133	0.892	14.9	20
	2010	0.112	0.884	12.7	21
	2011	0.110	0.854	12.8	19
	2012	0.114	0.862	13.3	20
	2013	0.116	0.862	13.5	15
	2014	0.116	0.861	13.5	19
	2015	0.123	0.894	13.7	18

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Indiana	1999	0.124	1.087	11.4%	24
	2000	0.131	1.053	12.5	23
	2001	0.136	1.000	13.6	19
	2002	0.134	0.954	14.0	19
	2003	0.128	0.889	14.4	18
	2004	0.133	0.854	15.5	14
	2005	0.122	0.799	15.3	18
	2006	0.113	0.769	14.7	21
	2007	0.109	0.751	14.5	22
	2008	0.122	0.756	16.1	13
	2009	0.127	0.777	16.3	10
	2010	0.115	0.758	15.1	13
	2011	0.109	0.731	14.9	13
	2012	0.105	0.739	14.2	14
	2013	0.114	0.694	16.5	8
	2014	0.122	0.707	17.3	7
	2015	0.122	0.728	16.7	8
Iowa	1999	0.079	0.785	10.0%	33
	2000	0.077	0.780	9.9	34
	2001	0.077	0.726	10.7	34
	2002	0.083	0.702	11.9	29
	2003	0.081	0.710	11.5	32
	2004	0.083	0.669	12.4	25
	2005	0.126	0.852	14.7	17
	2006	0.116	0.817	14.3	20
	2007	0.112	0.796	14.0	21
	2008	0.071	0.584	12.2	34
	2009	0.061	0.527	11.5	29
	2010	0.044	0.522	8.3	39
	2011	0.047	0.473	9.9	30
	2012	0.047	0.484	9.7	32
	2013	0.039	0.467	8.4	40
	2014	0.042	0.501	8.4	39
	2015	0.046	0.536	8.7	38

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Kansas	1999	0.040	0.498	8.0%	39
	2000	0.037	0.435	8.5	41
	2001	0.038	0.441	8.7	42
	2002	0.046	0.456	10.2	35
	2003	0.051	0.462	11.1	34
	2004	0.062	0.487	12.7	23
	2005	0.038	0.420	9.1	40
	2006	0.041	0.423	9.6	40
	2007	0.044	0.449	9.8	35
	2008	0.037	0.394	9.3	41
	2009	0.038	0.390	9.8	39
	2010	0.034	0.396	8.5	37
	2011	0.037	0.399	9.2	36
	2012	0.039	0.420	9.4	33
	2013	0.034	0.404	8.4	41
	2014	0.033	0.433	7.6	41
	2015	0.032	0.443	7.2	44
Kentucky	1999	0.095	0.978	9.7%	35
	2000	0.097	0.974	9.9	33
	2001	0.102	0.947	10.8	32
	2002	0.101	0.877	11.5	30
	2003	0.105	0.889	11.8	30
	2004	0.104	0.883	11.8	30
	2005	0.139	0.843	16.5	13
	2006	0.138	0.867	15.9	11
	2007	0.131	0.842	15.6	12
	2008	0.153	0.862	17.8	8
	2009	0.167	0.940	17.8	8
	2010	0.151	0.908	16.6	9
	2011	0.138	0.884	15.6	10
	2012	0.147	0.932	15.8	12
	2013	0.093	0.924	10.1	33
	2014	0.105	0.955	11.0	29
	2015	0.115	0.996	11.5	26

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Louisiana	1999	0.180	2.435	7.4%	42
	2000	0.225	2.397	9.4	38
	2001	0.240	2.325	10.3	36
	2002	0.243	2.253	10.8	33
	2003	0.232	2.158	10.7	36
	2004	0.216	2.118	10.2	34
	2005	0.211	2.046	10.3	36
	2006	0.225	1.950	11.5	32
	2007	0.229	1.871	12.3	27
	2008	0.229	1.769	13.0	29
	2009	0.240	1.864	12.9	27
	2010	0.213	1.766	12.1	22
	2011	0.227	1.756	12.9	18
	2012	0.249	1.791	13.9	16
	2013	0.219	1.836	11.9	23
	2014	0.240	1.873	12.8	20
	2015	0.265	2.043	13.0	20
Maine	1999	0.065	1.288	5.1%	51
	2000	0.063	1.147	5.5	50
	2001	0.051	1.060	4.8	50
	2002	0.046	0.957	4.8	51
	2003	0.041	0.938	4.4	51
	2004	0.036	0.864	4.2	51
	2005	0.074	1.404	5.3	49
	2006	0.069	1.339	5.1	49
	2007	0.052	1.193	4.3	50
	2008	0.025	0.684	3.7	51
	2009	0.032	0.725	4.5	50
	2010	0.027	0.592	4.6	50
	2011	0.026	0.557	4.7	50
	2012	0.026	0.566	4.7	50
	2013	0.029	0.585	5.0	51
	2014	0.030	0.595	5.1	50
	2015	0.026	0.580	4.5	51

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Maryland	1999	0.202	1.920	10.5%	29
	2000	0.227	1.851	12.3	24
	2001	0.231	1.809	12.8	23
	2002	0.214	1.715	12.5	25
	2003	0.220	1.624	13.5	22
	2004	0.192	1.577	12.2	28
	2005	0.193	1.545	12.5	26
	2006	0.190	1.502	12.7	25
	2007	0.186	1.494	12.5	25
	2008	0.191	1.430	13.4	27
	2009	0.232	1.557	14.9	18
	2010	0.181	1.555	11.6	25
	2011	0.179	1.578	11.4	26
	2012	0.193	1.578	12.2	22
	2013	0.191	1.563	12.2	22
	2014	0.198	1.588	12.5	23
	2015	0.213	1.725	12.4	23
Massachusetts	1999	0.108	1.608	6.7%	44
	2000	0.077	1.435	5.3	51
	2001	0.059	1.341	4.4	51
	2002	0.082	1.533	5.3	50
	2003	0.082	1.548	5.3	50
	2004	0.080	1.336	6.0	49
	2005	0.012	0.913	1.3	51
	2006	0.011	0.815	1.4	51
	2007	0.007	0.712	1.0	51
	2008	0.051	1.223	4.2	50
	2009	0.054	1.211	4.5	51
	2010	0.064	1.689	3.8	51
	2011	0.065	1.621	4.0	51
	2012	0.060	1.536	3.9	51
	2013	0.076	1.282	5.9	47
	2014	0.079	1.273	6.2	47
	2015	0.079	1.280	6.2	49

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Michigan	1999	0.071	0.507	14.0%	16
	2000	0.070	0.481	14.5	15
	2001	0.079	0.450	17.7	11
	2002	0.066	0.408	16.1	15
	2003	0.063	0.358	17.7	12
	2004	0.055	0.312	17.5	11
	2005	0.048	0.300	15.9	15
	2006	0.047	0.286	16.5	12
	2007	0.047	0.278	16.9	9
	2008	0.046	0.244	18.7	7
	2009	0.052	0.267	19.5	7
	2010	0.045	0.261	17.3	8
	2011	0.054	0.281	19.2	7
	2012	0.060	0.288	21.0	5
	2013	0.060	0.294	20.5	4
	2014	0.058	0.300	19.3	5
	2015	0.061	0.299	20.3	4
Minnesota	1999	0.055	0.513	10.7%	28
	2000	0.057	0.500	11.4	29
	2001	0.052	0.447	11.5	28
	2002	0.049	0.431	11.5	31
	2003	0.049	0.423	11.5	31
	2004	0.044	0.424	10.4	33
	2005	0.049	0.396	12.5	27
	2006	0.043	0.359	12.1	29
	2007	0.046	0.388	11.9	29
	2008	0.041	0.338	12.2	33
	2009	0.046	0.356	13.0	25
	2010	0.038	0.353	10.7	26
	2011	0.038	0.352	10.7	27
	2012	0.040	0.369	10.8	28
	2013	0.042	0.384	11.0	30
	2014	0.042	0.428	9.8	35
	2015	0.045	0.387	11.5	27

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Mississippi	1999	0.336	1.180	28.4%	2
	2000	0.297	1.130	26.2	2
	2001	0.259	1.117	23.2	4
	2002	0.264	1.052	25.1	3
	2003	0.258	0.987	26.1	2
	2004	0.265	0.999	26.5	1
	2005	0.243	0.951	25.6	3
	2006	0.234	0.937	25.0	3
	2007	0.244	0.878	27.8	2
	2008	0.235	0.823	28.5	2
	2009	0.254	0.906	28.0	1
	2010	0.218	0.917	23.7	1
	2011	0.217	0.896	24.2	1
	2012	0.201	0.877	22.9	3
	2013	0.211	0.899	23.4	2
	2014	0.225	0.919	24.5	2
	2015	0.229	0.966	23.7	2
Missouri	1999	0.153	1.259	12.2%	21
	2000	0.143	1.206	11.9	26
	2001	0.142	1.175	12.1	26
	2002	0.139	1.148	12.1	27
	2003	0.133	1.111	12.0	29
	2004	0.136	1.117	12.2	27
	2005	0.129	1.023	12.6	25
	2006	0.123	0.963	12.8	24
	2007	0.129	0.940	13.7	22
	2008	0.119	0.859	13.8	24
	2009	0.118	0.857	13.7	22
	2010	0.109	0.850	12.9	18
	2011	0.105	0.820	12.8	20
	2012	0.111	0.818	13.5	18
	2013	0.103	0.813	12.7	20
	2014	0.104	0.837	12.4	24
	2015	0.125	0.892	14.0	17

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Montana	1999	0.083	0.829	10.1%	32
	2000	0.089	0.822	10.8	32
	2001	0.081	0.751	10.8	31
	2002	0.077	0.761	10.1	36
	2003	0.091	0.745	12.2	27
	2004	0.091	0.731	12.4	24
	2005	0.086	0.718	12.0	28
	2006	0.088	0.707	12.4	27
	2007	0.094	0.640	14.7	18
	2008	0.074	0.577	12.7	31
	2009	0.064	0.566	11.4	30
	2010	0.067	0.564	11.9	23
	2011	0.074	0.551	13.5	15
	2012	0.078	0.553	14.1	15
	2013	0.058	0.491	11.8	25
	2014	0.053	0.470	11.2	27
	2015	0.049	0.497	9.9	33
Nebraska	1999	0.067	1.009	6.6%	45
	2000	0.078	0.970	8.1	44
	2001	0.071	0.939	7.6	44
	2002	0.073	0.905	8.0	45
	2003	0.071	0.897	7.9	48
	2004	0.065	0.871	7.5	47
	2005	0.065	0.850	7.7	43
	2006	0.060	0.796	7.5	44
	2007	0.067	0.840	8.0	43
	2008	0.052	0.700	7.4	45
	2009	0.054	0.686	7.8	46
	2010	0.046	0.707	6.5	44
	2011	0.049	0.674	7.3	42
	2012	0.044	0.662	6.7	44
	2013	0.045	0.653	6.8	45
	2014	0.046	0.687	6.7	45
	2015	0.049	0.728	6.8	46

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Nevada	1999	0.224	1.510	14.9%	13
	2000	0.234	1.428	16.4	12
	2001	0.242	1.433	16.9	13
	2002	0.230	1.449	15.9	16
	2003	0.289	1.587	18.2	10
	2004	0.296	1.693	17.5	10
	2005	0.288	1.717	16.8	11
	2006	0.253	1.623	15.6	14
	2007	0.225	1.476	15.2	14
	2008	0.209	1.420	14.7	20
	2009	0.186	1.415	13.2	24
	2010	0.185	1.456	12.7	20
	2011	0.181	1.454	12.4	22
	2012	0.179	1.467	12.2	23
	2013	0.186	1.476	12.6	21
	2014	0.206	1.456	14.1	14
	2015	0.159	1.490	10.6	29
New Hampshire	1999	0.102	0.977	10.4%	30
	2000	0.086	0.890	9.6	35
	2001	0.074	0.817	9.1	41
	2002	0.073	0.794	9.2	41
	2003	0.069	0.777	8.8	41
	2004	0.062	0.706	8.8	44
	2005	0.103	0.883	11.7	31
	2006	0.096	0.827	11.6	30
	2007	0.089	0.792	11.3	32
	2008	0.079	0.715	11.0	35
	2009	0.081	0.740	10.9	33
	2010	0.065	0.722	9.0	35
	2011	0.068	0.710	9.5	33
	2012	0.065	0.696	9.3	34
	2013	0.063	0.670	9.5	35
	2014	0.067	0.635	10.5	32
	2015	0.062	0.633	9.9	35

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
New Jersey	1999	0.190	1.444	13.2%	18
	2000	0.177	1.370	12.9	19
	2001	0.173	1.282	13.5	20
	2002	0.167	1.270	13.2	23
	2003	0.158	1.193	13.2	24
	2004	0.111	1.187	9.4	40
	2005	0.117	1.068	11.0	34
	2006	0.106	0.951	11.2	34
	2007	0.073	0.902	8.1	41
	2008	0.105	0.826	12.7	32
	2009	0.104	0.923	11.2	32
	2010	0.094	0.933	10.1	30
	2011	0.095	0.914	10.3	28
	2012	0.088	0.861	10.3	30
	2013	0.106	0.828	12.8	19
	2014	0.104	0.759	13.7	18
	2015	0.110	0.740	14.9	14
New Mexico	1999	0.288	1.114	25.8%	4
	2000	0.289	1.101	26.3	1
	2001	0.306	1.090	28.1	1
	2002	0.289	1.052	27.4	2
	2003	0.311	1.047	29.7	1
	2004	0.261	1.072	24.3	4
	2005	0.310	1.055	29.4	1
	2006	0.307	1.030	29.8	1
	2007	0.278	0.962	28.9	1
	2008	0.279	0.946	29.5	1
	2009	0.249	0.970	25.7	2
	2010	0.223	1.000	22.3	3
	2011	0.231	0.978	23.6	3
	2012	0.211	0.975	21.6	4
	2013	0.200	0.958	20.8	3
	2014	0.208	0.926	22.5	3
	2015	0.192	0.921	20.8	3

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New York	1999	0.088	1.611	5.5%	50
	2000	0.104	1.604	6.5	49
	2001	0.104	1.481	7.1	48
	2002	0.094	1.424	6.6	48
	2003	0.088	1.296	6.8	49
	2004	0.076	1.146	6.6	48
	2005	0.080	1.093	7.3	45
	2006	0.065	1.052	6.1	47
	2007	0.055	1.056	5.2	48
	2008	0.053	0.921	5.8	49
	2009	0.056	1.031	5.4	49
	2010	0.052	1.047	5.0	49
	2011	0.050	0.986	5.0	49
	2012	0.047	0.892	5.3	49
	2013	0.053	0.857	6.2	46
	2014	0.050	0.801	6.2	48
	2015	0.051	0.822	6.1	50
North Carolina	1999	0.099	1.342	7.4%	43
	2000	0.098	1.275	7.7	47
	2001	0.103	1.215	8.5	43
	2002	0.107	1.227	8.7	43
	2003	0.102	1.217	8.4	44
	2004	0.092	1.197	7.7	46
	2005	0.168	1.253	13.4	23
	2006	0.159	1.224	13.0	23
	2007	0.138	1.161	11.9	30
	2008	0.173	1.202	14.4	21
	2009	0.172	1.269	13.5	23
	2010	0.104	1.136	9.1	34
	2011	0.098	1.128	8.7	37
	2012	0.103	1.137	9.1	35
	2013	0.058	0.989	5.9	48
	2014	0.058	0.968	6.0	49
	2015	0.066	1.019	6.5	48

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
North Dakota	1999	0.017	0.300	5.7%	49
	2000	0.027	0.280	9.6	37
	2001	0.020	0.274	7.5	45
	2002	0.021	0.267	7.9	46
	2003	0.020	0.240	8.5	43
	2004	0.020	0.230	8.7	45
	2005	0.027	0.700	3.9	50
	2006	0.026	0.691	3.8	50
	2007	0.025	0.559	4.5	49
	2008	0.018	0.189	9.4	40
	2009	0.019	0.205	9.1	41
	2010	0.012	0.191	6.0	47
	2011	0.013	0.200	6.7	44
	2012	0.014	0.232	5.9	47
	2013	0.014	0.257	5.6	49
	2014	0.014	0.277	5.0	51
	2015	0.019	0.275	6.8	45
Ohio	1999	0.124	1.039	11.9%	23
	2000	0.142	1.092	13.0	18
	2001	0.157	1.061	14.8	17
	2002	0.154	1.035	14.9	17
	2003	0.160	1.004	15.9	15
	2004	0.154	1.002	15.4	15
	2005	0.166	1.059	15.7	16
	2006	0.159	1.013	15.7	13
	2007	0.153	0.966	15.8	11
	2008	0.148	0.952	15.6	16
	2009	0.153	0.972	15.7	13
	2010	0.133	1.004	13.3	16
	2011	0.136	1.017	13.3	16
	2012	0.134	0.989	13.5	17
	2013	0.117	0.906	12.9	18
	2014	0.115	0.917	12.6	22
	2015	0.119	0.956	12.4	22

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Oklahoma	1999	0.163	1.460	11.2%	26
	2000	0.175	1.435	12.2	25
	2001	0.184	1.367	13.5	21
	2002	0.178	1.284	13.8	22
	2003	0.176	1.233	14.3	20
	2004	0.183	1.235	14.8	18
	2005	0.272	1.126	24.2	4
	2006	0.253	1.055	24.0	4
	2007	0.255	1.067	23.9	4
	2008	0.214	0.980	21.8	6
	2009	0.234	0.980	23.9	4
	2010	0.235	1.044	22.5	2
	2011	0.232	0.980	23.7	2
	2012	0.256	0.991	25.9	1
	2013	0.093	0.931	10.0	34
	2014	0.093	0.883	10.5	31
	2015	0.096	0.916	10.5	31
Oregon	1999	0.196	1.533	12.8%	19
	2000	0.180	1.440	12.5	22
	2001	0.180	1.407	12.8	24
	2002	0.173	1.356	12.7	24
	2003	0.173	1.351	12.8	26
	2004	0.163	1.326	12.3	26
	2005	0.158	1.346	11.8	30
	2006	0.143	1.288	11.1	35
	2007	0.126	1.173	10.8	33
	2008	0.115	1.052	10.9	36
	2009	0.111	1.070	10.4	38
	2010	0.121	1.169	10.3	29
	2011	0.106	1.137	9.3	34
	2012	0.107	1.184	9.0	36
	2013	0.131	1.105	11.8	26
	2014	0.145	1.130	12.8	21
	2015	0.150	1.174	12.7	21

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Pennsylvania	1999	0.085	0.924	9.2%	37
	2000	0.087	0.909	9.6	36
	2001	0.089	0.865	10.3	35
	2002	0.089	0.835	10.6	34
	2003	0.088	0.800	11.0	35
	2004	0.077	0.796	9.7	37
	2005	0.058	0.820	7.1	46
	2006	0.054	0.761	7.1	45
	2007	0.051	0.733	7.0	45
	2008	0.046	0.709	6.5	46
	2009	0.050	0.767	6.6	48
	2010	0.050	0.829	6.0	48
	2011	0.052	0.834	6.3	47
	2012	0.052	0.792	6.5	46
	2013	0.057	0.662	8.6	39
	2014	0.054	0.628	8.7	38
	2015	0.049	0.647	7.6	43
Rhode Island	1999	0.282	2.304	12.2%	20
	2000	0.298	2.319	12.9	20
	2001	0.312	2.195	14.2	18
	2002	0.352	2.150	16.4	13
	2003	0.324	2.143	15.1	16
	2004	0.300	2.090	14.4	19
	2005	0.294	2.133	13.8	22
	2006	0.303	2.014	15.0	17
	2007	0.279	2.044	13.6	23
	2008	0.281	1.838	15.3	17
	2009	0.361	2.052	17.6	9
	2010	0.354	2.288	15.5	12
	2011	0.435	2.497	17.4	8
	2012	0.400	2.357	17.0	8
	2013	0.286	1.854	15.4	9
	2014	0.268	1.834	14.6	12
	2015	0.283	1.869	15.2	13

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
South Carolina	1999	0.130	1.694	7.6%	41
	2000	0.149	1.663	9.0	40
	2001	0.146	1.547	9.4	39
	2002	0.147	1.508	9.7	38
	2003	0.149	1.495	9.9	38
	2004	0.136	1.415	9.6	38
	2005	0.138	1.371	10.1	37
	2006	0.134	1.306	10.3	36
	2007	0.120	1.281	9.4	38
	2008	0.158	1.233	12.8	30
	2009	0.143	1.340	10.7	37
	2010	0.113	1.373	8.2	40
	2011	0.105	1.350	7.8	41
	2012	0.105	1.353	7.7	43
	2013	0.145	1.380	10.5	31
	2014	0.152	1.397	10.9	30
	2015	0.141	1.510	9.4	37
South Dakota	1999	0.045	0.710	6.4%	48
	2000	0.054	0.670	8.1	45
	2001	0.047	0.641	7.4	46
	2002	0.042	0.612	6.9	47
	2003	0.051	0.610	8.4	45
	2004	0.049	0.549	8.8	43
	2005	0.038	0.537	7.0	47
	2006	0.036	0.523	6.8	46
	2007	0.033	0.484	6.9	46
	2008	0.029	0.450	6.5	47
	2009	0.036	0.423	8.6	42
	2010	0.037	0.488	7.5	42
	2011	0.039	0.476	8.2	39
	2012	0.033	0.425	7.8	42
	2013	0.032	0.453	7.0	44
	2014	0.031	0.442	7.1	44
	2015	0.033	0.430	7.7	42

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Tennessee	1999	0.212	1.034	20.5%	5
	2000	0.213	0.972	22.0	6
	2001	0.209	0.947	22.1	5
	2002	0.185	0.896	20.7	7
	2003	0.192	0.868	22.2	6
	2004	0.187	0.883	21.2	6
	2005	0.160	0.840	19.1	8
	2006	0.158	0.824	19.2	7
	2007	0.168	0.832	20.2	6
	2008	0.179	0.775	23.1	5
	2009	0.194	0.812	23.9	3
	2010	0.176	0.831	21.2	5
	2011	0.172	0.839	20.5	5
	2012	0.172	0.853	20.1	6
	2013	0.152	0.804	19.0	5
	2014	0.161	0.806	19.9	4
	2015	0.171	0.855	20.0	5
Texas	1999	0.227	1.712	13.2%	17
	2000	0.235	1.628	14.5	14
	2001	0.263	1.644	16.0	15
	2002	0.265	1.592	16.7	12
	2003	0.258	1.520	17.0	13
	2004	0.235	1.427	16.5	12
	2005	0.227	1.426	16.0	14
	2006	0.206	1.355	15.2	15
	2007	0.203	1.313	15.4	13
	2008	0.176	1.123	15.7	15
	2009	0.169	1.138	14.9	19
	2010	0.168	1.222	13.7	15
	2011	0.158	1.187	13.3	17
	2012	0.157	1.185	13.3	19
	2013	0.165	1.203	13.7	14
	2014	0.171	1.229	13.9	16
	2015	0.182	1.291	14.1	16

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Utah	1999	0.104	1.299	8.0%	38
	2000	0.101	1.252	8.1	43
	2001	0.110	1.210	9.1	40
	2002	0.111	1.193	9.3	40
	2003	0.107	1.211	8.8	42
	2004	0.119	1.276	9.3	41
	2005	0.096	1.284	7.5	44
	2006	0.096	1.235	7.7	43
	2007	0.097	1.194	8.1	42
	2008	0.085	1.028	8.2	44
	2009	0.083	1.011	8.2	43
	2010	0.057	0.945	6.1	45
	2011	0.054	0.963	5.6	48
	2012	0.058	0.986	5.8	48
	2013	0.084	0.984	8.6	38
	2014	0.077	0.970	7.9	40
	2015	0.083	1.016	8.2	39
Vermont	1999	0.071	1.085	6.5%	46
	2000	0.078	1.033	7.6	48
	2001	0.066	0.947	7.0	49
	2002	0.050	0.844	5.9	49
	2003	0.063	0.787	8.0	47
	2004	0.043	0.750	5.7	50
	2005	0.052	0.825	6.3	48
	2006	0.044	0.761	5.8	48
	2007	0.042	0.725	5.8	47
	2008	0.037	0.614	6.0	48
	2009	0.042	0.588	7.1	47
	2010	0.035	0.579	6.0	46
	2011	0.038	0.592	6.5	46
	2012	0.043	0.501	8.5	39
	2013	0.045	0.542	8.2	42
	2014	0.032	0.510	6.3	46
	2015	0.034	0.510	6.8	47

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Virginia	1999	0.133	1.312	10.1%	31
	2000	0.136	1.251	10.9	31
	2001	0.136	1.250	10.9	30
	2002	0.121	1.199	10.1	37
	2003	0.122	1.164	10.4	37
	2004	0.109	1.087	10.0	35
	2005	0.101	1.022	9.9	38
	2006	0.099	0.997	9.9	38
	2007	0.089	0.948	9.4	37
	2008	0.090	0.882	10.2	38
	2009	0.105	0.970	10.8	35
	2010	0.087	0.914	9.5	32
	2011	0.086	0.931	9.3	35
	2012	0.094	0.936	10.1	31
	2013	0.079	0.885	8.9	37
	2014	0.082	0.863	9.5	36
	2015	0.091	0.923	9.9	34
Washington	1999	0.278	1.701	16.3%	9
	2000	0.283	1.606	17.7	8
	2001	0.275	1.551	17.7	10
	2002	0.248	1.449	17.1	11
	2003	0.255	1.434	17.8	11
	2004	0.264	1.431	18.5	9
	2005	0.240	1.433	16.8	10
	2006	0.215	1.372	15.7	12
	2007	0.194	1.227	15.8	10
	2008	0.179	1.073	16.7	10
	2009	0.176	1.090	16.1	11
	2010	0.209	1.186	17.6	7
	2011	0.187	1.145	16.3	9
	2012	0.189	1.174	16.1	10
	2013	0.180	1.174	15.4	10
	2014	0.204	1.199	17.0	8
	2015	0.208	1.197	17.4	7

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West Virginia	1999	0.080	1.245	6.4%	47
	2000	0.092	1.187	7.8	46
	2001	0.113	1.182	9.5	38
	2002	0.113	1.205	9.3	39
	2003	0.104	1.133	9.2	40
	2004	0.105	1.080	9.7	36
	2005	0.078	0.976	8.0	42
	2006	0.081	0.925	8.7	41
	2007	0.067	0.878	7.6	44
	2008	0.090	0.889	10.1	39
	2009	0.104	0.959	10.8	34
	2010	0.077	0.926	8.4	38
	2011	0.074	0.922	8.1	40
	2012	0.073	0.866	8.4	40
	2013	0.072	0.773	9.4	36
	2014	0.070	0.740	9.4	37
	2015	0.073	0.720	10.1	32
Wisconsin	1999	0.120	0.989	12.1%	22
	2000	0.125	0.993	12.6	21
	2001	0.117	0.876	13.4	22
	2002	0.123	0.855	14.4	18
	2003	0.117	0.825	14.2	21
	2004	0.114	0.801	14.2	20
	2005	0.109	0.781	14.0	19
	2006	0.101	0.714	14.2	21
	2007	0.105	0.708	14.8	16
	2008	0.094	0.623	15.0	18
	2009	0.086	0.589	14.6	21
	2010	0.070	0.589	11.9	24
	2011	0.065	0.569	11.5	24
	2012	0.067	0.572	11.7	25
	2013	0.067	0.574	11.7	27
	2014	0.071	0.616	11.6	26
	2015	0.086	0.604	14.3	15

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Wyoming	1999	0.076	0.672	11.3%	25
	2000	0.052	0.632	8.2	42
	2001	0.043	0.597	7.1	47
	2002	0.053	0.571	9.2	42
	2003	0.048	0.589	8.2	46
	2004	0.059	0.556	10.7	32
	2005	0.049	0.580	8.5	41
	2006	0.044	0.535	8.2	42
	2007	0.042	0.484	8.8	40
	2008	0.046	0.443	10.3	37
	2009	0.036	0.439	8.1	44
	2010	0.041	0.435	9.5	33
	2011	0.036	0.414	8.6	38
	2012	0.033	0.373	8.7	38
	2013	0.020	0.359	5.6	50
	2014	0.025	0.348	7.2	43
	2015	0.026	0.339	7.8	41

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Uninsured Motorists, 2017 Edition, October 2017, 58 pages.
This study examines trends in uninsured motorists countrywide and in individual states based on uninsured motorists and bodily injury claim frequencies from 2013, 2014, and 2015. The report include pervious estimates, countrywide and by state, beginning in 1999.

The Potential Effects of No Pay, No Play Laws, November 2012, 31 pages.
This study seeks to measure the impact of no pay, no play laws on the percentage of uninsured motorists. It also estimates the costs of noneconomic damages awarded to uninsured motorists in states that have yet to enact such laws. The findings suggest that not only would a properly enforced no pay, no play law result in a moderate decrease in uninsured motorists, it may also reduce auto insurance costs.

Other Issues

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This report examines public understanding of the nature and effects of hurricane deductibles and other special deductibles that are applicable to storm-related homeowners insurance claims. The study is based on a survey of privately insured homeowners in five coastal states.

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This study examines a sample of closed homeowners insurance claims for property damage occurring from 2008 to 2013, exploring the distribution of the number of claims and the dollars paid across regions within the state. The rate of attorney involvement is examined, with particular focus on claims stemming from wind and hail damage. The report documents the spread of attorney involvement across counties in Texas and provides estimates for the impact of continued increases.

The Sharing Economy: Public Participation and Views, August 2016, 58 pages.
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This report explores consumer attitudes and opinions with respect to auto insurance telematics and usage-based insurance (UBI). The report finds that many drivers participating in the programs change their driving behavior in response to information provided by their insurance companies about their driving gathered with a telematics device. The report also confirms that many drivers are concerned about the privacy of their personal driving information.

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This report examines how often consumers shop for auto insurance, how they go about shopping, the choices made after shopping, satisfaction with the shopping experience, and the use of Internet-based personal technology when shopping for insurance. The report also looks at differences in shopping behavior and technology use across demographic groups.

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The Affordable Care Act (ACA) dramatically alters healthcare markets and health insurance systems in the United States. Although the property-casualty insurance industry is not directly included or targeted by the act, it is not immune to its effects. This white paper identifies the ways in which the ACA may affect the property-casualty insurance industry.

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This report surveys academic experts in risk and insurance on the effectiveness of prior approval and market-oriented rate regulatory policies in automobile insurance. The results show that a vast majority believe the prior-approval regulation of auto insurance rates is unnecessary and does not benefit consumers.

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Senator Burgess,

The attached PDF is the official number of uninsured motorists in the state of Florida. For November 2020, it was 6.6 percent. I've included their uninsured motorist estimate as an attachment dated 12.16.2020.

Here is how DHSMV generates that number:

- Once a month a data pull is conducted for the number of vehicles registered in the state, and the number of vehicles that have meet the minimal insurance requirements as reported to the Department from the Insurance industry. Those numbers are reflected on the page and used to create a rate. Commercial vehicles are excluded from the pull since it is only to reflect personally owned vehicles.

The insurance industry generates a very different number. A 2017 Insurance Research Council report estimated that in 2015, 26.7 percent of Florida drivers were uninsured. This was the highest uninsured motorist rate in the country. In my experience, the insurance industry points to this number rather than the DHSMV number. I've included the 2017 IRC report as an attachment.

Here is how the IRC generates their number:

- Uninsured motorist rates were estimated by comparing the injury portion of UM insurance coverage with bodily injury (BI) liability coverage. If an insured person is injured in an auto accident caused by an at-fault driver, then he or she will fi le a BI liability claim against the at-fault driver seeking compensation for their injury. However, if the at-fault driver is uninsured or the injured person is a victim of a hit-and-run driver, then the injured person will fi le a UM claim with their own insurance company to seek compensation. Claim frequencies measure the number of insurance claims per 100 vehicles insured for an entire year. The ratio of UM claim frequency to BI claim frequency represents the chance that someone injured in an auto accident was the victim of an uninsured at-fault driver.

It think the IRC number likely overestimates the number of true uninsured in Florida because Florida does not require BI coverage. The most likely ways the DHSMV number is incorrect is if there are large numbers of unregistered vehicles on the roads, or the insurance industry data is somehow incorrect regarding the real number of insureds.

Personally, I think that by mandating BI, the IRC number of 26.7% is likely to decrease because more drivers will have BI, but the DHSMV number will increase because the coverage will likely be more expensive for some people that currently buy PIP/PD only policies.

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Average Uninsured Motorist Rate in FL for CY 2020

	Vehicles Registered Requring Insurance	Number Of Uninsured Vehicles	% of Uninsured Vehicles
January 2019	14,307,274	870,475	6.084
February 2019	14,455,785	871,196	6.027
March 2019	14,530,348	852,507	5.867
April 2019	14,581,375	835,962	5.733
May 2019	14,681,314	854,852	5.823
June 2019	14,697,659	866,487	5.895
July 2019	14,749,245	877,606	5.950
August 2019	14,746,471	888,887	6.028
September 2019	14,752,148	898,349	6.090
October 2019	14,763,143	907,656	6.148
November 2019	14,781,065	986,880	6.677
December 2019	14,796,734	1,079,572	7.296
January 2020	14,607,444	1,213,035	8.304
February 2020	14,763,716	1,216,847	8.242
March 2020	14,848,562	1,170,098	7.880
April 2020	14,883,373	1,040,236	6.989
May 2020	14,872,564	1,015,738	6.830
June 2020	14,814,079	977,708	6.600
July 2020	14,878,914	971,508	6.529
August 2020	14,927,788	988,004	6.619
September 2020	14,948,625	994,795	6.655
October 2020	14,978,402	995,977	6.649
November 2020	14,998,642	993,383	6.623

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Executive Summary

Most licensed drivers in the United States are required by state law to maintain liability insurance coverage that will compensate others for injuries or damages resulting from auto accidents in which the insured is found to be at fault. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia have adopted compulsory insurance laws requiring drivers to maintain liability insurance coverage.[1] Even in New Hampshire, the only state without a compulsory auto insurance law, drivers who have demonstrated a lack of financial responsibility for past auto accidents must provide proof of financial responsibility for potential future accidents.[2]

Despite the near-universal requirement that drivers maintain liability insurance coverage, a significant number do not, and these uninsured drivers increase costs for drivers who do have coverage. Auto insurance policies typically include uninsured motorist (UM) coverage that will protect the insured if they are injured by an at-fault uninsured driver. The costs associated with UM insurance coverage can be significant. According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), the countrywide average premium cost per covered vehicle for UM coverage in 2013 was $67.[3]

Uninsured motorists pose additional costs for insurance companies, state governments, and taxpayers. In 2012, the average UM claim included $11,379 in claimed medical losses and $7,960 in lost wages.[4] In addition to underwriting UM insurance coverage and processing UM insurance claims, auto insurance companies must comply with regulations in many states requiring insurers to inform the state any time auto insurance coverage is cancelled. State governments administer taxpayer-funded programs to monitor the insurance status of motor vehicles registered in the state.

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1 Insurance Information Institute, 2017 Insurance Fact Book (New York: Insurance Information Institute, 2017) p. 87.

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3 National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Auto Insurance Database Report 2013/2014 (Kansas City, Kans.: National Association of Insurance Commissioners, 2017) p. 148. The amount noted includes costs associated with underinsured, as well as uninsured, motorist claims. Texas is not included in the calculation.

4 Insurance Research Council, Auto Injury Claims: Countrywide Patterns in Treatment, Cost, and Compensation (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2012) p. 39.

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This report updates previous Insurance Research Council (IRC) estimates of the percentage of drivers who are uninsured. New estimates for the years 2013–15 are presented, along with earlier estimates from 1999–2012. The new estimates are based on the analysis of auto injury claim frequency data provided by 143 insurance companies, representing 60 percent of the private passenger auto insurance market countrywide in 2015.

Uninsured motorist rates were estimated by comparing the injury portion of UM insurance coverage with bodily injury (BI) liability coverage. If an insured person is injured in an auto accident caused by an at-fault driver, then he or she will file a BI liability claim against the at-fault driver seeking compensation for their injury. However, if the at-fault driver is uninsured or the injured person is a victim of a hit-and-run driver, then the injured person will file a UM claim with their own insurance company to seek compensation. Claim frequencies measure the number of insurance claims per 100 vehicles insured for an entire year. The ratio of UM claim frequency to BI claim frequency represents the chance that someone injured in an auto accident was the victim of an uninsured at-fault driver.

Because an at-fault driver is either uninsured or insured, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio estimates the percentage of all drivers who are uninsured. For example, if, in a group of 10,000 vehicle owners, 1,000 (10 percent) do not have auto liability insurance and accidents involving injuries occur at a frequency of 5 percent per year, then 500 auto accidents with an injury would occur (5 percent × 10,000), of which 50 would involve uninsured drivers (10 percent × 500). Five of the 50 accidents (10 percent) would involve another uninsured motorist, while 45 of the accidents would involve insured motorists as the injured parties. As a result, these 45 injured individuals would submit UM claims to their own insurers, producing a claim frequency rate of 0.005 (45 UM claims for 9,000 insured vehicles). Meanwhile, there would be 450 BI claims for 9,000 insured vehicles, producing a BI claim frequency of 0.05. The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies would be 0.10, or 10 percent (0.005/0.05). Thus, the ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies produces a measure of the probability that an injury to an insured car occupant will have been the fault of an uninsured driver. This approach assumes that insured and uninsured drivers experience the same frequency of at-fault accidents resulting in injuries. If accident rates for uninsured drivers are greater than for insured drivers, then the IRC estimates understate the true prevalence of uninsured drivers. If, on the other hand, accident rates for insured drivers are greater than for uninsured drivers, then the IRC estimates overstate the true prevalence of uninsured drivers.

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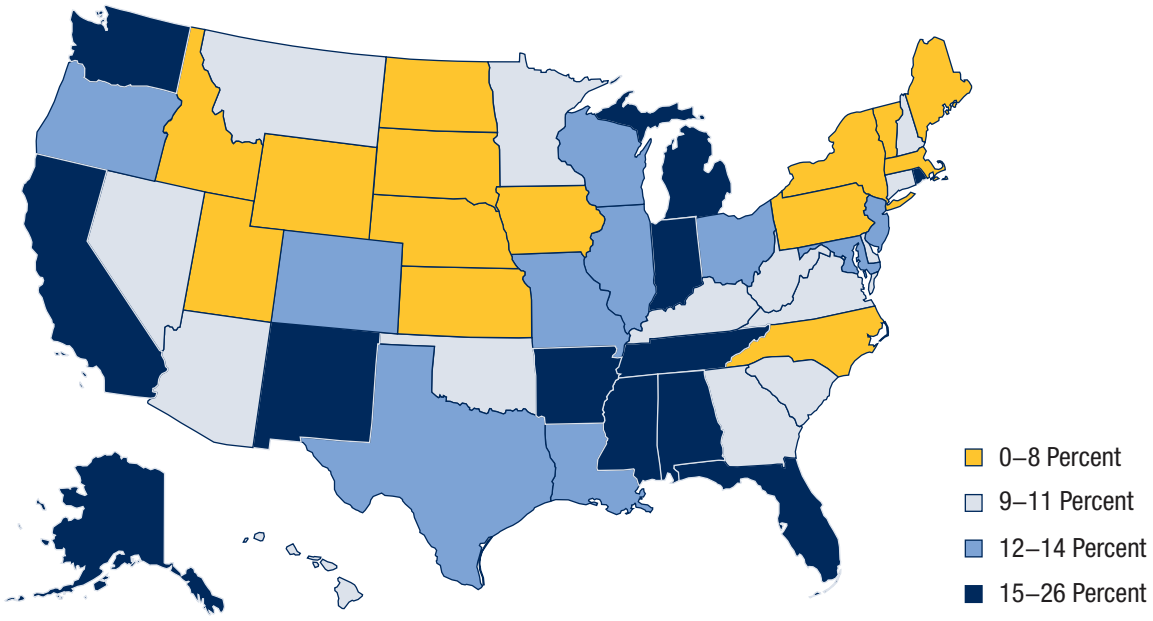
Major findings

- In 2015, when someone was injured in an auto accident in the U.S., the chances were about one in 8 that the at-fault driver in the accident was uninsured. From 2010 to 2015, the countrywide ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies increased from 12.3 percent to 13.0 percent, following a seven-year decline from a high of 14.9 percent in 2003.
- The percentage of uninsured drivers varied significantly by state. In 2015, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio was highest in Florida (26.7 percent) and lowest in Maine (4.5 percent). Other states with comparatively high uninsured motorist rates in 2015 were Mississippi (23.7 percent), New Mexico (20.8 percent), Michigan (20.3 percent) and Tennessee (20.0 percent). Figure 1 illustrates the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers in each state in 2015. In thirteen states and the District of Columbia, the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers was equal to or greater than 15 percent.

Figure 1

Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers in 2015



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- Five states (Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Florida, and North Dakota) experienced increases in their estimated uninsured motorist rates of 3 percentage points or more from 2006–15. Two of these states (Michigan and Florida) had uninsured motorist rates exceeding 20 percent in 2015. Massachusetts and North Dakota had comparatively low uninsured motorist rates in 2015, even after experiencing significant increases over the 2006–15 period.
- Several states experienced significant improvements in their uninsured motorist rates over the 2006–15 period. Oklahoma's rate fell 13.5 percentage points, from 24.0 percent to 10.5 percent, likely due to legislation enacted in 2013 aimed at reducing the number of uninsured drivers. New Mexico also experienced a significant decline in its uninsured motorist rate—from 30.7 percent to 20.8 percent.
- High uninsured motorist rates do not always indicate high underlying claim frequencies. For example, Michigan had one of the highest uninsured motorist rates in the country in 2015 (20.3 percent), but also had one of the country's lowest UM and BI claim frequency rates. Indiana experienced low BI claim frequency rates and medium UM claim frequency rates, but had one of the ten highest uninsured motorist estimates (16.7 percent).
- Uninsured motorist rates are likely influenced by several factors. Higher average expenditures for auto liability insurance coverage are associated with higher rates of uninsured motorists, although the relationship is relatively weak and insurance cost is not a strong predictor of uninsured motorist rates. Future IRC research will explore the factors and conditions that explain uninsured motorist rates across states and over time.

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National Uninsured Motorists Trends

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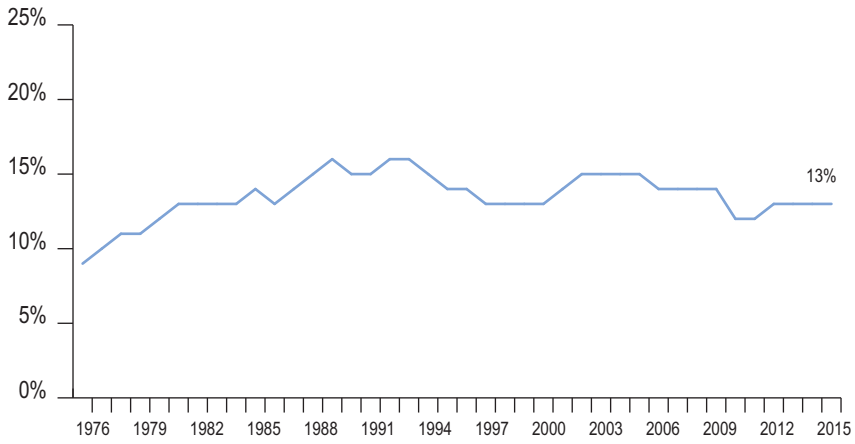
The IRC previously estimated that, in 2012, the countrywide uninsured motorist rate was 12.6 percent.[5] This report adds three additional years to the trend of uninsured motorist estimates. The IRC estimates that the percentage of drivers countrywide who were uninsured increased to 12.7 percent in 2013, and then to 13.0 percent in 2014. In 2015, the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers remained at 13.0 percent.

The percentage of drivers who are uninsured has increased slowly since 2011, when the UM rate was at its lowest since 1980, 12.2 percent (Figure 2). Uninsured motorist rates have typically fluctuated between 11 and 15 percent. Only 6 of the 37 years that the IRC has studied uninsured motorists had estimated rates that fell outside the 11 to 15 percent range. The current estimate of 13 percent is in the middle of that range.

Figure 2

Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers Countrywide

(Ratio of UM to BI claim frequency rates)



Source: IRC estimates. Estimates for 1987, 1988, and 1998 are interpolated from prior and post year IRC estimates.

[5] Insurance Research Council, Uninsured Motorists, 2014 Edition (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2014), p. 4.

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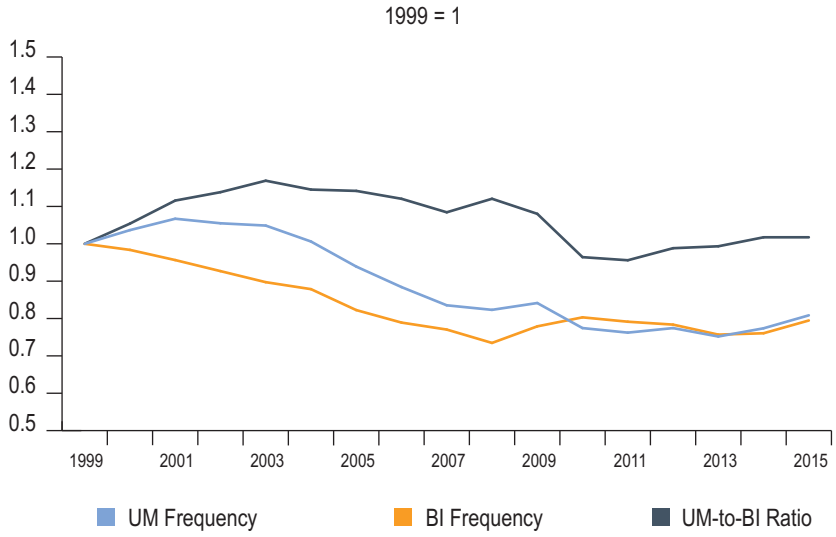
The ratio of UM and BI claim frequency rates forms the basis for the IRC's estimate of the prevalence of uninsured motorists. Figure 3 depicts change over time in UM and BI claim frequency rates and the UM to BI ratio by indexing each measure to 1, starting in 1999. The trends illustrate how changes in underlying claim frequencies affect the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers. The UM to BI claim frequency ratio (the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers) changes very little when UM and BI claim frequency trends follow each other closely. For example, from 2014 to 2015, the UM and BI claim frequency rates both increased, but at approximately the same rate, thus resulting in no change in the UM to BI ratio. When UM and BI claim frequency trends move in different directions, or move in the same direction but at different rates, then the UM to BI claim frequency ratio changes. For example, from 2007 to 2008, the UM claim frequency rate decreased, but not as rapidly as BI claim frequency. As a result, the UM to BI claim frequency rate increased. A more dramatic example can be seen with 2009 to 2010, when UM claim frequency decreased as BI claim frequency increased, resulting in a significant decline in the UM to BI ratio, from 13.8 to 12.3 percent.

Figure 3

Indexed Change in Countrywide UM & BI Claim Frequencies, UM/BI Ratio



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Despite long-term declines in both UM and BI claim frequencies, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio was only slightly different in 2015, at 13.0 percent, than it was in 1999, when it was 12.7 percent. The UM to BI ratio was little changed because UM and BI claim frequency rates experienced very similar declines over the sixteen-year period. If the UM and BI claim frequency trends had experienced very different trends, then the UM to BI ratio in 2015 would have differed considerably from what it was in 1999.

Countrywide uninsured motorists and bodily injury claim frequency rates, as well as the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers (the UM to BI claim frequency ratio) are presented in Figure 4 for the years 1999–2015. Only claims involving bodily injury are included in the UM claim frequency rates. Claim frequency rates and uninsured motorist estimates prior to 1999 can be found in previous IRC *Uninsured Motorists* reports.

Figure 4

Countrywide Claim Frequencies and UM to BI Ratios

	UM claim frequency*+	BI claim frequency+	Ratio: UM to BI claim frequencies
1999	0.164	1.285	12.8%
2000	0.170	1.264	13.4
2001	0.175	1.229	14.2
2002	0.173	1.191	14.5
2003	0.172	1.153	14.9
2004	0.165	1.129	14.6
2005	0.154	1.057	14.6
2006	0.145	1.014	14.3
2007	0.137	0.990	13.8
2008	0.135	0.944	14.3
2009	0.138	1.001	13.8
2010	0.127	1.032	12.3
2011	0.125	1.017	12.3
2012	0.127	1.007	12.6
2013	0.123	0.973	12.7
2014	0.127	0.977	13.0
2015	0.133	1.021	13.0

* Including only injury claims paid under UM coverage.

+ Number of claims paid per 100 insured exposures.

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State UM Trends

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Individual state UM to BI claim frequency ratios in 2015 ranged from 4.5 percent in Maine to 26.7 percent in Florida. Four other states, in addition to Florida, had UM to BI ratios of 20 percent or more: Mississippi (23.7 percent), New Mexico (20.8 percent), Michigan (20.3 percent), and Tennessee (20.0 percent). Wide variation in uninsured motorist rates across states is not a new phenomenon; similar differences have been documented in previous IRC UM studies. The 2015 ranking of states by the percentage of uninsured drivers, as measured by the UM to BI claim frequency ratio, is shown in figure 5.

Figure 5

Estimated Uninsured Motorist Rates in 2015

Rank		UM Claim Frequency*	BI Claim Frequency*	Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers
1	Florida	0.358	1.339	26.7%
2	Mississippi	0.229	0.966	23.7
3	New Mexico	0.192	0.921	20.8
4	Michigan	0.061	0.299	20.3
5	Tennessee	0.171	0.855	20.0
6	Alabama	0.158	0.862	18.4
7	Washington	0.208	1.197	17.4
8	Indiana	0.122	0.728	16.7
9	Arkansas	0.164	0.985	16.6
10	District of Columbia	0.321	2.060	15.6
11	Alaska	0.103	0.670	15.4
12	California	0.165	1.091	15.2
13	Rhode Island	0.283	1.869	15.2
14	New Jersey	0.110	0.740	14.9
15	Wisconsin	0.086	0.604	14.3
16	Texas	0.182	1.291	14.1
17	Missouri	0.125	0.892	14.0
18	Illinois	0.123	0.894	13.7
19	Colorado	0.115	0.862	13.3
20	Louisiana	0.265	2.043	13.0

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Rank		UM Claim Frequency*	BI Claim Frequency*	Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers
21	Oregon	0.150	1.174	12.7%
22	Ohio	0.119	0.956	12.4
23	Maryland	0.213	1.725	12.4
24	Arizona	0.142	1.185	12.0
25	Georgia	0.192	1.599	12.0
26	Kentucky	0.115	0.996	11.5
27	Minnesota	0.045	0.387	11.5
28	Delaware	0.139	1.223	11.4
29	Nevada	0.159	1.490	10.6
30	Hawaii	0.039	0.368	10.6
31	Oklahoma	0.096	0.916	10.5
32	West Virginia	0.073	0.720	10.1
33	Montana	0.049	0.497	9.9
34	Virginia	0.091	0.923	9.9
35	New Hampshire	0.062	0.633	9.9
36	Connecticut	0.116	1.240	9.4
37	South Carolina	0.141	1.510	9.4
38	Iowa	0.046	0.536	8.7
39	Utah	0.083	1.016	8.2
40	Idaho	0.066	0.807	8.2
41	Wyoming	0.026	0.339	7.8
42	South Dakota	0.033	0.430	7.7
43	Pennsylvania	0.049	0.647	7.6
44	Kansas	0.032	0.443	7.2
45	North Dakota	0.019	0.275	6.8
46	Nebraska	0.049	0.728	6.8
47	Vermont	0.034	0.510	6.8
48	North Carolina	0.066	1.019	6.5
49	Massachusetts	0.079	1.280	6.2
50	New York	0.051	0.822	6.1
51	Maine	0.026	0.580	4.5

*Number of paid claims per 100 insured exposures.

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In 2015, twenty states had uninsured motorist rates equal to or greater than the countrywide rate (13.0 percent) while 30 states had rates below the countrywide rate. Most of the states with the highest uninsured motorist rates in 2015 also had high rates in 2006, but that was not the case for all of them. Indiana, for example, ranked eighth in 2015 but only twentieth in 2006. Similarly, Arkansas ranked ninth in 2015, but nineteenth in 2006. Conversely, some states with relatively high rankings in 2006 had significantly lower rankings 10 years later. Oklahoma, for example, had the fourth highest uninsured motorist rate in 2006, but ranked thirty-first by 2015.

Uninsured motorist rates for individual states often change from year-to-year, although the changes are typically small. Some states, however, have experienced significant changes over extended periods of time. Figure 6 lists states with the greatest increases or decreases in their UM to BI ratios from 2006 to 2015. Although the 2015 UM to BI ratio for Massachusetts (6.2 percent) was less than one-half the countrywide rate, the state experienced the largest percentage point increase, rising 4.8 points over the ten-year period. Many of the other states with the largest percentage point increases also are among the states with the highest UM to BI ratios in 2015. Michigan, for example, experienced a 3.8 percentage point increase in its UM to BI ratio, and Florida, which ranked fifth highest among all the states in 2006, ranked first in 2015, with a UM to BI ratio of 26.7 percent. This followed a 3.4 percentage point increase over 10 years.

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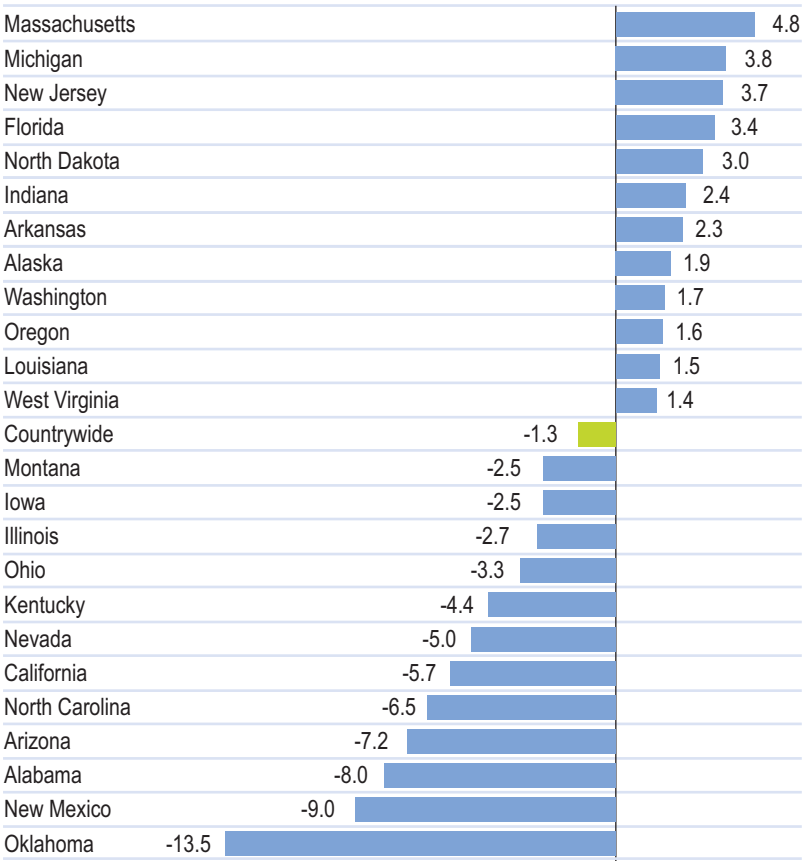
Figure 6

States With Largest Percentage Point Increases or Decreases in Estimated Uninsured Motorist Rates 2006–15



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Among the states with significant decreases in their UM to BI ratios, Oklahoma is particularly noteworthy. The dramatic decrease in Oklahoma's ratio (falling from 24.0 percent to 10.5 percent) may be attributed to the enactment of legislation in 2013 aimed at reducing the number of uninsured drivers.[6] Others states experiencing substantial decreases include New Mexico (declining 9.0 points to 20.8 percent) and Alabama (declining 8.0 points to 18.4 percent). Even with substantial decreases, however, New Mexico and Alabama are among the states with the highest estimated percentage of uninsured drivers. Another state to note is California, where the UM to BI ratio dropped 5.7 points, to 15.2 percent. In 2006, California had the sixth highest estimated percentage of uninsured drivers in the country. By 2015, California ranked twelfth among all the states.

Further insight into uninsured motorist rates is found in the underlying claim frequency rates used to calculate UM to BI claim frequency ratios. Figure 7 indicates for each state whether UM and BI claim frequencies are relatively low, medium, or high. The 10 states with the highest UM to BI ratios are shown in bold. Uninsured motorist rates may be high even when claim frequency rates are low, as was the case with Michigan, where strong no-fault rules limit all types of liability claims involving bodily injury. States with medium and high BI claim frequency rates and high UM claim frequency rates tend to have higher UM to BI ratios. Thirteen of 17 states with this combination of claim frequencies also experienced UM to BI ratios equal to or greater than the countrywide average (13.0 percent), in 2015.

[6] The legislation authorized law enforcement personnel to remove the tags of any uninsured vehicle and return the tags only after insurance has been purchased and any related fines have been paid. "Oklahoma Governor Signs Uninsured Motorist Bill," Insurance Journal, May 2, 2013, www.insurancejournal.com/news/ southcentral/2013/05/02/290661.htm (accessed August 9, 2015).

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Figure 7

UM and BI Claim Frequency Distribution, 2007

UM Claim Frequency	Low < .75	Medium .75 to 1	High > 1
High > 0.15		**AL, AR, MS, NM**, SC, **TN**, UT	CA, **DC, FL**, GA, LA, MD, NV, RI, TX, **WA**
Medium 0.07 to 0.15	AK, **IN**, NJ, WI	CO, IL, KY, MO, OH, OK, VA	AZ, CT, DE, MA, OR
Low < 0.07	HI, IA, KS, ME, **MI**, MN, MT, ND, NH, PA, SD, VT, WV, WY	ID, NE, NC, NY	

BI Claim Frequency

States with the 10 highest UM to BI claim frequency ratios are in bold.

UM and BI claim frequency rates varied more across states than did UM to BI claim frequency ratios. The coefficient of variation (CV) is a commonly used measure of variation across a set of data. It is particularly useful in comparing different groups of data with different characteristics. Expressed as a percentage, a higher CV indicates greater variation among the data in a group, and a lower CV indicates less variation. The CV for UM claim frequency in 2015 was 65 percent, compared with 46 percent for BI claim frequency, which indicates that BI claim frequency varied less across states than UM claim frequency. The CV for state UM to BI claim frequency ratios was even lower at 39 percent, indicating that state uninsured motorist rates, as measured by UM to BI ratios, varied less than the underlying claim frequencies on which the uninsured motorist estimates are based.

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Understanding why uninsured motorist rates vary significantly across states is a critical requirement to devise effective strategies to reduce the prevalence of uninsured drivers. For example, as might be expected, higher insurance costs are associated with higher uninsured motorist rates. Figure 8 illustrates the relationship between state UM to BI ratios and average liability premiums, as calculated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Average liability premiums are the total premiums paid by policyholders for all auto liability coverages combined, divided by the number of insured liability exposures (that is, the number of vehicles insured for an entire year).[7] The slope of the line and the dispersion of states around the line indicates that only about 15 percent of the total variation in the UM to BI ratios of every state and the District of Columbia in 2014 was explained by average liability premium costs. In other words, the average cost of insurance (average liability premium) explains only a portion of the variation in uninsured motorist rates across states. A $200 difference in average liability premium costs was associated with an average 2.4 percentage point difference in UM to BI ratios. However, the wide dispersion of states at different premium cost levels indicates that cost alone is a poor predictor of uninsured motorist rates. States with similar insurance costs had uninsured motorist rates that varied widely. For example, in states with average liability premium costs ranging narrowly between $750 and $850, the UM to BI ratio ranged from 6.2 percent to 26.7 percent. This finding suggests that factors in addition to the cost of insurance likely contribute to the prevalence of uninsured drivers in any particular state.[8]

[7] National Association of Insurance Commissioners, "Auto Insurance Database Report 2013/2014," www.naic.org/prod_serv/AUT-PB-TOC.pdf (accessed August 15, 2017).

[8] This analysis could be strengthened by controlling for differences in liability coverage limits actually purchased. Information on coverage limits in force, however, was not available to the IRC.

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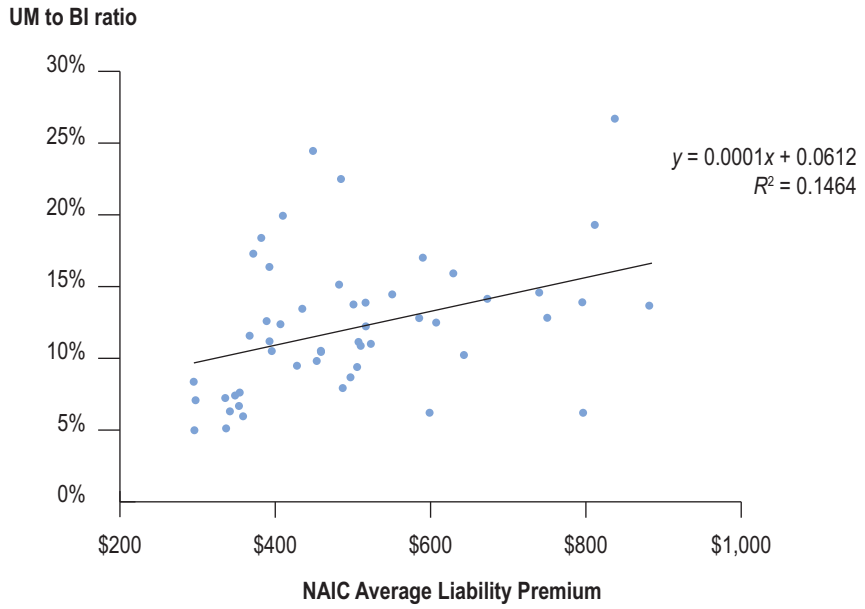
Figure 8

NAIC Average Liability Premium and UM to BI Ratios, 2014

Each point denotes the UM to BI ratio and average liability premium for a single state in 2014.



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Many states have taken steps to encourage drivers to obtain auto insurance coverage and to reduce the frequency of uninsured driving. The most common approach to promoting insurance coverage is to enact compulsory auto insurance laws requiring motor vehicle owners to obtain property damage and bodily injury liability coverage with specific minimum coverage limits. Figure 9 lists the minimum insurance requirements for motorists in each state. In addition to requiring liability coverage, states with no-fault systems require Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. Several states also require UM coverage to protect those who incur medical and/or property damage losses caused by an uninsured driver. Compulsory insurance requirements, while designed and intended to promote insurance coverage, may have the unintended effect of increasing the prevalence of uninsured drivers if the amount of coverage required, and the associated costs, are greater than what some drivers believe they are able to afford or prefer to pay.

Most states also prescribe specific penalties and fines for failing to comply with state insurance requirements. The penalties for driving without insurance vary widely, ranging from $100 for a first offense to a year in jail for multiple violations.[9] The states also take a variety of steps to enforce insurance requirements and identify drivers who fail to maintain minimum coverage. In several instances, state enforcement mechanisms require insurance companies to report detailed information to state agencies whenever a change in a policy that might indicate that a vehicle is no longer appropriately insured occurs.

Compulsory insurance requirements, fines and penalties for noncompliance, and the cost and affordability of insurance coverage are just some of the factors that may influence the prevalence of uninsured motorists. Future IRC research will explore how these factors work both independently and in concert to explain differences in uninsured motorist rates across states.

[9] Insurance Research Council, *Uninsured Motorists*, 2014 Edition (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2014), pp. 16–18.

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Figure 9

State Bodily Injury and Property Damage Auto Insurance Requirements (per person bodily injury/per accident bodily injury/property damage)*L

State	Minimum Liability Limits	UM Coverage Required
Alabama	25/50/25	
Alaska	50/100/25	
Arizona	15/30/10	
Arkansas @	25/50/25	
California	15/30/5	
Colorado	25/50/15	
Connecticut #	20/40/10	Yes
Delaware @	15/30/10	
D.C. @	25/50/10	Yes
Florida @ +	-/-/10	
Georgia	25/50/25	
Hawaii @	20/40/10	
Idaho	25/50/15	
Illinois #	25/50/20	Yes
Indiana	25/50/10	
Iowa	20/40/15	
Kansas @	25/50/25	
Kentucky @	25/50/10	
Louisiana	15/30/25	
Maine	50/100/25	Yes
Maryland @ #	30/60/15	Yes
Massachusetts @	20/40/5	Yes
Michigan @	20/40/10	
Minnesota @ #	30/60/10	Yes
Mississippi	25/50/25	
Missouri	25/50/10	Yes

State	Minimum Liability Limits	UM Coverage Required
Montana	25/50/10	
Nebraska #	25/50/25	Yes
Nevada	15/30/10	
New Hampshire %	-/-/-	
New Jersey @ #	15/30/5	Yes
New Mexico	25/50/10	
New York @	25/50/10	Yes
North Carolina #	30/60/25	Yes
North Dakota @ #	25/50/25	Yes
Ohio	25/50/25	
Oklahoma	25/50/25	
Oregon @ #	25/50/20	Yes
Pennsylvania @	15/30/5	
Rhode Island	25/50/25	
South Carolina	25/50/25	Yes
South Dakota #	25/50/25	Yes
Tennessee	25/50/15	
Texas	30/60/25	
Utah @	25/65/15	
Vermont #	25/50/10	Yes
Virginia #	25/50/20	Yes
Washington	25/50/10	
West Virginia	25/50/25	Yes
Wisconsin	25/50/10	Yes
Wyoming	25/50/20	

* In $ thousands.
@ PIP coverage also required.
# Underinsured motorists coverage also required.
\+ Bodily injury liability coverage is not required.
% Neither bodily injury nor property damage liability coverage are required.

Source: Insurance Information Institute, *2017 Insurance Fact Book*, p 87.

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Methodology

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IRC analyzed UM and BI liability exposure and claim count data provided by participating companies for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. Data from previous IRC studies were also examined. Fourteen insurers, representing approximately 60 percent of the private passenger auto liability insurance business countrywide, participated in the study. Each insurer provided data for its total private passenger auto line of business (preferred, standard, and nonstandard lines) in each state. The number of earned car years and the number of incurred claims, including incurred but not reported claims, were combined to calculate UM and BI claim frequencies and the corresponding UM to BI claim frequency ratio.

The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies produces a reasonable estimate of the proportion of injury-producing accidents caused by uninsured or hit-and-run motorists. Claim frequencies, rather than claim counts, were used to minimize distortions from different numbers of UM and BI earned car years. Calculating the size of the uninsured driver population is important in fashioning appropriate public policies to address the uninsured motorist issue and to measure the effectiveness of different approaches. The illegal nature of driving a vehicle without insurance makes obtaining an exact and accurate number of uninsured drivers in each state a difficult task. The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies provides an estimate of the probability that an at-fault driver in an accident was uninsured and unable to satisfy their liability for someone else's injuries caused by the accident. Therefore, the UM to BI ratio provides a measure of the impact on society of uninsured motorists.

A limitation of the UM to BI ratio is that the UM claim frequency also includes injury claims from hit-and-run accidents in which it is unknown if the at-fault driver had insurance. Also, any potential underlying differences in claiming behavior between injured parties deciding to make a BI claim versus a UM claim could affect underlying claim frequencies. Vehicles that were not insured, but also not driven on the road, do not factor into the UM to BI ratio. Finally, this approach assumes that insured and uninsured drivers experience the same frequency of at-fault accidents resulting in injuries. If accident rates for uninsured drivers are actually greater than or less than the rates for insured drivers, then IRC estimates understate or overstate, respectively, the true prevalence of uninsured drivers. Considering these factors, the UM to BI ratio provides a consistent and reasonable measure for comparing the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers from state to state and over time within each state.

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Description of Relevant Auto Insurance Coverages

The claim frequency information in this study relied on the UM and BI portions of private passenger auto injury insurance coverage. If an injury occurred to a person in an auto accident and the other driver was at fault, the injured person would file a BI claim against the at-fault driver. Because the injured claimant is typically someone outside the driver's household, BI claims are referred to as third-party claims. BI payments can include coverage for medical expenses and lost wages, as well as payments for general damages, sometimes referred to as pain and suffering payments.

However, if an injury occurred to a person in an auto accident and the other driver was at fault but did not have liability insurance, the injured person would file a UM claim with his or her own insurance company. The insured's UM coverage pays the amount the injured person would have otherwise received from the at-fault driver. Eligibility for payments from either BI or UM coverage depends on the other driver being at fault for the accident.

Other auto injury insurance coverages, such as medical payments (MP) and PIP, were not included in this analysis because neither involves a comparable group of claims to UM claims. UM is a fault-based coverage, whereas MP and PIP are no-fault, first-party coverages.

Participating Companies

Allstate Insurance Company

American Family Insurance Group

Amica Mutual Insurance

CSAA Insurance Group

Erie Insurance Group

GEICO

Hanover Insurance

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

Liberty Mutual Group

Nationwide Insurance

Sentry Insurance

State Farm Insurance Companies

Travelers Insurance

USAA

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Appendix Uninsured Motorist Estimates by State, 1999–2015

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Alabama	1999	0.273	0.973	28.1%	3
	2000	0.227	0.926	24.5	4
	2001	0.198	0.920	21.5	6
	2002	0.208	0.889	23.4	4
	2003	0.212	0.867	24.5	4
	2004	0.219	0.884	24.8	2
	2005	0.212	0.824	25.7	2
	2006	0.212	0.804	26.4	2
	2007	0.206	0.786	26.1	3
	2008	0.169	0.721	23.5	4
	2009	0.171	0.785	21.8	6
	2010	0.171	0.791	21.6	4
	2011	0.156	0.778	20.1	6
	2012	0.155	0.791	19.6	7
	2013	0.145	0.796	18.2	6
	2014	0.150	0.816	18.4	6
	2015	0.158	0.862	18.4	6
Alaska	1999	0.191	1.338	14.3%	15
	2000	0.197	1.182	16.7	11
	2001	0.220	1.216	18.1	9
	2002	0.225	1.184	19.0	9
	2003	0.169	1.179	14.3	19
	2004	0.176	1.145	15.3	16
	2005	0.154	1.114	13.8	20
	2006	0.142	1.049	13.5	22
	2007	0.120	0.947	12.7	24
	2008	0.116	0.875	13.3	28
	2009	0.109	0.834	13.0	26
	2010	0.108	0.823	13.1	17
	2011	0.101	0.804	12.5	21
	2012	0.113	0.856	13.2	21
	2013	0.108	0.821	13.2	17
	2014	0.099	0.688	14.5	13
	2015	0.103	0.670	15.4	11

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Arizona	1999	0.287	1.698	16.9%	8
	2000	0.282	1.621	17.4	9
	2001	0.289	1.575	18.3	8
	2002	0.299	1.517	19.7	8
	2003	0.318	1.484	21.4	8
	2004	0.329	1.491	22.0	5
	2005	0.288	1.373	21.0	7
	2006	0.255	1.327	19.2	8
	2007	0.221	1.243	17.8	8
	2008	0.148	1.059	14.0	23
	2009	0.122	1.024	11.9	28
	2010	0.109	1.079	10.1	31
	2011	0.111	1.135	9.8	32
	2012	0.119	1.123	10.6	29
	2013	0.130	1.118	11.7	28
	2014	0.127	1.143	11.1	28
	2015	0.142	1.185	12.0	24
Arkansas	1999	0.132	1.204	10.9%	27
	2000	0.135	1.156	11.6	27
	2001	0.131	1.159	11.3	29
	2002	0.136	1.133	12.0	28
	2003	0.150	1.131	13.3	23
	2004	0.163	1.179	13.9	21
	2005	0.151	1.097	13.8	21
	2006	0.151	1.056	14.3	19
	2007	0.152	1.018	14.9	15
	2008	0.161	0.927	17.3	9
	2009	0.154	0.964	16.0	12
	2010	0.156	0.986	15.8	10
	2011	0.153	0.990	15.4	12
	2012	0.158	0.994	15.9	11
	2013	0.158	0.943	16.7	7
	2014	0.155	0.949	16.4	9
	2015	0.164	0.985	16.6	9

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
California	1999	0.290	1.501	19.4%	6
	2000	0.291	1.490	19.5	7
	2001	0.306	1.479	20.7	7
	2002	0.310	1.390	22.3	5
	2003	0.313	1.314	23.8	5
	2004	0.320	1.291	24.8	3
	2005	0.248	1.178	21.0	6
	2006	0.232	1.111	20.9	6
	2007	0.197	1.090	18.1	7
	2008	0.169	1.025	16.5	11
	2009	0.163	1.086	15.0	17
	2010	0.169	1.148	14.7	14
	2011	0.162	1.123	14.4	14
	2012	0.167	1.132	14.7	13
	2013	0.162	1.078	15.0	11
	2014	0.162	1.071	15.1	11
	2015	0.165	1.091	15.2	12
Colorado	1999	0.131	0.437	29.9%	1
	2000	0.112	0.433	25.9	3
	2001	0.115	0.430	26.8	2
	2002	0.134	0.460	29.2	1
	2003	0.144	0.668	21.6	7
	2004	0.141	0.940	15.0	17
	2005	0.116	0.804	14.4	18
	2006	0.107	0.741	14.4	18
	2007	0.109	0.741	14.7	19
	2008	0.108	0.717	15.0	19
	2009	0.111	0.733	15.2	16
	2010	0.113	0.718	15.7	11
	2011	0.117	0.748	15.6	11
	2012	0.121	0.748	16.2	9
	2013	0.116	0.777	15.0	13
	2014	0.113	0.823	13.8	17
	2015	0.115	0.862	13.3	19

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Connecticut	1999	0.176	1.760	10.0%	34
	2000	0.197	1.688	11.6	28
	2001	0.183	1.562	11.7	27
	2002	0.176	1.556	11.3	32
	2003	0.196	1.631	12.0	28
	2004	0.195	1.604	12.2	29
	2005	0.156	1.463	10.6	35
	2006	0.137	1.335	10.2	37
	2007	0.126	1.337	9.4	36
	2008	0.109	1.204	9.1	42
	2009	0.120	1.257	9.5	40
	2010	0.096	1.364	7.0	43
	2011	0.100	1.423	7.0	43
	2012	0.109	1.370	8.0	41
	2013	0.132	1.201	11.0	29
	2014	0.124	1.211	10.2	34
	2015	0.116	1.240	9.4	36
Deleware	1999	0.191	1.324	14.4%	14
	2000	0.184	1.323	13.9	17
	2001	0.171	1.340	12.7	25
	2002	0.193	1.395	13.8	21
	2003	0.172	1.305	13.2	25
	2004	0.142	1.215	11.7	31
	2005	0.140	1.218	11.5	32
	2006	0.147	1.200	12.2	28
	2007	0.137	1.312	10.4	34
	2008	0.160	1.184	13.5	26
	2009	0.128	1.194	10.8	36
	2010	0.129	1.212	10.6	28
	2011	0.117	1.136	10.3	29
	2012	0.133	1.161	11.5	27
	2013	0.170	1.287	13.2	16
	2014	0.165	1.190	13.9	15
	2015	0.139	1.223	11.4	28

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
DC	1999	0.487	2.538	19.2%	7
	2000	0.510	2.310	22.1	5
	2001	0.504	2.115	23.8	3
	2002	0.395	1.832	21.6	6
	2003	0.406	1.655	24.5	3
	2004	0.328	1.599	20.5	7
	2005	0.285	1.543	18.5	9
	2006	0.224	1.475	15.2	16
	2007	0.220	1.517	14.5	20
	2008	0.262	1.666	15.7	14
	2009	0.280	1.832	15.3	15
	2010	0.209	1.638	12.7	19
	2011	0.191	1.602	11.9	23
	2012	0.188	1.574	11.9	24
	2013	0.278	1.819	15.3	11
	2014	0.288	1.809	15.9	10
	2015	0.321	2.060	15.6	10
Florida	1999	0.179	1.197	15.0%	12
	2000	0.202	1.211	16.7	10
	2001	0.213	1.226	17.4	12
	2002	0.221	1.206	18.3	10
	2003	0.231	1.166	19.8	9
	2004	0.233	1.200	19.4	8
	2005	0.272	1.128	24.1	5
	2006	0.254	1.090	23.3	5
	2007	0.252	1.100	22.9	5
	2008	0.269	1.064	25.2	3
	2009	0.294	1.250	23.5	5
	2010	0.288	1.401	20.6	6
	2011	0.288	1.336	21.6	4
	2012	0.292	1.224	23.8	2
	2013	0.312	1.222	25.5	1
	2014	0.341	1.278	26.7	1
	2015	0.358	1.339	26.7	1

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Georgia	1999	0.102	1.089	9.3%	36
	2000	0.121	1.084	11.1	30
	2001	0.117	1.088	10.7	33
	2002	0.130	1.063	12.3	26
	2003	0.118	1.044	11.3	33
	2004	0.098	1.026	9.6	39
	2005	0.140	1.183	11.9	29
	2006	0.133	1.154	11.5	31
	2007	0.135	1.165	11.6	31
	2008	0.179	1.103	16.2	12
	2009	0.196	1.248	15.7	14
	2010	0.134	1.256	10.7	27
	2011	0.148	1.286	11.5	25
	2012	0.157	1.348	11.7	26
	2013	0.165	1.390	11.9	24
	2014	0.173	1.417	12.2	25
	2015	0.192	1.599	12.0	25
Hawaii	1999	0.090	0.559	16.1%	10
	2000	0.077	0.536	14.4	16
	2001	0.074	0.484	15.2	16
	2002	0.068	0.491	13.9	20
	2003	0.071	0.476	15.0	17
	2004	0.062	0.461	13.5	22
	2005	0.056	0.439	12.6	24
	2006	0.052	0.420	12.5	26
	2007	0.049	0.393	12.4	26
	2008	0.048	0.350	13.7	25
	2009	0.045	0.403	11.2	31
	2010	0.032	0.360	8.9	36
	2011	0.036	0.368	9.8	31
	2012	0.033	0.369	8.9	37
	2013	0.041	0.390	10.5	32
	2014	0.039	0.374	10.4	33
	2015	0.039	0.368	10.6	30

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Idaho	1999	0.083	1.068	7.7%	40
	2000	0.099	1.061	9.3	39
	2001	0.103	1.009	10.2	37
	2002	0.085	0.981	8.7	44
	2003	0.090	0.944	9.5	39
	2004	0.085	0.967	8.8	42
	2005	0.088	0.923	9.5	39
	2006	0.089	0.909	9.8	39
	2007	0.079	0.862	9.2	39
	2008	0.066	0.738	8.9	43
	2009	0.058	0.741	7.9	45
	2010	0.060	0.734	8.2	41
	2011	0.049	0.732	6.6	45
	2012	0.050	0.742	6.7	45
	2013	0.058	0.791	7.4	43
	2014	0.058	0.781	7.4	42
	2015	0.066	0.807	8.2	40
Illinois	1999	0.210	1.317	16.0%	11
	2000	0.210	1.283	16.4	13
	2001	0.199	1.184	16.8	14
	2002	0.191	1.184	16.2	14
	2003	0.181	1.115	16.2	14
	2004	0.168	1.043	16.1	13
	2005	0.170	1.024	16.6	12
	2006	0.168	1.025	16.4	10
	2007	0.159	1.078	14.8	17
	2008	0.128	0.894	14.3	22
	2009	0.133	0.892	14.9	20
	2010	0.112	0.884	12.7	21
	2011	0.110	0.854	12.8	19
	2012	0.114	0.862	13.3	20
	2013	0.116	0.862	13.5	15
	2014	0.116	0.861	13.5	19
	2015	0.123	0.894	13.7	18

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Indiana	1999	0.124	1.087	11.4%	24
	2000	0.131	1.053	12.5	23
	2001	0.136	1.000	13.6	19
	2002	0.134	0.954	14.0	19
	2003	0.128	0.889	14.4	18
	2004	0.133	0.854	15.5	14
	2005	0.122	0.799	15.3	18
	2006	0.113	0.769	14.7	21
	2007	0.109	0.751	14.5	22
	2008	0.122	0.756	16.1	13
	2009	0.127	0.777	16.3	10
	2010	0.115	0.758	15.1	13
	2011	0.109	0.731	14.9	13
	2012	0.105	0.739	14.2	14
	2013	0.114	0.694	16.5	8
	2014	0.122	0.707	17.3	7
	2015	0.122	0.728	16.7	8
Iowa	1999	0.079	0.785	10.0%	33
	2000	0.077	0.780	9.9	34
	2001	0.077	0.726	10.7	34
	2002	0.083	0.702	11.9	29
	2003	0.081	0.710	11.5	32
	2004	0.083	0.669	12.4	25
	2005	0.126	0.852	14.7	17
	2006	0.116	0.817	14.3	20
	2007	0.112	0.796	14.0	21
	2008	0.071	0.584	12.2	34
	2009	0.061	0.527	11.5	29
	2010	0.044	0.522	8.3	39
	2011	0.047	0.473	9.9	30
	2012	0.047	0.484	9.7	32
	2013	0.039	0.467	8.4	40
	2014	0.042	0.501	8.4	39
	2015	0.046	0.536	8.7	38

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Kansas	1999	0.040	0.498	8.0%	39
	2000	0.037	0.435	8.5	41
	2001	0.038	0.441	8.7	42
	2002	0.046	0.456	10.2	35
	2003	0.051	0.462	11.1	34
	2004	0.062	0.487	12.7	23
	2005	0.038	0.420	9.1	40
	2006	0.041	0.423	9.6	40
	2007	0.044	0.449	9.8	35
	2008	0.037	0.394	9.3	41
	2009	0.038	0.390	9.8	39
	2010	0.034	0.396	8.5	37
	2011	0.037	0.399	9.2	36
	2012	0.039	0.420	9.4	33
	2013	0.034	0.404	8.4	41
	2014	0.033	0.433	7.6	41
	2015	0.032	0.443	7.2	44
Kentucky	1999	0.095	0.978	9.7%	35
	2000	0.097	0.974	9.9	33
	2001	0.102	0.947	10.8	32
	2002	0.101	0.877	11.5	30
	2003	0.105	0.889	11.8	30
	2004	0.104	0.883	11.8	30
	2005	0.139	0.843	16.5	13
	2006	0.138	0.867	15.9	11
	2007	0.131	0.842	15.6	12
	2008	0.153	0.862	17.8	8
	2009	0.167	0.940	17.8	8
	2010	0.151	0.908	16.6	9
	2011	0.138	0.884	15.6	10
	2012	0.147	0.932	15.8	12
	2013	0.093	0.924	10.1	33
	2014	0.105	0.955	11.0	29
	2015	0.115	0.996	11.5	26

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Louisiana	1999	0.180	2.435	7.4%	42
	2000	0.225	2.397	9.4	38
	2001	0.240	2.325	10.3	36
	2002	0.243	2.253	10.8	33
	2003	0.232	2.158	10.7	36
	2004	0.216	2.118	10.2	34
	2005	0.211	2.046	10.3	36
	2006	0.225	1.950	11.5	32
	2007	0.229	1.871	12.3	27
	2008	0.229	1.769	13.0	29
	2009	0.240	1.864	12.9	27
	2010	0.213	1.766	12.1	22
	2011	0.227	1.756	12.9	18
	2012	0.249	1.791	13.9	16
	2013	0.219	1.836	11.9	23
	2014	0.240	1.873	12.8	20
	2015	0.265	2.043	13.0	20
Maine	1999	0.065	1.288	5.1%	51
	2000	0.063	1.147	5.5	50
	2001	0.051	1.060	4.8	50
	2002	0.046	0.957	4.8	51
	2003	0.041	0.938	4.4	51
	2004	0.036	0.864	4.2	51
	2005	0.074	1.404	5.3	49
	2006	0.069	1.339	5.1	49
	2007	0.052	1.193	4.3	50
	2008	0.025	0.684	3.7	51
	2009	0.032	0.725	4.5	50
	2010	0.027	0.592	4.6	50
	2011	0.026	0.557	4.7	50
	2012	0.026	0.566	4.7	50
	2013	0.029	0.585	5.0	51
	2014	0.030	0.595	5.1	50
	2015	0.026	0.580	4.5	51

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Maryland	1999	0.202	1.920	10.5%	29
	2000	0.227	1.851	12.3	24
	2001	0.231	1.809	12.8	23
	2002	0.214	1.715	12.5	25
	2003	0.220	1.624	13.5	22
	2004	0.192	1.577	12.2	28
	2005	0.193	1.545	12.5	26
	2006	0.190	1.502	12.7	25
	2007	0.186	1.494	12.5	25
	2008	0.191	1.430	13.4	27
	2009	0.232	1.557	14.9	18
	2010	0.181	1.555	11.6	25
	2011	0.179	1.578	11.4	26
	2012	0.193	1.578	12.2	22
	2013	0.191	1.563	12.2	22
	2014	0.198	1.588	12.5	23
	2015	0.213	1.725	12.4	23
Massachusetts	1999	0.108	1.608	6.7%	44
	2000	0.077	1.435	5.3	51
	2001	0.059	1.341	4.4	51
	2002	0.082	1.533	5.3	50
	2003	0.082	1.548	5.3	50
	2004	0.080	1.336	6.0	49
	2005	0.012	0.913	1.3	51
	2006	0.011	0.815	1.4	51
	2007	0.007	0.712	1.0	51
	2008	0.051	1.223	4.2	50
	2009	0.054	1.211	4.5	51
	2010	0.064	1.689	3.8	51
	2011	0.065	1.621	4.0	51
	2012	0.060	1.536	3.9	51
	2013	0.076	1.282	5.9	47
	2014	0.079	1.273	6.2	47
	2015	0.079	1.280	6.2	49

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Michigan	1999	0.071	0.507	14.0%	16
	2000	0.070	0.481	14.5	15
	2001	0.079	0.450	17.7	11
	2002	0.066	0.408	16.1	15
	2003	0.063	0.358	17.7	12
	2004	0.055	0.312	17.5	11
	2005	0.048	0.300	15.9	15
	2006	0.047	0.286	16.5	12
	2007	0.047	0.278	16.9	9
	2008	0.046	0.244	18.7	7
	2009	0.052	0.267	19.5	7
	2010	0.045	0.261	17.3	8
	2011	0.054	0.281	19.2	7
	2012	0.060	0.288	21.0	5
	2013	0.060	0.294	20.5	4
	2014	0.058	0.300	19.3	5
	2015	0.061	0.299	20.3	4
Minnesota	1999	0.055	0.513	10.7%	28
	2000	0.057	0.500	11.4	29
	2001	0.052	0.447	11.5	28
	2002	0.049	0.431	11.5	31
	2003	0.049	0.423	11.5	31
	2004	0.044	0.424	10.4	33
	2005	0.049	0.396	12.5	27
	2006	0.043	0.359	12.1	29
	2007	0.046	0.388	11.9	29
	2008	0.041	0.338	12.2	33
	2009	0.046	0.356	13.0	25
	2010	0.038	0.353	10.7	26
	2011	0.038	0.352	10.7	27
	2012	0.040	0.369	10.8	28
	2013	0.042	0.384	11.0	30
	2014	0.042	0.428	9.8	35
	2015	0.045	0.387	11.5	27

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Mississippi	1999	0.336	1.180	28.4%	2
	2000	0.297	1.130	26.2	2
	2001	0.259	1.117	23.2	4
	2002	0.264	1.052	25.1	3
	2003	0.258	0.987	26.1	2
	2004	0.265	0.999	26.5	1
	2005	0.243	0.951	25.6	3
	2006	0.234	0.937	25.0	3
	2007	0.244	0.878	27.8	2
	2008	0.235	0.823	28.5	2
	2009	0.254	0.906	28.0	1
	2010	0.218	0.917	23.7	1
	2011	0.217	0.896	24.2	1
	2012	0.201	0.877	22.9	3
	2013	0.211	0.899	23.4	2
	2014	0.225	0.919	24.5	2
	2015	0.229	0.966	23.7	2
Missouri	1999	0.153	1.259	12.2%	21
	2000	0.143	1.206	11.9	26
	2001	0.142	1.175	12.1	26
	2002	0.139	1.148	12.1	27
	2003	0.133	1.111	12.0	29
	2004	0.136	1.117	12.2	27
	2005	0.129	1.023	12.6	25
	2006	0.123	0.963	12.8	24
	2007	0.129	0.940	13.7	22
	2008	0.119	0.859	13.8	24
	2009	0.118	0.857	13.7	22
	2010	0.109	0.850	12.9	18
	2011	0.105	0.820	12.8	20
	2012	0.111	0.818	13.5	18
	2013	0.103	0.813	12.7	20
	2014	0.104	0.837	12.4	24
	2015	0.125	0.892	14.0	17

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Montana	1999	0.083	0.829	10.1%	32
	2000	0.089	0.822	10.8	32
	2001	0.081	0.751	10.8	31
	2002	0.077	0.761	10.1	36
	2003	0.091	0.745	12.2	27
	2004	0.091	0.731	12.4	24
	2005	0.086	0.718	12.0	28
	2006	0.088	0.707	12.4	27
	2007	0.094	0.640	14.7	18
	2008	0.074	0.577	12.7	31
	2009	0.064	0.566	11.4	30
	2010	0.067	0.564	11.9	23
	2011	0.074	0.551	13.5	15
	2012	0.078	0.553	14.1	15
	2013	0.058	0.491	11.8	25
	2014	0.053	0.470	11.2	27
	2015	0.049	0.497	9.9	33
Nebraska	1999	0.067	1.009	6.6%	45
	2000	0.078	0.970	8.1	44
	2001	0.071	0.939	7.6	44
	2002	0.073	0.905	8.0	45
	2003	0.071	0.897	7.9	48
	2004	0.065	0.871	7.5	47
	2005	0.065	0.850	7.7	43
	2006	0.060	0.796	7.5	44
	2007	0.067	0.840	8.0	43
	2008	0.052	0.700	7.4	45
	2009	0.054	0.686	7.8	46
	2010	0.046	0.707	6.5	44
	2011	0.049	0.674	7.3	42
	2012	0.044	0.662	6.7	44
	2013	0.045	0.653	6.8	45
	2014	0.046	0.687	6.7	45
	2015	0.049	0.728	6.8	46

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Nevada	1999	0.224	1.510	14.9%	13
	2000	0.234	1.428	16.4	12
	2001	0.242	1.433	16.9	13
	2002	0.230	1.449	15.9	16
	2003	0.289	1.587	18.2	10
	2004	0.296	1.693	17.5	10
	2005	0.288	1.717	16.8	11
	2006	0.253	1.623	15.6	14
	2007	0.225	1.476	15.2	14
	2008	0.209	1.420	14.7	20
	2009	0.186	1.415	13.2	24
	2010	0.185	1.456	12.7	20
	2011	0.181	1.454	12.4	22
	2012	0.179	1.467	12.2	23
	2013	0.186	1.476	12.6	21
	2014	0.206	1.456	14.1	14
	2015	0.159	1.490	10.6	29
New Hampshire	1999	0.102	0.977	10.4%	30
	2000	0.086	0.890	9.6	35
	2001	0.074	0.817	9.1	41
	2002	0.073	0.794	9.2	41
	2003	0.069	0.777	8.8	41
	2004	0.062	0.706	8.8	44
	2005	0.103	0.883	11.7	31
	2006	0.096	0.827	11.6	30
	2007	0.089	0.792	11.3	32
	2008	0.079	0.715	11.0	35
	2009	0.081	0.740	10.9	33
	2010	0.065	0.722	9.0	35
	2011	0.068	0.710	9.5	33
	2012	0.065	0.696	9.3	34
	2013	0.063	0.670	9.5	35
	2014	0.067	0.635	10.5	32
	2015	0.062	0.633	9.9	35

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
New Jersey	1999	0.190	1.444	13.2%	18
	2000	0.177	1.370	12.9	19
	2001	0.173	1.282	13.5	20
	2002	0.167	1.270	13.2	23
	2003	0.158	1.193	13.2	24
	2004	0.111	1.187	9.4	40
	2005	0.117	1.068	11.0	34
	2006	0.106	0.951	11.2	34
	2007	0.073	0.902	8.1	41
	2008	0.105	0.826	12.7	32
	2009	0.104	0.923	11.2	32
	2010	0.094	0.933	10.1	30
	2011	0.095	0.914	10.3	28
	2012	0.088	0.861	10.3	30
	2013	0.106	0.828	12.8	19
	2014	0.104	0.759	13.7	18
	2015	0.110	0.740	14.9	14
New Mexico	1999	0.288	1.114	25.8%	4
	2000	0.289	1.101	26.3	1
	2001	0.306	1.090	28.1	1
	2002	0.289	1.052	27.4	2
	2003	0.311	1.047	29.7	1
	2004	0.261	1.072	24.3	4
	2005	0.310	1.055	29.4	1
	2006	0.307	1.030	29.8	1
	2007	0.278	0.962	28.9	1
	2008	0.279	0.946	29.5	1
	2009	0.249	0.970	25.7	2
	2010	0.223	1.000	22.3	3
	2011	0.231	0.978	23.6	3
	2012	0.211	0.975	21.6	4
	2013	0.200	0.958	20.8	3
	2014	0.208	0.926	22.5	3
	2015	0.192	0.921	20.8	3

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
New York	1999	0.088	1.611	5.5%	50
	2000	0.104	1.604	6.5	49
	2001	0.104	1.481	7.1	48
	2002	0.094	1.424	6.6	48
	2003	0.088	1.296	6.8	49
	2004	0.076	1.146	6.6	48
	2005	0.080	1.093	7.3	45
	2006	0.065	1.052	6.1	47
	2007	0.055	1.056	5.2	48
	2008	0.053	0.921	5.8	49
	2009	0.056	1.031	5.4	49
	2010	0.052	1.047	5.0	49
	2011	0.050	0.986	5.0	49
	2012	0.047	0.892	5.3	49
	2013	0.053	0.857	6.2	46
	2014	0.050	0.801	6.2	48
	2015	0.051	0.822	6.1	50
North Carolina	1999	0.099	1.342	7.4%	43
	2000	0.098	1.275	7.7	47
	2001	0.103	1.215	8.5	43
	2002	0.107	1.227	8.7	43
	2003	0.102	1.217	8.4	44
	2004	0.092	1.197	7.7	46
	2005	0.168	1.253	13.4	23
	2006	0.159	1.224	13.0	23
	2007	0.138	1.161	11.9	30
	2008	0.173	1.202	14.4	21
	2009	0.172	1.269	13.5	23
	2010	0.104	1.136	9.1	34
	2011	0.098	1.128	8.7	37
	2012	0.103	1.137	9.1	35
	2013	0.058	0.989	5.9	48
	2014	0.058	0.968	6.0	49
	2015	0.066	1.019	6.5	48

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
North Dakota	1999	0.017	0.300	5.7%	49
	2000	0.027	0.280	9.6	37
	2001	0.020	0.274	7.5	45
	2002	0.021	0.267	7.9	46
	2003	0.020	0.240	8.5	43
	2004	0.020	0.230	8.7	45
	2005	0.027	0.700	3.9	50
	2006	0.026	0.691	3.8	50
	2007	0.025	0.559	4.5	49
	2008	0.018	0.189	9.4	40
	2009	0.019	0.205	9.1	41
	2010	0.012	0.191	6.0	47
	2011	0.013	0.200	6.7	44
	2012	0.014	0.232	5.9	47
	2013	0.014	0.257	5.6	49
	2014	0.014	0.277	5.0	51
	2015	0.019	0.275	6.8	45
Ohio	1999	0.124	1.039	11.9%	23
	2000	0.142	1.092	13.0	18
	2001	0.157	1.061	14.8	17
	2002	0.154	1.035	14.9	17
	2003	0.160	1.004	15.9	15
	2004	0.154	1.002	15.4	15
	2005	0.166	1.059	15.7	16
	2006	0.159	1.013	15.7	13
	2007	0.153	0.966	15.8	11
	2008	0.148	0.952	15.6	16
	2009	0.153	0.972	15.7	13
	2010	0.133	1.004	13.3	16
	2011	0.136	1.017	13.3	16
	2012	0.134	0.989	13.5	17
	2013	0.117	0.906	12.9	18
	2014	0.115	0.917	12.6	22
	2015	0.119	0.956	12.4	22

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Oklahoma	1999	0.163	1.460	11.2%	26
	2000	0.175	1.435	12.2	25
	2001	0.184	1.367	13.5	21
	2002	0.178	1.284	13.8	22
	2003	0.176	1.233	14.3	20
	2004	0.183	1.235	14.8	18
	2005	0.272	1.126	24.2	4
	2006	0.253	1.055	24.0	4
	2007	0.255	1.067	23.9	4
	2008	0.214	0.980	21.8	6
	2009	0.234	0.980	23.9	4
	2010	0.235	1.044	22.5	2
	2011	0.232	0.980	23.7	2
	2012	0.256	0.991	25.9	1
	2013	0.093	0.931	10.0	34
	2014	0.093	0.883	10.5	31
	2015	0.096	0.916	10.5	31
Oregon	1999	0.196	1.533	12.8%	19
	2000	0.180	1.440	12.5	22
	2001	0.180	1.407	12.8	24
	2002	0.173	1.356	12.7	24
	2003	0.173	1.351	12.8	26
	2004	0.163	1.326	12.3	26
	2005	0.158	1.346	11.8	30
	2006	0.143	1.288	11.1	35
	2007	0.126	1.173	10.8	33
	2008	0.115	1.052	10.9	36
	2009	0.111	1.070	10.4	38
	2010	0.121	1.169	10.3	29
	2011	0.106	1.137	9.3	34
	2012	0.107	1.184	9.0	36
	2013	0.131	1.105	11.8	26
	2014	0.145	1.130	12.8	21
	2015	0.150	1.174	12.7	21

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Pennsylvania	1999	0.085	0.924	9.2%	37
	2000	0.087	0.909	9.6	36
	2001	0.089	0.865	10.3	35
	2002	0.089	0.835	10.6	34
	2003	0.088	0.800	11.0	35
	2004	0.077	0.796	9.7	37
	2005	0.058	0.820	7.1	46
	2006	0.054	0.761	7.1	45
	2007	0.051	0.733	7.0	45
	2008	0.046	0.709	6.5	46
	2009	0.050	0.767	6.6	48
	2010	0.050	0.829	6.0	48
	2011	0.052	0.834	6.3	47
	2012	0.052	0.792	6.5	46
	2013	0.057	0.662	8.6	39
	2014	0.054	0.628	8.7	38
	2015	0.049	0.647	7.6	43
Rhode Island	1999	0.282	2.304	12.2%	20
	2000	0.298	2.319	12.9	20
	2001	0.312	2.195	14.2	18
	2002	0.352	2.150	16.4	13
	2003	0.324	2.143	15.1	16
	2004	0.300	2.090	14.4	19
	2005	0.294	2.133	13.8	22
	2006	0.303	2.014	15.0	17
	2007	0.279	2.044	13.6	23
	2008	0.281	1.838	15.3	17
	2009	0.361	2.052	17.6	9
	2010	0.354	2.288	15.5	12
	2011	0.435	2.497	17.4	8
	2012	0.400	2.357	17.0	8
	2013	0.286	1.854	15.4	9
	2014	0.268	1.834	14.6	12
	2015	0.283	1.869	15.2	13

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South Carolina	1999	0.130	1.694	7.6%	41
	2000	0.149	1.663	9.0	40
	2001	0.146	1.547	9.4	39
	2002	0.147	1.508	9.7	38
	2003	0.149	1.495	9.9	38
	2004	0.136	1.415	9.6	38
	2005	0.138	1.371	10.1	37
	2006	0.134	1.306	10.3	36
	2007	0.120	1.281	9.4	38
	2008	0.158	1.233	12.8	30
	2009	0.143	1.340	10.7	37
	2010	0.113	1.373	8.2	40
	2011	0.105	1.350	7.8	41
	2012	0.105	1.353	7.7	43
	2013	0.145	1.380	10.5	31
	2014	0.152	1.397	10.9	30
	2015	0.141	1.510	9.4	37
South Dakota	1999	0.045	0.710	6.4%	48
	2000	0.054	0.670	8.1	45
	2001	0.047	0.641	7.4	46
	2002	0.042	0.612	6.9	47
	2003	0.051	0.610	8.4	45
	2004	0.049	0.549	8.8	43
	2005	0.038	0.537	7.0	47
	2006	0.036	0.523	6.8	46
	2007	0.033	0.484	6.9	46
	2008	0.029	0.450	6.5	47
	2009	0.036	0.423	8.6	42
	2010	0.037	0.488	7.5	42
	2011	0.039	0.476	8.2	39
	2012	0.033	0.425	7.8	42
	2013	0.032	0.453	7.0	44
	2014	0.031	0.442	7.1	44
	2015	0.033	0.430	7.7	42

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Tennessee	1999	0.212	1.034	20.5%	5
	2000	0.213	0.972	22.0	6
	2001	0.209	0.947	22.1	5
	2002	0.185	0.896	20.7	7
	2003	0.192	0.868	22.2	6
	2004	0.187	0.883	21.2	6
	2005	0.160	0.840	19.1	8
	2006	0.158	0.824	19.2	7
	2007	0.168	0.832	20.2	6
	2008	0.179	0.775	23.1	5
	2009	0.194	0.812	23.9	3
	2010	0.176	0.831	21.2	5
	2011	0.172	0.839	20.5	5
	2012	0.172	0.853	20.1	6
	2013	0.152	0.804	19.0	5
	2014	0.161	0.806	19.9	4
	2015	0.171	0.855	20.0	5
Texas	1999	0.227	1.712	13.2%	17
	2000	0.235	1.628	14.5	14
	2001	0.263	1.644	16.0	15
	2002	0.265	1.592	16.7	12
	2003	0.258	1.520	17.0	13
	2004	0.235	1.427	16.5	12
	2005	0.227	1.426	16.0	14
	2006	0.206	1.355	15.2	15
	2007	0.203	1.313	15.4	13
	2008	0.176	1.123	15.7	15
	2009	0.169	1.138	14.9	19
	2010	0.168	1.222	13.7	15
	2011	0.158	1.187	13.3	17
	2012	0.157	1.185	13.3	19
	2013	0.165	1.203	13.7	14
	2014	0.171	1.229	13.9	16
	2015	0.182	1.291	14.1	16

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Utah	1999	0.104	1.299	8.0%	38
	2000	0.101	1.252	8.1	43
	2001	0.110	1.210	9.1	40
	2002	0.111	1.193	9.3	40
	2003	0.107	1.211	8.8	42
	2004	0.119	1.276	9.3	41
	2005	0.096	1.284	7.5	44
	2006	0.096	1.235	7.7	43
	2007	0.097	1.194	8.1	42
	2008	0.085	1.028	8.2	44
	2009	0.083	1.011	8.2	43
	2010	0.057	0.945	6.1	45
	2011	0.054	0.963	5.6	48
	2012	0.058	0.986	5.8	48
	2013	0.084	0.984	8.6	38
	2014	0.077	0.970	7.9	40
	2015	0.083	1.016	8.2	39
Vermont	1999	0.071	1.085	6.5%	46
	2000	0.078	1.033	7.6	48
	2001	0.066	0.947	7.0	49
	2002	0.050	0.844	5.9	49
	2003	0.063	0.787	8.0	47
	2004	0.043	0.750	5.7	50
	2005	0.052	0.825	6.3	48
	2006	0.044	0.761	5.8	48
	2007	0.042	0.725	5.8	47
	2008	0.037	0.614	6.0	48
	2009	0.042	0.588	7.1	47
	2010	0.035	0.579	6.0	46
	2011	0.038	0.592	6.5	46
	2012	0.043	0.501	8.5	39
	2013	0.045	0.542	8.2	42
	2014	0.032	0.510	6.3	46
	2015	0.034	0.510	6.8	47

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Virginia	1999	0.133	1.312	10.1%	31
	2000	0.136	1.251	10.9	31
	2001	0.136	1.250	10.9	30
	2002	0.121	1.199	10.1	37
	2003	0.122	1.164	10.4	37
	2004	0.109	1.087	10.0	35
	2005	0.101	1.022	9.9	38
	2006	0.099	0.997	9.9	38
	2007	0.089	0.948	9.4	37
	2008	0.090	0.882	10.2	38
	2009	0.105	0.970	10.8	35
	2010	0.087	0.914	9.5	32
	2011	0.086	0.931	9.3	35
	2012	0.094	0.936	10.1	31
	2013	0.079	0.885	8.9	37
	2014	0.082	0.863	9.5	36
	2015	0.091	0.923	9.9	34
Washington	1999	0.278	1.701	16.3%	9
	2000	0.283	1.606	17.7	8
	2001	0.275	1.551	17.7	10
	2002	0.248	1.449	17.1	11
	2003	0.255	1.434	17.8	11
	2004	0.264	1.431	18.5	9
	2005	0.240	1.433	16.8	10
	2006	0.215	1.372	15.7	12
	2007	0.194	1.227	15.8	10
	2008	0.179	1.073	16.7	10
	2009	0.176	1.090	16.1	11
	2010	0.209	1.186	17.6	7
	2011	0.187	1.145	16.3	9
	2012	0.189	1.174	16.1	10
	2013	0.180	1.174	15.4	10
	2014	0.204	1.199	17.0	8
	2015	0.208	1.197	17.4	7

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West Virginia	1999	0.080	1.245	6.4%	47
	2000	0.092	1.187	7.8	46
	2001	0.113	1.182	9.5	38
	2002	0.113	1.205	9.3	39
	2003	0.104	1.133	9.2	40
	2004	0.105	1.080	9.7	36
	2005	0.078	0.976	8.0	42
	2006	0.081	0.925	8.7	41
	2007	0.067	0.878	7.6	44
	2008	0.090	0.889	10.1	39
	2009	0.104	0.959	10.8	34
	2010	0.077	0.926	8.4	38
	2011	0.074	0.922	8.1	40
	2012	0.073	0.866	8.4	40
	2013	0.072	0.773	9.4	36
	2014	0.070	0.740	9.4	37
	2015	0.073	0.720	10.1	32
Wisconsin	1999	0.120	0.989	12.1%	22
	2000	0.125	0.993	12.6	21
	2001	0.117	0.876	13.4	22
	2002	0.123	0.855	14.4	18
	2003	0.117	0.825	14.2	21
	2004	0.114	0.801	14.2	20
	2005	0.109	0.781	14.0	19
	2006	0.101	0.714	14.2	21
	2007	0.105	0.708	14.8	16
	2008	0.094	0.623	15.0	18
	2009	0.086	0.589	14.6	21
	2010	0.070	0.589	11.9	24
	2011	0.065	0.569	11.5	24
	2012	0.067	0.572	11.7	25
	2013	0.067	0.574	11.7	27
	2014	0.071	0.616	11.6	26
	2015	0.086	0.604	14.3	15

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Wyoming	1999	0.076	0.672	11.3%	25
	2000	0.052	0.632	8.2	42
	2001	0.043	0.597	7.1	47
	2002	0.053	0.571	9.2	42
	2003	0.048	0.589	8.2	46
	2004	0.059	0.556	10.7	32
	2005	0.049	0.580	8.5	41
	2006	0.044	0.535	8.2	42
	2007	0.042	0.484	8.8	40
	2008	0.046	0.443	10.3	37
	2009	0.036	0.439	8.1	44
	2010	0.041	0.435	9.5	33
	2011	0.036	0.414	8.6	38
	2012	0.033	0.373	8.7	38
	2013	0.020	0.359	5.6	50
	2014	0.025	0.348	7.2	43
	2015	0.026	0.339	7.8	41

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Auto Injury Claims & Trends

Motivation for Attorney Involvement in Auto Injury Claims, November 2016, 41 pages.
This study examines the role of attorneys in the process of settling of auto injury claims. In an on-line survey, respondents who were injured in auto accidents were asked about their experience, including satisfaction with the claim process, their decision whether to talk to or hire an attorney, and the services provided by attorneys.

Affordability in Auto Injury Insurance: Cost Drivers in Twelve Jurisdictions, June 2016, 132 pages.
This study identifies and documents the common and unique factors and conditions underlying rising auto injury insurance claim costs in 12 jurisdictions (Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and West Virginia).

Trends in Auto Injury Insurance Claims, 2015 Edition, September 2015, 69 pages.
This report examines the frequency, severity and loss costs associated with auto injury insurance claims under the property damage and bodily injury liability and personal injury protection coverages from 1990 to 2013. Countrywide and individual state outcomes and trends are analyzed.

Trends in Auto Insurance Affordability, August 2015, 48 pages.
This report monitors trends in auto insurance affordability across states and over time using the IRC's auto insurance expenditure-to-income ratio. Using data from the BLS's Consumer Expenditure Survey, the report also analyzes auto insurance affordability trends for low-to-moderate income consumers and inspects differences in affordability trends across various goods and services considered necessities.

Fraud and Buildup and Auto Injury Claims, January 2015, 48 pages.
This report provides a unique perspective on claim abuse among auto injury claims closed with payment. Using data from the 2012 closed claim data collection, it describes the prevalence of fraud and buildup among the five main private passenger coverages and includes analysis of different types of abuse, estimates of the excess payments attributable to fraud and buildup, and variations by state. It also examines the differences in claiming behavior between claims with the appearance of abuse and other claims and provides information about some of the fraud-fighting tools used by insurers.

Third-Party Bad Faith in Florida's Automobile Insurance System, August 2014, 12 pages.
Bad-faith lawsuits targeting automobile insurers in Florida impose a heavy burden on the state's auto insurance system and auto insurance consumers. This report examines the effect that potential bad-faith settlements have on underlying claiming behavior in Florida. Estimates of additional claim costs attributable to the bad-faith legal environment are included.

Attorney Involvement in Auto Injury Claims, July 2014, 50 pages.
This report uses data from the 2012 closed claim study to examine trends in the rate of attorney involvement in auto injury claims over time and across states. It also provides details on the interaction between the presence of attorneys and cost drivers such as medical treatment and claim abuse and looks at how represented claimants fare compared to claimants without attorneys with respect to claim payment and time to settlement.

Auto Injury Insurance Claims: Countrywide Patterns in Treatment, Cost, and Compensation, 2014 Edition, March 2014, 65 pages.
This closed claim study is based on a sample of more than 35,000 auto injury claims paid in 2012. The report compares 2012 data to results from similar studies conducted in 2007 and earlier. The study examines trends in claim patterns, including characteristics of the accidents and those injured, medical treatment, losses and payments, the claim settlement process, attorney involvement, and fraud.

Automobile Insurance Affordability, November 2013, 30 pages.
This report seeks to establish a conceptually logical definition of automobile insurance affordability and examine changes and differences in automobile insurance affordability over time and across states. It also analyzes variables (including competition, regulation, residual market size, richness of the system, uninsured motorists, and the unemployment rate) that may influence the variance in automobile insurance affordability across states and over time. Using these variables, a multivariate model is estimated to determine each factor's impact and significance on affordability.

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Interstate Differences in Medical Utilization in Auto Injury Claims, July 2013, 48 pages.
This reports documents significant differences across states in the use of selected diagnostic and treatment services in auto injury insurance claims. The report also illustrates the potential savings available by bringing utilization rates in high-use states down to median state levels.

Insurance Fraud: A Public View, 2012 Edition, December 2012, 44 pages.
This report updates previous IRC studies surveying the public about the acceptability and perceived frequency of various types of insurance fraud, with special emphasis on auto insurance fraud. It also examines attitudes toward a variety of tools that insurers and law enforcement use to fight against insurance fraud, including claim handling techniques and consequences for fraudulent behavior, and the public's willingness to perform fraud-fighting efforts.

Uninsured Motorists

Uninsured Motorists, 2017 Edition, October 2017, 58 pages.
This study examines trends in uninsured motorists countrywide and in individual states based on uninsured motorists and bodily injury claim frequencies from 2013, 2014, and 2015. The report include pervious estimates, countrywide and by state, beginning in 1999.

The Potential Effects of No Pay, No Play Laws, November 2012, 31 pages.
This study seeks to measure the impact of no pay, no play laws on the percentage of uninsured motorists. It also estimates the costs of noneconomic damages awarded to uninsured motorists in states that have yet to enact such laws. The findings suggest that not only would a properly enforced no pay, no play law result in a moderate decrease in uninsured motorists, it may also reduce auto insurance costs.

Other Issues

Public Understanding of Hurricane Deductibles: Need for Consumer Education Persists, June 2017, 40 pages.
This report examines public understanding of the nature and effects of hurricane deductibles and other special deductibles that are applicable to storm-related homeowners insurance claims. The study is based on a survey of privately insured homeowners in five coastal states.

Attorney Involvement in Homeowners Insurance Claims in Texas, May 2017, 36 pages.
This study examines a sample of closed homeowners insurance claims for property damage occurring from 2008 to 2013, exploring the distribution of the number of claims and the dollars paid across regions within the state. The rate of attorney involvement is examined, with particular focus on claims stemming from wind and hail damage. The report documents the spread of attorney involvement across counties in Texas and provides estimates for the impact of continued increases.

The Sharing Economy: Public Participation and Views, August 2016, 58 pages.
This study examines public familiarity with and participation in the sharing economy. Also explored in the report are various insurance-related aspects of the sharing economy. The study is based on the responses of 1,105 participants in a survey fielded by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications.

Auto Insurance Telematics: Consumer Attitudes and Opinions, November 2015, 25 pages.
This report explores consumer attitudes and opinions with respect to auto insurance telematics and usage-based insurance (UBI). The report finds that many drivers participating in the programs change their driving behavior in response to information provided by their insurance companies about their driving gathered with a telematics device. The report also confirms that many drivers are concerned about the privacy of their personal driving information.

Shopping for Auto Insurance and the Use of Internet-Based Technology, June 2015, 39 pages.
This report examines how often consumers shop for auto insurance, how they go about shopping, the choices made after shopping, satisfaction with the shopping experience, and the use of Internet-based personal technology when shopping for insurance. The report also looks at differences in shopping behavior and technology use across demographic groups.

The Affordable Care Act and Property-Casualty Insurance, February 2014.
The Affordable Care Act (ACA) dramatically alters healthcare markets and health insurance systems in the United States. Although the property-casualty insurance industry is not directly included or targeted by the act, it is not immune to its effects. This white paper identifies the ways in which the ACA may affect the property-casualty insurance industry.

Expert Views of Auto Insurance Rate Regulation, August 2013, 40 pages.
This report surveys academic experts in risk and insurance on the effectiveness of prior approval and market-oriented rate regulatory policies in automobile insurance. The results show that a vast majority believe the prior-approval regulation of auto insurance rates is unnecessary and does not benefit consumers.

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Governor Executive Orders

Executive Order 2020-214: Palm Beach County (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Palm Beach County to move into Phase 2 of the "Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery." View Executive Order 2020-214 here.

Executive Order 2020-213: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-213 here.

Executive Order 2020-212: Bright Futures (September 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to receive a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-212 here.

Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-210 here.

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Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all

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K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of

the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and

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determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020

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recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By

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issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep

copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and

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allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30, 2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively

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respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and

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Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and

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freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-009: Visitation Ban Lifted for Nursing Homes and other Assisted Living Facilities (September 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order lifts, with restrictions, the nursing home and assisted living facility visitation ban imposed in March. The Emergency Order allows residents to designate two "essential" caregivers and two "compassionate" caregivers who would have access to the facility and resident. Essential caregivers provide services or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain quality of life for a facility resident, while compassionate caregivers provide emotional support to a resident, and may be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis. Other than in end-of-life situations, a resident may only be visited by one essential or compassionate caregiver at a time. However, an intermediate care facility or Agency for Persons with Disabilities licensed foster-care or group home facility may allow up to two such visitors at a time. The Emergency Order provides a mandate that permitted visitors wear a surgical mask and other PPE as

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appropriate, complete training on infection prevention and control, comply with facility-provided COVID-19 testing, and maintain social distancing from staff and other residents in the facility. General visitors will also be allowed to visit facilities provided that the facility have no positive COVID-19 cases in the previous 14 days and if other limitations are met. Residents may designate up to five general visitors, however, may be visited by no more than two at a time. View Emergency Order 20-009 here for additional information contained in the order.

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for "Class G" statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is

required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

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Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

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Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Executive Order 2020-192: Amending Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 20-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 20-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

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Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to

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seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)

The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)

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The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65

years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

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Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The

Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

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Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)

Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

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Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the

extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)

The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations

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with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)

The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for “Class G” statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

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Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in

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isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)

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The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

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Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

JUDICIARY
Senator Brandes, Chair
Senator Gibson, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, February 15, 2021
TIME: 2:30—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Pat Thomas Committee Room,* 412 Knott Building

AMENDMENT DEADLINE: The amendment deadline for this meeting, including proposed committee substitutes and delete everything amendments, is Friday, February 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. All amendments must be in final form and barcoded when filed.

MEMBERS: Senator Brandes, Chair; Senator Gibson, Vice Chair; Senators Baxley, Boyd, Bradley, Broxson, Mayfield, Polsky, Rodrigues, Rouson, and Thurston

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CS/SB 54 by Banking and Insurance / Burgess—Motor Vehicle Insurance

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CS/SB 228 by Commerce and Tourism / Bradley—Notaries Public

CS/SB 234 by Criminal Justice / Book—Registration of Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders

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SB 270 by Perry—Construction Defects

SB 354 by Harrell—Restitution

SB 474 by Bracy—Prosecuting Children as Adults

SB 622 by Perry—Liens and Bonds

SB 402 by Rodrigues—Public Notice and Voting Rights Restoration Database

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SB 686 by Brandes—Offers of Judgment

Other Related Meeting Documents

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Subject: For Review: Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law

Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law
SB 54 Repeals PIP, Requires BI Coverage, Creates New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

Tallahassee–State Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills) today filed Senate Bill 54, Motor Vehicle Insurance. The legislation repeals Florida's current Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, which requires drivers to carry personal injury protection coverage, instead requiring that drivers carry bodily injury liability coverage. The bill also creates a new framework to govern motor vehicle insurance claims for bad faith failure to settle.

"Florida is one of only two states in the country that does not currently require drivers to carry liability coverage that would immediately kick in if they cause the bodily injury or death of another person while operating a motor vehicle," said Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby). "PIP coverage is too expensive for the benefits it provides. It's the right time for Florida to move to mandatory coverage for bodily injury liability."

"Replacing our no-fault system with a bodily injury liability system more appropriately places liability where it should be – with the party that caused the accident," said Senator Burgess. "Additionally, the bill creates a new framework for handling bad faith litigation that provides a clear set of standards to govern the conduct of both parties in the claims handling process, which we believe will lead to better outcomes for both insured Floridians and their insurance companies."

Repeals No-Fault, Requires Bodily Injury Liability Coverage
SB 54 repeals the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law (No-Fault Law), which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. The bill enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:

- For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and
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- Retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.
- Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
- Repealing the No-Fault Law eliminates the limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP insureds, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Requires Medical Payments Coverage
SB 54 requires insurers to offer medical payments coverage (MedPay) with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured. Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000, and may offer deductibles of up to $500. The bill requires that insurers must reserve $5,000 of MedPay benefits for 30 days to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.

Creates a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions
SB 54 creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance. The bill requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.

The bill establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:
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- Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and the amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
- Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed the insured's policy limit.
- Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
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Contact: Katie Betta
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"Florida's No-Fault Law has failed to significantly reduce litigation. Meanwhile, the cost of PIP remains high, when compared to the benefits it provides," said Senator Burgess. "Senate Bill 54 transforms this ineffective and outdated insurance structure, which we believe will lead to a more stable insurance market and better outcomes for insured Floridians

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Attachment(s): "2021 FPCA Letter Supporting Public Disorder Bills HB 1 SB 484 FINAL.pdf"

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> **To:** "Burgess, Danny" <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>, "Barquin, JuanF" <JuanF.Barquin@myfloridahouse.gov>
> **Cc:** Amy Mercer <amercer@fpca.com>, "Tim Stanfield (stanfieldt@gtlaw.com)" <stanfieldt@gtlaw.com>
> **Subject: HB 1 - SB 484 (Combating Public Disorder)**
>
> Good morning,
> Attached is correspondence from the Florida Police Chiefs Association Executive Director Amy Mercer in support of your legislation.
> Thank you,
>
> Pat
> Pat Lange Faragasso
> Finance & Administration Manager
> **Florida Police Chiefs Association**
> Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
> **Florida Police Chiefs Education & Research Foundation**
> 850.219.3631
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Florida Police Chiefs Association

Serving Florida's Law Enforcement Since 1952

January 27, 2021

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The Florida House of Representatives
315 House Office Building
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

The Honorable Danny Burgess
The Florida Senate
308 Senate Building
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Dear Rep. Fernandez-Barquin and Sen. Burgess:

On behalf of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and over 900 of Florida's top law enforcement executives from across every region of the state, we applaud your sponsorship of HB 1 and SB 484, respectively, that are intended to maintain public order and keep the peace.

The Florida Police Chiefs Association believes that peaceful protest is a defining hallmark of our society. The member agencies of the Florida Police Chiefs Association are committed to defending every citizen's right to peacefully protest. At the same time, violent protests endanger lives and threaten the rights of every other citizen whom law enforcement officers swear an oath to protect. Violent and disorderly assembly, destroying property, harassing, and threatening citizens going about their business, and attacking law enforcement are all unacceptable behavior that your legislation aims to prevent.

Finally, while we've long called for additional funding for mental health and social service support, we staunchly oppose any disproportionate reduction in funding for law enforcement that would jeopardize public safety.

Thank you for your leadership on these issues and your unwavering support for Florida's law enforcement and the rule of law.

Sincerely,

Amy Mercer

Amy Mercer
Executive Director

cc: Senator Wilton Simpson, Senate President
Representative Chris Sprowls, Speaker of the House
Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee Members and Committee Staff

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To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
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> **From:** Akela Lacy <akela.lacy@theintercept.com>
> **Date:** January 11, 2021 at 15:35:27 EST
> **To:** danny@dannyburgessfl.com
> **Subject: Intercept inquiry - SB 484**
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> Hi Sen. Burgess,
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> I hope you're well. My name is Akela Lacy and I'm a reporter at The Intercept. I am writing to ask about your bill SB 484. Am working on a piece for mid-week, my deadline is 12pm tomorrow.
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> **Subject: Re: Intercept inquiry - SB 484**
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Subject: JAPC Meeting January 14, 2021

To our Members:

Please find attached a Memorandum from Kenneth J. Plante along with Committee reference material for our upcoming meeting.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

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01	Department of State	**Sharon Jones**
02	Department of Legal Affairs	**Sharon Jones**
05	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	**Jamie Jackson**
06	Department of Education	**Jowanna Oates**
11	Department of Law Enforcement	**Sharon Jones**
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49	Regional Utility Authorities	**Jamie Royal**
53	Department of the Lottery	**Jamie Jackson**
54	Interlocal Agencies	**Jamie Royal**
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57	Space Florida	**Jamie Jackson**
58	Department of Elder Affairs	**Jowanna Oates**
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69	Department of Financial Services	**Jamie Jackson**
70	Department of Military Affairs	**Sharon Jones**
72	Board of Governors	**Jowanna Oates**
73	Department of Economic Opportunity	**Jowanna Oates**

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Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

JAPC Duties Under Joint Rule Four of the Florida Legislature

The committee's duties and responsibilities described in Joint Rule 4.6 include:

Maintaining a continuous review of the statutory authority on which each rule is based, and advising agencies whenever such authority is significantly affected.

Maintaining a continuous review of rules and identifying and requesting agencies to repeal any rule or rule provision which reiterates or paraphrases any statute or for which statutory authority has been repealed.

Reviewing administrative rules and advising agencies of its findings.

Performing the duties prescribed by chapter 120 regarding the adoption and promulgation of rules.

Generally reviewing agency action pursuant to the operation of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Reporting to the Legislature at least annually and recommending needed legislation or other appropriate action. The report shall include:

- The number of objections voted by the committee and the outcome of such objections.
- The number of suspensions recommended by the committee and the outcome of such recommendations.
- The number of administrative determinations filed on the invalidity of a proposed or existing rule and the outcome of such determinations.
- The number of petitions for judicial review filed on the invalidity of a proposed or existing rule and the outcome of such petitions.
- Any recommendations provided to the standing committees during the preceding year as to the advisability of considering changes to the delegated legislative authority to adopt rules in specific circumstances.

Consulting regularly with legislative standing committees regarding legislative authority for proposed rules and other matters relating to legislative authority for agency action.

Maintaining a continuous review of the rulemaking process, including a review of agency procedure and of complaints based on such procedure.

Establishing measurement criteria to evaluate whether agencies are complying with the delegation of legislative authority in adopting and implementing rules.

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Maintaining a continuous review of statutes that authorize agencies to adopt rules and making recommendations to the appropriate standing committees of the House and Senate as to the advisability of considering changes to the delegated legislative authority to adopt rules in specific circumstances.

JAPC Responsibilities Under Section 120.54, F.S., Related to Agency Rulemaking

At least 21 days before the proposed adoption date, each agency is required to file with the committee a copy of each rule it proposes to adopt; a copy of any material incorporated by reference in the rule; a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule; a copy of any statement of estimated regulatory costs that has been prepared; a statement of the extent to which the proposed rule relates to federal standards or rules on the same subject; and the published notice of rulemaking. The published notice must include a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action; the full text of the proposed rule or amendment and a summary thereof; a reference to the grant of rulemaking authority and a reference to the Florida Statutes or Laws of Florida being implemented or interpreted; a summary of the agency's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared; a statement that any person may provide the agency with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs or a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative within 21 days after publication of the notice; a statement as to whether the proposed rule is expected to require legislative ratification; and the procedure for requesting a public hearing on the proposed rule. **120.54(3)(a)**

If an agency determines that a proposed rule will affect small businesses, the agency is required to send notice of the proposed rule to the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor not less than 28 days prior to adoption. If the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor offers to the agency regulatory alternatives and the agency does not adopt all alternatives offered, the agency is required to file a detailed written statement with the committee explaining the reasons for failure to adopt such alternatives. The agency is required to send a copy of the statement to the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor. **120.54(3)(b)**

The adopting agency is required to file with the committee a notice of no change or technical change in a proposed rule at least 7 days before adoption. When any change is made in a proposed rule, other than a technical change, the adopting agency is required to file with the committee a notice of the change, along with the reasons for such change, at least 21 days prior to adoption. **120.54(3)(d)**

At the time the rule is filed for adoption, the committee is required to certify whether the agency has responded in writing to all material and timely written comments or written inquiries made on behalf of the committee. **120.54(3)(e)4.**

If the committee notifies the agency that an objection to a rule is being considered, the agency may postpone the adoption of the rule to accommodate review of the rule by the committee.

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When an agency postpones adoption for this purpose, the 90-day period for filing the rule is tolled until the committee notifies the agency that it has completed its review. **120.54(3)(e)6.**

Notice of the adoption by an agency of emergency rules, other than those of educational units or units of local government, shall be provided to the committee along with any material incorporated by reference in the rules. **120.54(4)(a)**

The committee is required to review uniform rules of procedure adopted by the Administration Commission. **120.54(5)(a)**

Agencies are empowered to adopt rules substantively identical to federal regulations using an expedited rulemaking process, which requires that the committee receive a copy of the agency's notice of intent to adopt a rule at least 21 days prior to the date of filing for adoption. **120.54(6)**

If a petition to initiate rulemaking by an agency is directed to an unadopted rule and the agency, after holding a public hearing, does not initiate rulemaking or otherwise comply with the requested action, the agency shall file a statement of its reasons with the committee. The committee is required to forward a copy of the statement to the substantive committees of the Legislature with primary oversight jurisdiction of the agency. JAPC or a committee with oversight jurisdiction may hold a hearing directed to the agency statement. The committee holding the hearing may recommend appropriate legislation. **120.54(7)**

JAPC Review of Agency Rules Pursuant to 120.545, F.S.

The committee is required to examine each proposed rule, except for rules exempted by s. 120.81(1)(e) and (2), and its accompanying material, and each emergency rule, and may examine any existing rule to determine whether:

- The rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority pursuant to s. 120.52(8).
- The statutory authority for the rule has been repealed.
- The rule reiterates or paraphrases statutory material.
- The rule is in proper form.
- The notice given prior to adoption was sufficient to give adequate notice of the purpose and effect of the rule.
- The rule is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements.
- The rule is necessary to accomplish the objectives of the specific law implemented.
- The rule is a reasonable implementation of the law as it affects the convenience of the general public or persons particularly affected by the rule.
- The rule could be made less complex or more easily comprehensible to the general public.
- The rule's statement of estimated regulatory costs complies with the requirements of s. 120.541 and whether the rule imposes regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.

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- The rule will require additional appropriations.
- If the rule is an emergency rule, there exists an emergency justifying the rule, the agency is within its statutory authority, and the rule was adopted in compliance with s. 120.54(4). **120.545(1)**

The committee may request from an agency any information reasonably necessary for examination of a rule. The committee is required to consult with legislative standing committees with jurisdiction over the subject matter of rules examined. **120.545(2)**

If the committee votes to object to a rule, it shall certify that fact to the agency along with a statement detailing its objections with particularity, within 5 days after the objection. The committee must notify the House Speaker and Senate President of the objection concurrent with certification to the agency. The agency is required to notify the committee of its intention to comply with the objection or its refusal to do so within 30 days, if headed by an individual, or within 45 days, if headed by a collegial body. If the agency fails to respond to the committee's objection to a rule not yet in effect within the prescribed time limits, the committee is required to notify the Department of State that the agency, by its failure to respond, has elected to withdraw the rule. Failure of the agency to respond to an objection to a rule that is in effect constitutes a refusal to amend or repeal the rule. Failure of the agency to respond to an objection to a statement of estimated regulatory costs constitutes a refusal to prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs. If the agency refuses to meet the committee's objection, the committee is required to file with the Department of State a notice of the objection for publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly. **120.545(2) - (7)**

The committee is authorized to submit to the Senate President and House Speaker a recommendation that legislation be introduced to address the committee's objection in the event that the agency fails to initiate administrative action consistent with the committee's objection within 60 days after the objection, or then fails to proceed in good faith to complete such action. If the committee votes to recommend the introduction of legislation, the committee is required to certify that fact to the agency within 5 days. The committee may request that the agency temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of a proposed rule, pending consideration of proposed legislation during the next regular session of the Legislature. The agency must respond to the certification within 30 days, if headed by an individual, or within 45 days, if headed by a collegial body, by either temporarily suspending the rule or the adoption of a proposed rule, or notifying the committee that it refuses to do so. The agency's failure to respond to the committee certification constitutes a refusal to suspend the rule or to suspend the adoption of the proposed rule. The committee is required to prepare proposed legislation to address the committee's objection in accordance with the rules of the Senate and the House for prefiling and introduction in the next regular legislative session. The proposed legislation shall be presented to the Senate President and House Speaker with the committee recommendation. **120.545(8)**

JAPC Responsibilities Under Miscellaneous Provisions of Chapter 120

The committee is authorized to notify the Department of State and the appropriate agency when a law is repealed that is implemented by an agency rule. **120.536(2)**

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An agency that is required to revise a statement of estimated regulatory costs must provide the statement to the committee at least 21 days before filing the rule for adoption. **120.541(1)(d)**

A person subject to regulation by an agency rule may file a petition with the agency, with a copy to the committee, requesting a variance or waiver from the agency's rule. A copy of the agency's order granting or denying the petition shall be filed with the committee and shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the agency's action. **120.542**

Any form used by an agency in its dealings with the public, along with any accompanying instructions, must be filed with the committee before it is used. **120.55(1)(a)**

When the Department of State is in doubt whether a rule published in the official version of the Florida Administrative Code is still in full force and effect, the department is required to submit to the agency a request for a statement to that effect, and provide a copy to the committee. **120.555**

The Division of Administrative Hearings is required to forward to the committee a copy of each petition seeking an administrative determination of the validity of a proposed or existing rule. A written notice from the chair of the committee stating that the committee will consider an objection to a challenged rule at its next scheduled meeting is evidence of good cause for a continuance of a scheduled hearing on the petition. The division is required to provide a copy of the administrative law judge's final order to the committee. **120.56(1)**

The final order of the administrative law judge on a petition challenging the validity of an agency statement not adopted as a rule pursuant to s. 120.54 is required to be transmitted to the committee by the division. **120.56(4)**

A copy of each petition seeking a declaratory statement by an agency is required to be transmitted to the committee by the agency. **120.565**

The Administration Commission is required to transmit to the committee a copy of a petition seeking an exemption from any requirement of chapter 120, a certified copy of the order granting or denying the petition, and a copy of any alternative procedures prescribed. **120.63**

Not later than February 1 of each year, the Division of Administrative Hearings is required to issue a written report to the committee including: (1) a summary of the extent and effect of agencies' use of administrative law judges, court reporters, and other personnel in proceedings under chapter 120; (2) recommendations for change or improvement in the APA or any agency's practice or policy with respect thereto; (3) recommendations as to those types of cases or disputes which should be conducted under the summary hearing process described in s. 120.574; and (4) a report regarding each agency's compliance with the filing requirement in s. 120.57(1)(m). **120.65(8)**

By October 1st of each year, each agency head and the agency's principal legal advisor, must file a certification with the committee indicating that they have reviewed the agency's regulatory plan and the agency regularly reviews its rules during the identified period to determine if the

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rules remain consistent with the agency's rulemaking authority and laws implemented. **120.74(2)**

Each agency must file a certification with the committee once it has published a notice of rule development and upon filing a deadline extension of regulatory plan certification per the requirements in s.120.74(4) and (5). **120.74(6)**

An agency must deliver a written explanation for failing to comply with the requirements of s. 120.74(2)(a) or s. 120.74(5), within 15 days after written demand from the committee. **120.74(8)**

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Joint Rule Four of the Florida Legislature:

Joint Committees

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Joint Rule Four—Joint Committees

4.1—Standing Joint Committees

(1) The following standing joint committees are established:

(a) Administrative Procedures Committee.

(b) Committee on Public Counsel Oversight.

(c) Legislative Auditing Committee.

(2) No other joint committee shall exist except as agreed to by the presiding officers or by concurrent resolution approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(3) Appointments to each standing joint committee shall be made or altered and vacancies shall be filled by the Senate and the House of Representatives in accordance with their respective rules. There shall be appointed to each standing joint committee no fewer than five and no more than seven members from each house.

(4)(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to serve as the chair, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the House of Representatives to serve as the vice chair, for:

1. The Legislative Auditing Committee and the Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, for the period from the Organization Session until noon on August 1 of the calendar year following the general election.

2. The Administrative Procedures Committee for the period from noon on August 1 of the calendar year following the general election until the next general election.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the House of Representatives to serve as the chair, and the President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to serve as the vice chair, for:

1. The Legislative Auditing Committee and the Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, for the period from noon on August 1 of the calendar year following the general election until the next general election.

2. The Administrative Procedures Committee for the period from the Organization Session until noon on August 1 of the calendar year following the general election.

(c) A vacancy in an appointed chair or vice chair shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4.2—Procedures in Joint Committees

The following rules shall govern procedures in joint committees other than conference committees:

(1) A quorum for a joint committee shall be a majority of the appointees of each house. No business of any type may be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

(2)(a) Joint committees shall meet only within the dates, times, and locations authorized by both the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) Joint committee meetings shall meet at the call of the chair. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume the duty to convene and preside over meetings and such other duties as provided by law or joint rule. During a meeting properly convened, the presiding chair may temporarily assign the duty to preside at that meeting to another joint committee member until the assignment is relinquished or revoked.

(c) Before any joint committee may hold a meeting, a notice of such meeting shall be provided to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than 4:30 p.m. of the 7th day before the meeting. For purposes of effecting notice to members of the house to which the chair does not belong, notice to the Secretary of the Senate shall be deemed notice to members of the Senate and notice to the Clerk of the House shall be deemed notice to members of the House of Representatives. Noticed meetings may be canceled by the chair with the approval of at least one presiding officer.

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(d) If a majority of its members from each house agree, a joint committee may continue a properly noticed meeting after the expiration of the time called for the meeting. However, a joint committee may not meet beyond the time authorized by the presiding officers without special leave granted by both presiding officers.

(3) The presiding officers shall interpret, apply, and enforce rules governing joint committees by agreement when the rule at issue is a joint rule. Unless otherwise determined or overruled by an agreement of the presiding officers, the chair shall determine all questions of order arising in joint committee meetings, but such determinations may be appealed to the committee during the meeting.

(4) Each question, including any appeal of a ruling of the chair, shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of the joint committee of each house present and voting.

4.3—Powers of Joint Committees

(1) A joint committee may exercise the subpoena powers vested by law in a standing committee of the Legislature. A subpoena issued under this rule must be approved and signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and attested by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

(2) A joint committee may adopt rules of procedure that do not conflict with the Florida Constitution or any law or joint rule, subject to the joint approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) A joint committee may not create subcommittees or workgroups unless authorized by both presiding officers.

4.4—Administration of Joint Committees

(1) Within the monetary limitations of the approved operating budget, the expenses of the members and the salaries and expenses of the staff of each joint committee shall be governed by joint policies adopted under Joint Rule 3.2.

(2) Subject to joint policies adopted under Joint Rule 3.2, the presiding officers shall appoint and remove the staff director and, if needed, a general counsel and any other staff necessary to assist each joint committee. All joint committee staff shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding officers. Upon the initial adoption of these joint rules in a biennium, each joint committee staff director position shall be deemed vacant until an appointment is made.

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4.6—Special Powers and Duties of the Administrative Procedures Committee

The Administrative Procedures Committee shall:

(1) Maintain a continuous review of the statutory authority on which each administrative rule is based and, whenever such authority is eliminated or significantly changed by repeal, amendment, holding by a court of last resort, or other factor, advise the agency concerned of the fact.

(2) Maintain a continuous review of administrative rules and identify and request an agency to repeal any rule or any provision of any rule that reiterates or paraphrases any statute or for which the statutory authority has been repealed.

(3) Review administrative rules and advise the agencies concerned of its findings.

(4) Exercise the duties prescribed by chapter 120, Florida Statutes, concerning the adoption and promulgation of rules.

(5) Generally review agency action pursuant to the operation of chapter 120, Florida Statutes, the Administrative Procedure Act.

(6) Report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at least annually, no later than the first week of the regular session, and recommend needed legislation or other

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appropriate action. Such report shall include the number of objections voted by the committee, the number of suspensions recommended by the committee, the number of administrative determinations filed on the invalidity of a proposed or existing rule, the number of petitions for judicial review filed on the invalidity of a proposed or existing rule, and the outcomes of such actions. Such report shall also include any recommendations provided to the standing committees during the preceding year under subsection (11).

(7) Consult regularly with legislative standing committees that have jurisdiction over the subject areas addressed in agency proposed rules regarding legislative authority for the proposed rules and other matters relating to legislative authority for agency action.

(8) Subject to the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, have standing to seek judicial review, on behalf of the Legislature or the citizens of this state, of the validity or invalidity of any administrative rule to which the committee has voted an objection and that has not been withdrawn, modified, repealed, or amended to meet the objection. Judicial review under this subsection may not be initiated until the Governor and the head of the agency making the rule to which the committee has objected have been notified of the committee's proposed action and have been given a reasonable opportunity, not to exceed 60 days, for consultation with the committee. The committee may expend public funds from its appropriation for the purpose of seeking judicial review.

(9) Maintain a continuous review of the administrative rulemaking process, including a review of agency procedure and of complaints based on such agency procedure.

(10) Establish measurement criteria to evaluate whether agencies are complying with the delegation of legislative authority in adopting and implementing rules.

(11) Maintain a continuous review of statutes that authorize agencies to adopt rules and shall make recommendations to the appropriate standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives as to the advisability of considering changes to the delegated legislative authority to adopt rules in specific circumstances.

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Chapter 120, Florida Statutes:

Administrative Procedure Act

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CHAPTER 120

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

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120.50 Exception to application of chapter.—This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) The Legislature.

(2) The courts.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 3, ch. 77-468; s. 1, ch. 78-162.

120.51 Short title.—This chapter may be known and cited as the "Administrative Procedure Act."

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310.

120.515 Declaration of policy.—This chapter provides uniform procedures for the exercise of specified authority. This chapter does not limit or impinge upon the assignment of executive power under Article IV of the State Constitution or the legal authority of an appointing authority to direct and supervise those appointees serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority. For purposes of this chapter, adherence to the direction and supervision of an appointing authority does not constitute delegation or transfer of statutory authority assigned to the appointee.

History.—s. 7, ch. 2012-116.

120.52 Definitions.—As used in this act:

(1) "Agency" means the following officers or governmental entities if acting pursuant to powers other than those derived from the constitution:

(a) The Governor; each state officer and state department, and each departmental unit described in s. 20.04; the Board of Governors of the State University System; the Commission on Ethics; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; a regional water supply authority; a regional planning agency; a multicounty special district, but only if a majority of its governing board is comprised of nonelected persons; educational units; and each entity described in chapters 163, 373, 380, and 582 and s. 186.504.

(b) Each officer and governmental entity in the state having statewide jurisdiction or jurisdiction in more than one county.

(c) Each officer and governmental entity in the state having jurisdiction in one county or less than one county, to the extent they are expressly made subject to this chapter by general or special law or existing judicial decisions.

This definition does not include a municipality or legal entity created solely by a municipality; a legal entity or agency created in whole or in part pursuant to part II of chapter 361; a metropolitan planning organization created pursuant to s. 339.175; a separate legal or administrative entity created pursuant to s. 339.175 of which a metropolitan planning organization is a member; an expressway authority pursuant to chapter 348 or any transportation authority or commission under chapter 343 or chapter 349; or a legal or administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01(7), unless any party to such agreement is otherwise an agency as defined in this subsection.

(2) "Agency action" means the whole or part of a rule or order, or the equivalent, or the denial of a petition to adopt a rule or issue an order. The term also includes any denial of a request made under s. 120.54(7).

(3) "Agency head" means the person or collegial body in a department or other governmental unit statutorily responsible for final agency action. An

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agency head appointed by and serving at the pleasure of an appointing authority remains subject to the direction and supervision of the appointing authority, but actions taken by the agency head as authorized by statute are official acts.

(4) "Committee" means the Administrative Procedures Committee.

(5) "Division" means the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any document filed with the division by a party represented by an attorney shall be filed by electronic means through the division's website. Any document filed with the division by a party not represented by an attorney shall, whenever possible, be filed by electronic means through the division's website.

(6) "Educational unit" means a local school district, a community college district, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a state university when the university is acting pursuant to statutory authority derived from the Legislature.

(7) "Final order" means a written final decision which results from a proceeding under s. 120.56, s. 120.565, s. 120.569, s. 120.57, s. 120.573, or s. 120.574 which is not a rule, and which is not excepted from the definition of a rule, and which has been filed with the agency clerk, and includes final agency actions which are affirmative, negative, injunctive, or declaratory in form. A final order includes all materials explicitly adopted in it. The clerk shall indicate the date of filing on the order.

(8) "Invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority" means action that goes beyond the powers, functions, and duties delegated by the Legislature. A proposed or existing rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority if any one of the following applies:

(a) The agency has materially failed to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter;

(b) The agency has exceeded its grant of rulemaking authority, citation to which is required by s. 120.54(3)(a)1.;

(c) The rule enlarges, modifies, or contravenes the specific provisions of law implemented, citation to which is required by s. 120.54(3)(a)1.;

(d) The rule is vague, fails to establish adequate standards for agency decisions, or vests unbridled discretion in the agency;

(e) The rule is arbitrary or capricious. A rule is arbitrary if it is not supported by logic or the necessary facts; a rule is capricious if it is adopted without thought or reason or is irrational; or

(f) The rule imposes regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.

A grant of rulemaking authority is necessary but not sufficient to allow an agency to adopt a rule; a specific law to be implemented is also required. An agency may adopt only rules that implement or interpret the specific powers and duties granted by the enabling statute. No agency shall have authority to adopt a rule only because it is reasonably related to the purpose of the enabling legislation and is not arbitrary and capricious or is within the agency's class of powers and duties, nor shall an agency have the authority to implement statutory provisions setting forth general legislative intent or policy. Statutory language granting rulemaking authority or generally describing the powers and functions of an agency shall be construed to extend no further than implementing or interpreting the specific powers and duties conferred by the enabling statute.

(9) "Law implemented" means the language of the enabling statute being carried out or interpreted by an agency through rulemaking.

(10) "License" means a franchise, permit, certification, registration, charter, or similar form of authorization required by law, but it does not include a license required primarily for revenue purposes when issuance of the license is merely a ministerial act.

(11) "Licensing" means the agency process respecting the issuance, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, or amendment of a license or imposition of terms for the exercise of a license.

(12) "Official reporter" means the publication in which an agency publishes final orders, the index to final orders, and the list of final orders which are listed rather than published.

(13) "Party" means:

(a) Specifically named persons whose substantial interests are being determined in the proceeding.

(b) Any other person who, as a matter of constitutional right, provision of statute, or provision of agency regulation, is entitled to participate in whole or in part in the proceeding, or whose substantial interests will be affected by proposed agency action, and who makes an appearance as a party.

(c) Any other person, including an agency staff member, allowed by the agency to intervene or participate in the proceeding as a party. An agency may by rule authorize limited forms of participation in agency proceedings for persons who are not eligible to become parties.

(d) Any county representative, agency, department, or unit funded and authorized by state statute or county ordinance to represent the interests of the consumers of a county, when the proceeding involves the substantial interests of a significant number of residents of the county and the board of county commissioners has, by resolution, authorized the representative, agency, department, or unit to represent the class of interested persons. The authorizing resolution shall apply to a specific proceeding and to appeals and ancillary proceedings thereto, and it shall not be required to state the names of the persons whose interests are to be represented.

The term "party" does not include a member government of a regional water supply authority or a governmental or quasi-judicial board or commission established by local ordinance or special or general law where the governing membership of such board or commission is shared with, in whole or in part, or appointed by a member government of a regional water supply authority in proceedings under s. 120.569, s. 120.57, or s. 120.68, to the extent that an interlocal agreement under

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ss. 163.01 and 373.713 exists in which the member government has agreed that its substantial interests are not affected by the proceedings or that it is to be bound by alternative dispute resolution in lieu of participating in the proceedings. This exclusion applies only to those particular types of disputes or controversies, if any, identified in an interlocal agreement.

(14) "Person" means any person described in s. 1.01, any unit of government in or outside the state, and any agency described in subsection (1).

(15) "Recommended order" means the official recommendation of an administrative law judge assigned by the division or of any other duly authorized presiding officer, other than an agency head or member of an agency head, for the final disposition of a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

(16) "Rule" means each agency statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy or describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency and includes any form which imposes any requirement or solicits any information not specifically required by statute or by an existing rule. The term also includes the amendment or repeal of a rule. The term does not include:

(a) Internal management memoranda which do not affect either the private interests of any person or any plan or procedure important to the public and which have no application outside the agency issuing the memorandum.

(b) Legal memoranda or opinions issued to an agency by the Attorney General or agency legal opinions prior to their use in connection with an agency action.

(c) The preparation or modification of:

1. Agency budgets.

2. Statements, memoranda, or instructions to state agencies issued by the Chief Financial Officer or Comptroller as chief fiscal officer of the state and relating or pertaining to claims for payment submitted by state agencies to the Chief Financial Officer or Comptroller.

3. Contractual provisions reached as a result of collective bargaining.

4. Memoranda issued by the Executive Office of the Governor relating to information resources management.

(17) "Rulemaking authority" means statutory language that explicitly authorizes or requires an agency to adopt, develop, establish, or otherwise create any statement coming within the definition of the term "rule."

(18) "Small city" means any municipality that has an unincarcerated population of 10,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.

(19) "Small county" means any county that has an unincarcerated population of 75,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.

(20) "Unadopted rule" means an agency statement that meets the definition of the term "rule," but that has not been adopted pursuant to the requirements of s. 120.54.

(21) "Variance" means a decision by an agency to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of an agency rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Any variance shall conform to the standards for variances outlined in this chapter and in the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5).

(22) "Waiver" means a decision by an agency not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Any waiver shall conform to the standards for waivers outlined in this chapter and in the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5).

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 1, ch. 75-191; s. 1, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 12, ch. 77-290; s. 2, ch. 77-453; s. 1, ch. 78-28; s. 1, ch. 78-425; s. 1, ch. 79-20; s. 55, ch. 79-40; s. 1, ch. 79-299; s. 2, ch. 81-119; s. 1, ch. 81-180; s. 7, ch. 82-180; s. 1, ch. 83-78; s. 2, ch. 83-273; s. 10, ch. 84-170; s. 15, ch. 85-80; s. 1, ch. 85-168; s. 2, ch. 87-385; s. 1, ch. 88-367; s. 1, ch. 89-147; s. 1, ch. 91-46; s. 9, ch. 92-166; s. 50, ch. 92-279; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 3, ch. 96-159; s. 1, ch. 97-176; s. 2, ch. 97-286; s. 1, ch. 98-402; s. 64, ch. 99-245; s. 2, ch. 99-379; s. 895, ch. 2002-387; s. 1, ch. 2003-94; s. 138, ch. 2003-261; s. 7, ch. 2003-286; s. 3, ch. 2007-196; s. 13, ch. 2007-217; s. 2, ch. 2008-104; s. 1, ch. 2009-85; s. 1, ch. 2009-187; s. 10, ch. 2010-5; s. 2, ch. 2010-205; s. 7, ch. 2011-208; s. 8, ch. 2012-116; s. 14, ch. 2013-173.

120.525 Meetings, hearings, and workshops.—

(1) Except in the case of emergency meetings, each agency shall give notice of public meetings, hearings, and workshops by publication in the Florida Administrative Register and on the agency's website not less than 7 days before the event. The notice shall include a statement of the general subject matter to be considered.

(2) An agenda shall be prepared by the agency in time to ensure that a copy of the agenda may be received at least 7 days before the event by any person in the state who requests a copy and who pays the reasonable cost of the copy. The agenda, along with any meeting materials available in electronic form excluding confidential and exempt information, shall be published on the agency's website. The agenda shall contain the items to be considered in order of presentation. After the agenda has been made available, a change shall be made only for good cause, as determined by the person designated to preside, and stated in the record. Notification of such change shall be at the earliest practicable time.

(3) If an agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires immediate action, the agency may hold an emergency public meeting and give notice of such meeting by any procedure that is fair under the circumstances and necessary to protect the public interest, if:

(a) The procedure provides at least the procedural protection given by other statutes, the State Constitution, or the United States Constitution.

(b) The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure.

(c) The agency publishes in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. The agency findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness shall be judicially reviewable.

(4) For purposes of establishing a quorum at meetings of regional planning councils that cover three or more counties, a voting member who appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication that is broadcast publicly at the meeting location may be

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counted toward the quorum requirement if at least one-third of the voting members of the regional planning council are physically present at the meeting location. A member must provide oral, written, or electronic notice of his or her intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication to the regional planning council at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting.

History.—s. 4, ch. 96-159; s. 3, ch. 2009-187; s. 3, ch. 2013-14; s. 1, ch. 2020-122.

120.53 Maintenance of agency final orders.—

(1) In addition to maintaining records contained in s. 119.021(3), each agency shall also electronically transmit a certified text-searchable copy of each agency final order listed in subsection (2) rendered on or after July 1, 2015, to a centralized electronic database of agency final orders maintained by the division. The database must allow users to research and retrieve the full texts of agency final orders by:

(a) The name of the agency that issued the final order.

(b) The date the final order was issued.

(c) The type of final order.

(d) The subject of the final order.

(e) Terms contained in the text of the final order.

(2) The agency final orders that must be electronically transmitted to the centralized electronic database include:

(a) Each final order resulting from a proceeding under s. 120.57 or s. 120.573.

(b) Each final order rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(4) which contains a statement of agency policy that may be the basis of future agency decisions or that may otherwise contain a statement of precedential value.

(c) Each declaratory statement issued by an agency.

(d) Each final order resulting from a proceeding under s. 120.56 or s. 120.574.

(3) Each agency shall maintain a list of all final orders rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(4) that are not required to be electronically transmitted to the centralized electronic database because they do not contain statements of agency policy or statements of precedential value. The list must include the name of the parties to the proceeding and the number assigned to the final order.

(4) Each final order, whether rendered by the agency or the division, that must be electronically transmitted to the centralized electronic database or maintained on a list pursuant to subsection (3) must be electronically transmitted to the database or added to the list within 90 days after the final order is rendered. Each final order that must be electronically transmitted to the database or added to the list must have attached a copy of the complete text of any materials incorporated by reference; however, if the quantity of the materials incorporated makes attachment of the complete text of the materials impractical, the final order may contain a statement of the location of such materials and the manner in which the public may inspect or obtain copies of the materials incorporated by reference.

(5) Nothing in this section relieves an agency from its responsibility for maintaining a subject matter index of final orders rendered before July 1, 2015, and identifying the location of the subject matter index on the agency's website. In addition, an agency may electronically transmit to the centralized electronic database certified copies of all of the final orders that were rendered before July 1, 2015, which were required to be in the subject matter index. The centralized electronic database constitutes the official compilation of administrative final orders rendered on or after July 1, 2015, for each agency.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 2, ch. 75-191; s. 2, ch. 76-131; s. 2, ch. 79-299; s. 1, ch. 81-296; s. 2, ch. 81-309; s. 8, ch. 83-92; s. 34, ch. 83-217; s. 3, ch. 83-273; s. 1, ch. 84-203; s. 77, ch. 85-180; s. 2, ch. 87-100; s. 2, ch. 88-384; s. 44, ch. 90-136; s. 35, ch. 90-302; s. 2, ch. 91-30; s. 79, ch. 91-45; s. 1, ch. 91-191; s. 1, ch. 92-166; s. 143, ch. 92-279; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 757, ch. 95-147; s. 5, ch. 96-159; s. 2, ch. 96-423; s. 2, ch. 97-176; s. 3, ch. 2008-104; s. 2, ch. 2015-155.

120.533 Coordination of the transmittal, indexing, and listing of agency final orders by Department of State.—The Department of State shall:

(1) Coordinate the transmittal, indexing, management, preservation, and availability of agency final orders that must be transmitted, indexed, or listed pursuant to s. 120.53.

(2) Provide guidelines for indexing agency final orders. More than one system for indexing may be approved by the Department of State, including systems or methods in use, or proposed for use, by an agency. More than one system may be approved for use by a single agency as best serves the needs of that agency and the public.

(3) Provide for storage and retrieval systems to be maintained by agencies pursuant to s. 120.53(5) for indexing, and making available agency final orders by subject matter. The Department of State may authorize more than one system, including systems in use by an agency. Storage and retrieval systems that may be used by an agency include, without limitation, a designated reporter or reporters, a microfilming system, an automated system, or any other system considered appropriate by the Department of State.

(4) Provide standards and guidelines for the certification and electronic transmittal of copies of agency final orders to the division, as required under s. 120.53, and, to protect the integrity and authenticity of information publicly accessible through the electronic database, coordinate and provide standards and guidelines to ensure the security of copies of agency final orders transmitted and maintained in the electronic database by the division under s. 120.53(1).

(5) For each agency, determine which final orders must be indexed or transmitted.

(6) Require each agency to report to the department concerning which types or categories of agency orders establish precedent for each agency.

(7) Adopt rules as necessary to administer its responsibilities under this section, which shall be binding on all agencies including the division acting in the capacity of official compiler of administrative final orders under s. 120.53, notwithstanding s. 120.65. The Department of State may provide for an alternative official compiler to manage and operate the division's database and related services if the Administration

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Commission determines that the performance of the division as official compiler is unsatisfactory.

History.—s. 9, ch. 91-30; s. 1, ch. 91-191; s. 7, ch. 96-159; s. 3, ch. 2015-155.

120.536 Rulemaking authority; repeal; challenge.—

(1) A grant of rulemaking authority is necessary but not sufficient to allow an agency to adopt a rule; a specific law to be implemented is also required. An agency may adopt only rules that implement or interpret the specific powers and duties granted by the enabling statute. No agency shall have authority to adopt a rule only because it is reasonably related to the purpose of the enabling legislation and is not arbitrary and capricious or is within the agency's class of powers and duties, nor shall an agency have the authority to implement statutory provisions setting forth general legislative intent or policy. Statutory language granting rulemaking authority or generally describing the powers and functions of an agency shall be construed to extend no further than implementing or interpreting the specific powers and duties conferred by the enabling statute.

(2) Unless otherwise expressly provided by law:

(a) The repeal of one or more provisions of law implemented by a rule that on its face implements only the provision or provisions repealed and no other provision of law nullifies the rule. Whenever notice of the nullification of a rule under this subsection is received from the committee or otherwise, the Department of State shall remove the rule from the Florida Administrative Code as of the effective date of the law effecting the nullification and update the historical notes for the code to show the rule repealed by operation of law.

(b) The repeal of one or more provisions of law implemented by a rule that on its face implements the provision or provisions repealed and one or more other provisions of law nullifies the rule or applicable portion of the rule to the extent that it implements the repealed law. The agency having authority to repeal or amend the rule shall, within 180 days after the effective date of the repealing law, publish a notice of rule development identifying all portions of rules affected by the repealing law, and if no notice is timely published the operation of each rule implementing a repealed provision of law shall be suspended until such notice is published.

(c) The repeal of one or more provisions of law that, other than as provided in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), causes a rule or portion of a rule to be of uncertain enforceability requires the Department of State to treat the rule as provided by s. 120.555. A rule shall be considered to be of uncertain enforceability under this paragraph if the division notifies the Department of State that a rule or a portion of the rule has been invalidated in a division proceeding based upon a repeal of law, or the committee gives written notification to the Department of State and the agency having power to amend or repeal the rule that a law has been repealed creating doubt about whether the rule is still in full force and effect.

(3) The Administrative Procedures Committee or any substantially affected person may petition an agency to repeal any rule, or portion thereof, because it exceeds the rulemaking authority permitted by this section. Not later than 30 days after the date of filing the petition if the agency is headed by an individual, or not later than 45 days if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall initiate rulemaking proceedings to repeal the rule, or portion thereof, or deny the petition, giving a written statement of its reasons for the denial.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change the legal status of a rule that has otherwise been judicially or administratively determined to be invalid.

History.—s. 9, ch. 96-159; s. 3, ch. 99-379; s. 15, ch. 2000-151; s. 15, ch. 2005-2; s. 4, ch. 2008-104; s. 1, ch. 2012-31.

120.54 Rulemaking.—

(1) GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL RULES OTHER THAN EMERGENCY RULES.—

(a) Rulemaking is not a matter of agency discretion. Each agency statement defined as a rule by s. 120.52 shall be adopted by the rulemaking procedure provided by this section as soon as feasible and practicable.

1. Rulemaking shall be presumed feasible unless the agency proves that:

a. The agency has not had sufficient time to acquire the knowledge and experience reasonably necessary to address a statement by rulemaking; or

b. Related matters are not sufficiently resolved to enable the agency to address a statement by rulemaking.

2. Rulemaking shall be presumed practicable to the extent necessary to provide fair notice to affected persons of relevant agency procedures and applicable principles, criteria, or standards for agency decisions unless the agency proves that:

a. Detail or precision in the establishment of principles, criteria, or standards for agency decisions is not reasonable under the circumstances; or

b. The particular questions addressed are of such a narrow scope that more specific resolution of the matter is impractical outside of an adjudication to determine the substantial interests of a party based on individual circumstances.

(b) Whenever an act of the Legislature is enacted which requires implementation of the act by rules of an agency within the executive branch of state government, such rules shall be drafted and formally proposed as provided in this section within the times provided in s. 120.74(4) and (5).

(c) No statutory provision shall be delayed in its implementation pending an agency's adoption of implementing rules unless there is an express statutory provision prohibiting its application until the adoption of implementing rules.

(d) In adopting rules, all agencies must, among the alternative approaches to any regulatory objective and to the extent allowed by law, choose the alternative that does not impose regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.

(e) No agency has inherent rulemaking authority, nor has any agency authority to establish penalties for violation of a rule unless the Legislature, when establishing a penalty, specifically provides that the penalty applies to rules.

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(f) An agency may adopt rules authorized by law and necessary to the proper implementation of a statute prior to the effective date of the statute, but the rules may not be effective until the statute upon which they are based is effective. An agency may not adopt retroactive rules, including retroactive rules intended to clarify existing law, unless that power is expressly authorized by statute.

(g) Each rule adopted shall contain only one subject.

(h) In rulemaking proceedings, the agency may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed, and it may provide that materials so recognized be incorporated into the record of the proceeding. Before the record of any proceeding is completed, all parties shall be provided a list of these materials and given a reasonable opportunity to examine them and offer written comments or written rebuttal.

(i)1. A rule may incorporate material by reference but only as the material exists on the date the rule is adopted. For purposes of the rule, changes in the material are not effective unless the rule is amended to incorporate the changes.

2. An agency rule that incorporates by specific reference another rule of that agency automatically incorporates subsequent amendments to the referenced rule unless a contrary intent is clearly indicated in the referencing rule. A notice of amendments to a rule that has been incorporated by specific reference in other rules of that agency must explain the effect of those amendments on the referencing rules.

3. In rules adopted after December 31, 2010, material may not be incorporated by reference unless:

a. The material has been submitted in the prescribed electronic format to the Department of State and the full text of the material can be made available for free public access through an electronic hyperlink from the rule making the reference in the Florida Administrative Code; or

b. The agency has determined that posting the material on the Internet for purposes of public examination and inspection would constitute a violation of federal copyright law, in which case a statement to that effect, along with the address of locations at the Department of State and the agency at which the material is available for public inspection and examination, must be included in the notice required by subparagraph (3)(a)1.

4. A rule may not be amended by reference only. Amendments must set out the amended rule in full in the same manner as required by the State Constitution for laws.

5. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this section, when an adopted rule of the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district is incorporated by reference in the other agency's rule to implement a provision of part IV of chapter 373, subsequent amendments to the rule are not effective as to the incorporating rule unless the agency incorporating by reference notifies the committee and the Department of State of its intent to adopt the subsequent amendment, publishes notice of such intent in the Florida Administrative Register, and files with the Department of State a copy of the amended rule incorporated by reference. Changes in the rule incorporated by reference are effective as to the other agency 20 days after the date of the published notice and filing with the Department of State. The Department of State shall amend the history note of the incorporating rule to show the effective date of such change. Any substantially affected person may, within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent in the Florida Administrative Register, file an objection to rulemaking with the agency. The objection shall specify the portions of the rule incorporated by reference to which the person objects and the reasons for the objection. The agency shall not have the authority under this subparagraph to adopt those portions of the rule specified in such objection. The agency shall publish notice of the objection and of its action in response in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

6. The Department of State may adopt by rule requirements for incorporating materials pursuant to this paragraph.

(j) A rule published in the Florida Administrative Code must be indexed by the Department of State within 90 days after the rule is filed. The Department of State shall by rule establish procedures for indexing rules.

(k) An agency head may delegate the authority to initiate rule development under subsection (2); however, rulemaking responsibilities of an agency head under subparagraph (3)(a)1., subparagraph (3)(e)1., or subparagraph (3)(e)6. may not be delegated or transferred.

(2) RULE DEVELOPMENT; WORKSHOPS; NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING.—

(a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, agencies shall provide notice of the development of proposed rules by publication of a notice of rule development in the Florida Administrative Register before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by paragraph (3)(a). The notice of rule development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include the preliminary text of the proposed rules, if available, or a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.

(b) All rules should be drafted in readable language. The language is readable if:

1. It avoids the use of obscure words and unnecessarily long or complicated constructions; and

2. It avoids the use of unnecessary technical or specialized language that is understood only by members of particular trades or professions.

(c) An agency may hold public workshops for purposes of rule development. An agency must hold public workshops, including workshops in various regions of the state or the agency's service area, for purposes of rule development if requested in writing by any affected person, unless the agency head explains in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The explanation is not final agency action subject to review pursuant

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to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. The failure to provide the explanation when required may be a material error in procedure pursuant to s. 120.56(1)(c). When a workshop or public hearing is held, the agency must ensure that the persons responsible for preparing the proposed rule are available to explain the agency's proposal and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule being developed. The workshop may be facilitated or mediated by a neutral third person, or the agency may employ other types of dispute resolution alternatives for the workshop that are appropriate for rule development. Notice of a rule development workshop shall be by publication in the Florida Administrative Register not less than 14 days prior to the date on which the workshop is scheduled to be held and shall indicate the subject area which will be addressed; the agency contact person; and the place, date, and time of the workshop.

(d)1. An agency may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules. The agency should consider the use of negotiated rulemaking when complex rules are being drafted or strong opposition to the rules is anticipated. The agency should consider, but is not limited to considering, whether a balanced committee of interested persons who will negotiate in good faith can be assembled, whether the agency is willing to support the work of the negotiating committee, and whether the agency can use the group consensus as the basis for its proposed rule. Negotiated rulemaking uses a committee of designated representatives to draft a mutually acceptable proposed rule.

2. An agency that chooses to use the negotiated rulemaking process described in this paragraph shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register a notice of negotiated rulemaking that includes a listing of the representative groups that will be invited to participate in the negotiated rulemaking process. Any person who believes that his or her interest is not adequately represented may apply to participate within 30 days after publication of the notice. All meetings of the negotiating committee shall be noticed and open to the public pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The negotiating committee shall be chaired by a neutral facilitator or mediator.

3. The agency's decision to use negotiated rulemaking, its selection of the representative groups, and approval or denial of an application to participate in the negotiated rulemaking process are not agency action. Nothing in this subparagraph is intended to affect the rights of an affected person to challenge a proposed rule developed under this paragraph in accordance with s. 120.56(2).

(3) ADOPTION PROCEDURES.—

(a) *Notices.*—

1. Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, an agency, upon approval of the agency head, shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action; the full text of the proposed rule or amendment and a summary thereof; a reference to the grant of rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted; and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes or the Laws of Florida being implemented or interpreted. The notice must include a summary of the agency's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in s. 120.541(2); a statement that any person who wishes to provide the agency with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by s. 120.541(1), must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of the notice; and a statement as to whether, based on the statement of the estimated regulatory costs or other information expressly relied upon and described by the agency if no statement of regulatory costs is required, the proposed rule is expected to require legislative ratification pursuant to s. 120.541(3). The notice must state the procedure for requesting a public hearing on the proposed rule. Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice must include a reference both to the date on which and to the place where the notice of rule development that is required by subsection (2) appeared.

2. The notice shall be published in the Florida Administrative Register not less than 28 days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.

3. The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least 14 days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the agency for advance notice of its proceedings. The agency shall also give such notice as is prescribed by rule to those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed.

4. The adopting agency shall file with the committee, at least 21 days prior to the proposed adoption date, a copy of each rule it proposes to adopt; a copy of any material incorporated by reference in the rule; a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule; a copy of any statement of estimated regulatory costs that has been prepared pursuant to s. 120.541; a statement of the extent to which the proposed rule relates to federal standards or rules on the same subject; and the notice required by subparagraph 1.

(b) *Special matters to be considered in rule adoption.*—

1. Statement of estimated regulatory costs.—Before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, an agency is encouraged to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs of the proposed rule, as provided by s. 120.541. However, an agency must prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs of the proposed rule, as provided by s. 120.541, if:

a. The proposed rule will have an adverse impact on small business; or

b. The proposed rule is likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of $200,000 in the aggregate in this state within 1 year after the implementation of the rule.

2. Small businesses, small counties, and small cities.—

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a. Each agency, before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, shall consider the impact of the rule on small businesses as defined by s. 288.703 and the impact of the rule on small counties or small cities as defined by s. 120.52. Whenever practicable, an agency shall tier its rules to reduce disproportionate impacts on small businesses, small counties, or small cities to avoid regulating small businesses, small counties, or small cities that do not contribute significantly to the problem the rule is designed to address. An agency may define "small business" to include businesses employing more than 200 persons, may define "small county" to include those with populations of more than 75,000, and may define "small city" to include those with populations of more than 10,000, if it finds that such a definition is necessary to adapt a rule to the needs and problems of small businesses, small counties, or small cities. The agency shall consider each of the following methods for reducing the impact of the proposed rule on small businesses, small counties, and small cities, or any combination of these entities:

(I) Establishing less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rule.

(II) Establishing less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rule for compliance or reporting requirements.

(III) Consolidating or simplifying the rule's compliance or reporting requirements.

(IV) Establishing performance standards or best management practices to replace design or operational standards in the rule.

(V) Exempting small businesses, small counties, or small cities from any or all requirements of the rule.

b.(I) If the agency determines that the proposed action will affect small businesses as defined by the agency as provided in sub-subparagraph a., the agency shall send written notice of the rule to the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor at least 28 days before the intended action.

(II) Each agency shall adopt those regulatory alternatives offered by the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor and provided to the agency no later than 21 days after the rules ombudsman's receipt of the written notice of the rule which it finds are feasible and consistent with the stated objectives of the proposed rule and which would reduce the impact on small businesses. When regulatory alternatives are offered by the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor, the 90-day period for filing the rule in subparagraph (e)2. is extended for a period of 21 days.

(III) If an agency does not adopt all alternatives offered pursuant to this sub-subparagraph, it shall, before rule adoption or amendment and pursuant to subparagraph (d)1., file a detailed written statement with the committee explaining the reasons for failure to adopt such alternatives. Within 3 working days after the filing of such notice, the agency shall send a copy of such notice to the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor.

(c) *Hearings.*—

1. If the intended action concerns any rule other than one relating exclusively to procedure or practice, the agency shall, on the request of any affected person received within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice of intended agency action, give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on all issues under consideration. The agency may schedule a public hearing on the rule and, if requested by any affected person, shall schedule a public hearing on the rule. When a public hearing is held, the agency must ensure that staff are available to explain the agency's proposal and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule. If the agency head is a board or other collegial body created under s. 20.165(4) or s. 20.43(3)(g), and one or more requested public hearings is scheduled, the board or other collegial body shall conduct at least one of the public hearings itself and may not delegate this responsibility without the consent of those persons requesting the public hearing. Any material pertinent to the issues under consideration submitted to the agency within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice or submitted to the agency between the date of publication of the notice and the end of the final public hearing shall be considered by the agency and made a part of the record of the rulemaking proceeding.

2. Rulemaking proceedings shall be governed solely by the provisions of this section unless a person timely asserts that the person's substantial interests will be affected in the proceeding and affirmatively demonstrates to the agency that the proceeding does not provide adequate opportunity to protect those interests. If the agency determines that the rulemaking proceeding is not adequate to protect the person's interests, it shall suspend the rulemaking proceeding and convene a separate proceeding under the provisions of ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Similarly situated persons may be requested to join and participate in the separate proceeding. Upon conclusion of the separate proceeding, the rulemaking proceeding shall be resumed.

(d) *Modification or withdrawal of proposed rules.*—

1. After the final public hearing on the proposed rule, or after the time for requesting a hearing has expired, if the rule has not been changed from the rule as previously filed with the committee, or contains only technical changes, the adopting agency shall file a notice to that effect with the committee at least 7 days prior to filing the rule for adoption. Any change, other than a technical change that does not affect the substance of the rule, must be supported by the record of public hearings held on the rule, must be in response to written material submitted to the agency within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice of intended agency action or submitted to the agency between the date of publication of the notice and the end of the final public hearing, or must be in response to a proposed objection by the committee. In addition, when any change is made in a proposed rule, other than a technical change, the adopting agency shall provide a copy of a notice of change by certified mail or actual delivery to any person who requests it in writing no later than 21 days after the notice required in paragraph (a). The agency shall file the notice of change with the committee, along with the reasons for the change, and provide the notice of change to persons requesting it, at least 21 days prior to filing the rule for adoption. The

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notice of change shall be published in the Florida Administrative Register at least 21 days prior to filing the rule for adoption. This subparagraph does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (4).

2. After the notice required by paragraph (a) and prior to adoption, the agency may withdraw the rule in whole or in part.

3. After adoption and before the rule becomes effective, a rule may be modified or withdrawn only in the following circumstances:

a. When the committee objects to the rule;

b. When a final order, which is not subject to further appeal, is entered in a rule challenge brought pursuant to s. 120.56 after the date of adoption but before the rule becomes effective pursuant to subparagraph (e)6.;

c. If the rule requires ratification, when more than 90 days have passed since the rule was filed for adoption without the Legislature ratifying the rule, in which case the rule may be withdrawn but may not be modified; or

d. When the committee notifies the agency that an objection to the rule is being considered, in which case the rule may be modified to extend the effective date by not more than 60 days.

4. The agency shall give notice of its decision to withdraw or modify a rule in the first available issue of the publication in which the original notice of rulemaking was published, shall notify those persons described in subparagraph (a)3. in accordance with the requirements of that subparagraph, and shall notify the Department of State if the rule is required to be filed with the Department of State.

5. After a rule has become effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in this chapter.

(e) *Filing for final adoption; effective date.*—

1. If the adopting agency is required to publish its rules in the Florida Administrative Code, the agency, upon approval of the agency head, shall file with the Department of State three certified copies of the rule it proposes to adopt; one copy of any material incorporated by reference in the rule, certified by the agency; a summary of the rule; a summary of any hearings held on the rule; and a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the rule. Agencies not required to publish their rules in the Florida Administrative Code shall file one certified copy of the proposed rule, and the other material required by this subparagraph, in the office of the agency head, and such rules shall be open to the public.

2. A rule may not be filed for adoption less than 28 days or more than 90 days after the notice required by paragraph (a), until 21 days after the notice of change required by paragraph (d), until 14 days after the final public hearing, until 21 days after a statement of estimated regulatory costs required under s. 120.541 has been provided to all persons who submitted a lower cost regulatory alternative and made available to the public, or until the administrative law judge has rendered a decision under s. 120.56(2), whichever applies. When a required notice of change is published prior to the expiration of the time to file the rule for adoption, the period during which a rule must be filed for adoption is extended to 45 days after the date of publication. If notice of a public hearing is published prior to the expiration of the time to file the rule for adoption, the period during which a rule must be filed for adoption is extended to 45 days after adjournment of the final hearing on the rule, 21 days after receipt of all material authorized to be submitted at the hearing, or 21 days after receipt of the transcript, if one is made, whichever is latest. The term "public hearing" includes any public meeting held by any agency at which the rule is considered. If a petition for an administrative determination under s. 120.56(2) is filed, the period during which a rule must be filed for adoption is extended to 60 days after the administrative law judge files the final order with the clerk or until 60 days after subsequent judicial review is complete.

3. At the time a rule is filed, the agency shall certify that the time limitations prescribed by this paragraph have been complied with, that all statutory rulemaking requirements have been met, and that there is no administrative determination pending on the rule.

4. At the time a rule is filed, the committee shall certify whether the agency has responded in writing to all material and timely written comments or written inquiries made on behalf of the committee. The department shall reject any rule that is not filed within the prescribed time limits; that does not comply with all statutory rulemaking requirements and rules of the department; upon which an agency has not responded in writing to all material and timely written inquiries or written comments; upon which an administrative determination is pending; or which does not include a statement of estimated regulatory costs, if required.

5. If a rule has not been adopted within the time limits imposed by this paragraph or has not been adopted in compliance with all statutory rulemaking requirements, the agency proposing the rule shall withdraw the rule and give notice of its action in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

6. The proposed rule shall be adopted on being filed with the Department of State and become effective 20 days after being filed, on a later date specified in the notice required by subparagraph (a)1., on a date required by statute, or upon ratification by the Legislature pursuant to s. 120.541(3). Rules not required to be filed with the Department of State shall become effective when adopted by the agency head, on a later date specified by rule or statute, or upon ratification by the Legislature pursuant to s. 120.541(3). If the committee notifies an agency that an objection to a rule is being considered, the agency may postpone the adoption of the rule to accommodate review of the rule by the committee. When an agency postpones adoption of a rule to accommodate review by the committee, the 90-day period for filing the rule is tolled until the committee notifies the agency that it has completed its review of the rule.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "administrative determination" does not include subsequent judicial review.

(4) EMERGENCY RULES.—

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(a) If an agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action, the agency may adopt any rule necessitated by the immediate danger. The agency may adopt a rule by any procedure which is fair under the circumstances if:

1. The procedure provides at least the procedural protection given by other statutes, the State Constitution, or the United States Constitution.

2. The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure.

3. The agency publishes in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. In any event, notice of emergency rules, other than those of educational units or units of government with jurisdiction in only one or a part of one county, including the full text of the rules, shall be published in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register and provided to the committee along with any material incorporated by reference in the rules. The agency's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness shall be judicially reviewable.

(b) Rules pertaining to the public health, safety, or welfare shall include rules pertaining to perishable agricultural commodities or rules pertaining to the interpretation and implementation of the requirements of chapters 97-102 and chapter 105 of the Election Code.

(c) An emergency rule adopted under this subsection shall not be effective for a period longer than 90 days and shall not be renewable, except when the agency has initiated rulemaking to adopt rules addressing the subject of the emergency rule and either:

1. A challenge to the proposed rules has been filed and remains pending; or

2. The proposed rules are awaiting ratification by the Legislature pursuant to s. 120.541(3).

Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the agency from adopting a rule or rules identical to the emergency rule through the rulemaking procedures specified in subsection (3).

(d) Subject to applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, an emergency rule becomes effective immediately on filing, or on a date less than 20 days thereafter if specified in the rule, if the adopting agency finds that such effective date is necessary because of immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(5) UNIFORM RULES.—

(a)1. By July 1, 1997, the Administration Commission shall adopt one or more sets of uniform rules of procedure which shall be reviewed by the committee and filed with the Department of State. Agencies must comply with the uniform rules by July 1, 1998. The uniform rules shall establish procedures that comply with the requirements of this chapter. On filing with the department, the uniform rules shall be the rules of procedure for each agency subject to this chapter unless the Administration Commission grants an exception to the agency under this subsection.

2. An agency may seek exceptions to the uniform rules of procedure by filing a petition with the Administration Commission. The Administration Commission shall approve exceptions to the extent necessary to implement other statutes, to the extent necessary to conform to any requirement imposed as a condition precedent to receipt of federal funds or to permit persons in this state to receive tax benefits under federal law, or as required for the most efficient operation of the agency as determined by the Administration Commission. The reasons for the exceptions shall be published in the Florida Administrative Register.

3. Agency rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules shall not be filed with the department unless the Administration Commission has approved the exceptions. Each agency that adopts rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules shall publish a separate chapter in the Florida Administrative Code that delineates clearly the provisions of the agency's rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules and specifies each alternative chosen from among those authorized by the uniform rules. Each chapter shall be organized in the same manner as the uniform rules.

(b) The uniform rules of procedure adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Uniform rules for the scheduling of public meetings, hearings, and workshops.

2. Uniform rules for use by each state agency that provide procedures for conducting public meetings, hearings, and workshops, and for taking evidence, testimony, and argument at such public meetings, hearings, and workshops, in person and by means of communications media technology. The rules shall provide that all evidence, testimony, and argument presented shall be afforded equal consideration, regardless of the method of communication. If a public meeting, hearing, or workshop is to be conducted by means of communications media technology, or if attendance may be provided by such means, the notice shall so state. The notice for public meetings, hearings, and workshops utilizing communications media technology shall state how persons interested in attending may do so and shall name locations, if any, where communications media technology facilities will be available. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to diminish the right to inspect public records under chapter 119. Limiting points of access to public meetings, hearings, and workshops subject to the provisions of s. 286.011 to places not normally open to the public shall be presumed to violate the right of access of the public, and any official action taken under such circumstances is void and of no effect. Other laws relating to public meetings, hearings, and workshops, including penal and remedial provisions, shall apply to public meetings, hearings, and workshops conducted by means of communications media technology, and shall be liberally construed in their application to such public meetings, hearings, and workshops. As used in this subparagraph, "communications media technology"

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means the electronic transmission of printed matter, audio, full-motion video, freeze-frame video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available.

3. Uniform rules of procedure for the filing of notice of protests and formal written protests. The Administration Commission may prescribe the form and substantive provisions of a required bond.

4. Uniform rules of procedure for the filing of petitions for administrative hearings pursuant to s. 120.569 or s. 120.57. Such rules shall require the petition to include:

a. The identification of the petitioner, including the petitioner's e-mail address, if any, for the transmittal of subsequent documents by electronic means.

b. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency's action or proposed action.

c. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the action or proposed action.

d. A statement of all material facts disputed by the petitioner or a statement that there are no disputed facts.

e. A statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including a statement of the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action.

f. A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.

g. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the proposed action.

5. Uniform rules for the filing of request for administrative hearing by a respondent in agency enforcement and disciplinary actions. Such rules shall require a request to include:

a. The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the party making the request and the name, address, and telephone number of the party's counsel or qualified representative upon whom service of pleadings and other papers shall be made;

b. A statement that the respondent is requesting an administrative hearing and disputes the material facts alleged by the petitioner, in which case the respondent shall identify those material facts that are in dispute, or that the respondent is requesting an administrative hearing and does not dispute the material facts alleged by the petitioner; and

c. A reference by file number to the administrative complaint that the party has received from the agency and the date on which the agency pleading was received.

The agency may provide an election-of-rights form for the respondent's use in requesting a hearing, so long as any form provided by the agency calls for the information in sub-subparagraphs a. through c. and does not impose any additional requirements on a respondent in order to request a hearing, unless such requirements are specifically authorized by law.

6. Uniform rules of procedure for the filing and prompt disposition of petitions for declaratory statements. The rules shall also describe the contents of the notices that must be published in the Florida Administrative Register under s. 120.565, including any applicable time limit for the filing of petitions to intervene or petitions for administrative hearing by persons whose substantial interests may be affected.

7. Provision of a method by which each agency head shall provide a description of the agency's organization and general course of its operations. The rules shall require that the statement concerning the agency's organization and operations be published on the agency's website.

8. Uniform rules establishing procedures for granting or denying petitions for variances and waivers pursuant to s. 120.542.

(6) ADOPTION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS.—Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section, in the pursuance of state implementation, operation, or enforcement of federal programs, an agency is empowered to adopt rules substantively identical to regulations adopted pursuant to federal law, in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The agency shall publish notice of intent to adopt a rule pursuant to this subsection in the Florida Administrative Register at least 21 days prior to filing the rule with the Department of State. The agency shall provide a copy of the notice of intent to adopt a rule to the committee at least 21 days prior to the date of filing with the Department of State. Prior to filing the rule with the Department of State, the agency shall consider any written comments received within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt a rule. The rule shall be adopted upon filing with the Department of State. Substantive changes from the rules as noticed shall require republishing of notice as required in this subsection.

(b) Any rule adopted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective upon the date designated by the agency in the notice of intent to adopt a rule; however, no such rule shall become effective earlier than the effective date of the substantively identical federal regulation.

(c) Any substantially affected person may, within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt a rule, file an objection to rulemaking with the agency. The objection shall specify the portions of the proposed rule to which the person objects and the specific reasons for the objection. The agency shall not proceed pursuant to this subsection to adopt those portions of the proposed rule specified in an objection, unless the agency deems the objection to be frivolous, but may proceed pursuant to subsection (3). An objection to a proposed rule, which rule in no material respect differs from the requirements of the federal regulation upon which it is based, is deemed to be frivolous.

(d) Whenever any federal regulation adopted as an agency rule pursuant to this subsection is declared invalid or is withdrawn, revoked, repealed, remanded, or

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suspended, the agency shall, within 60 days thereafter, publish a notice of repeal of the substantively identical agency rule in the Florida Administrative Register. Such repeal is effective upon publication of the notice. Whenever any federal regulation adopted as an agency rule pursuant to this subsection is substantially amended, the agency may adopt the amended regulation as a rule. If the amended regulation is not adopted as a rule within 180 days after the effective date of the amended regulation, the original rule is deemed repealed and the agency shall publish a notice of repeal of the original agency rule in the next available Florida Administrative Register.

(e) Whenever all or part of any rule proposed for adoption by the agency is substantively identical to a regulation adopted pursuant to federal law, such rule shall be written in a manner so that the rule specifically references the regulation whenever possible.

(7) PETITION TO INITIATE RULEMAKING.—

(a) Any person regulated by an agency or having substantial interest in an agency rule may petition an agency to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule or to provide the minimum public information required by this chapter. The petition shall specify the proposed rule and action requested. Not later than 30 calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the agency shall initiate rulemaking proceedings under this chapter, otherwise comply with the requested action, or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.

(b) If the petition filed under this subsection is directed to an unadopted rule, the agency shall, not later than 30 days following the date of filing a petition, initiate rulemaking, or provide notice in the Florida Administrative Register that the agency will hold a public hearing on the petition within 30 days after publication of the notice. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the comments of the public directed to the agency rule which has not been adopted by the rulemaking procedures or requirements of this chapter, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the rule on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its adoption by the rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter.

(c) If the agency does not initiate rulemaking or otherwise comply with the requested action within 30 days after the public hearing provided for in paragraph (b), the agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register a statement of its reasons for not initiating rulemaking or otherwise complying with the requested action and of any changes it will make in the scope or application of the unadopted rule. The agency shall file the statement with the committee. The committee shall forward a copy of the statement to the substantive committee with primary oversight jurisdiction of the agency in each house of the Legislature. The committee or the committee with primary oversight jurisdiction may hold a hearing directed to the statement of the agency. The committee holding the hearing may recommend to the Legislature the introduction of legislation making the rule a statutory standard or limiting or otherwise modifying the authority of the agency.

(d) If the agency initiates rulemaking after the public hearing provided for in paragraph (b), the agency shall publish a notice of rule development within 30 days after the hearing and file a notice of proposed rule within 180 days after the notice of rule development unless, before the 180th day, the agency publishes in the Florida Administrative Register a statement explaining its reasons for not having filed the notice. If rulemaking is initiated under this paragraph, the agency may not rely on the unadopted rule unless the agency publishes in the Florida Administrative Register a statement explaining why rulemaking under paragraph (1)(a) is not feasible or practicable until the conclusion of the rulemaking proceeding.

(8) RULEMAKING RECORD.—In all rulemaking proceedings the agency shall compile a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable, copies of:

(a) All notices given for the proposed rule.

(b) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule.

(c) A written summary of hearings on the proposed rule.

(d) The written comments and responses to written comments as required by this section and s. 120.541.

(e) All notices and findings made under subsection (4).

(f) All materials filed by the agency with the committee under subsection (3).

(g) All materials filed with the Department of State under subsection (3).

(h) All written inquiries from standing committees of the Legislature concerning the rule.

Each state agency shall retain the record of rulemaking as long as the rule is in effect. When a rule is no longer in effect, the record may be destroyed pursuant to the records-retention schedule developed under s. 257.36(6).

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 3, ch. 75-191; s. 3, ch. 76-131; ss. 1, 2, ch. 76-276; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 13, ch. 77-290; s. 3, ch. 77-453; s. 2, ch. 78-28; s. 2, ch. 78-425; s. 7, ch. 79-3; s. 3, ch. 79-299; s. 69, ch. 79-400; s. 5, ch. 80-391; s. 1, ch. 81-309; s. 2, ch. 83-351; s. 1, ch. 84-173; s. 2, ch. 84-203; s. 7, ch. 85-104; s. 1, ch. 86-30; s. 3, ch. 87-385; s. 36, ch. 90-302; ss. 2, 4, 7, ch. 92-166; s. 63, ch. 93-187; s. 758, ch. 95-147; s. 6, ch. 95-295; s. 10, ch. 96-159; s. 6, ch. 96-320; s. 9, ch. 96-370; s. 3, ch. 97-176; s. 3, ch. 98-200; s. 4, ch. 99-379; s. 9, ch. 2001-75; s. 2, ch. 2003-94; s. 50, ch. 2005-278; s. 3, ch. 2006-82; ss. 5, 6, ch. 2008-104; s. 7, ch. 2008-149; s. 4, ch. 2009-187; ss. 1, 5, ch. 2010-279; HJR 9-A, 2010 Special Session A; s. 49, ch. 2011-142; s. 8, ch. 2011-208; s. 1, ch. 2011-225; s. 2, ch. 2012-27; s. 1, ch. 2012-63; s. 4, ch. 2013-14; s. 13, ch. 2013-15; s. 1, ch. 2015-162; s. 1, ch. 2016-116.

120.541 Statement of estimated regulatory costs.—

(1)(a) Within 21 days after publication of the notice required under s. 120.54(3)(a), a substantially affected person may submit to an agency a good faith written proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to a proposed rule which substantially accomplishes the objectives of the law being implemented. The proposal may include the alternative of not adopting any rule if the proposal explains how the lower costs and objectives of the law will be achieved by not adopting any rule. If such a proposal is submitted, the 90-day period for filing the rule is extended 21 days. Upon the submission of the lower cost regulatory alternative, the agency shall prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs as provided in subsection (2), or shall revise its prior statement of estimated regulatory costs, and either

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adopt the alternative or provide a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule.

(b) If a proposed rule will have an adverse impact on small business or if the proposed rule is likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of $200,000 in the aggregate within 1 year after the implementation of the rule, the agency shall prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs as required by s. 120.54(3)(b).

(c) The agency shall revise a statement of estimated regulatory costs if any change to the rule made under s. 120.54(3)(d) increases the regulatory costs of the rule.

(d) At least 21 days before filing the rule for adoption, an agency that is required to revise a statement of estimated regulatory costs shall provide the statement to the person who submitted the lower cost regulatory alternative and to the committee and shall provide notice on the agency's website that it is available to the public.

(e) Notwithstanding s. 120.56(1)(c), the failure of the agency to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs or to respond to a written lower cost regulatory alternative as provided in this subsection is a material failure to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter.

(f) An agency's failure to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs or to respond to a written lower cost regulatory alternative may not be raised in a proceeding challenging the validity of a rule pursuant to s. 120.52(8)(a) unless:

1. Raised in a petition filed no later than 1 year after the effective date of the rule; and

2. Raised by a person whose substantial interests are affected by the rule's regulatory costs.

(g) A rule that is challenged pursuant to s. 120.52(8)(f) may not be declared invalid unless:

1. The issue is raised in an administrative proceeding within 1 year after the effective date of the rule;

2. The challenge is to the agency's rejection of a lower cost regulatory alternative offered under paragraph (a) or s. 120.54(3)(b)2.b.; and

3. The substantial interests of the person challenging the rule are materially affected by the rejection.

(2) A statement of estimated regulatory costs shall include:

(a) An economic analysis showing whether the rule directly or indirectly:

1. Is likely to have an adverse impact on economic growth, private sector job creation or employment, or private sector investment in excess of $1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule;

2. Is likely to have an adverse impact on business competitiveness, including the ability of persons doing business in the state to compete with persons doing business in other states or domestic markets, productivity, or innovation in excess of $1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule; or

3. Is likely to increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs, in excess of $1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule.

(b) A good faith estimate of the number of individuals and entities likely to be required to comply with the rule, together with a general description of the types of individuals likely to be affected by the rule.

(c) A good faith estimate of the cost to the agency, and to any other state and local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues.

(d) A good faith estimate of the transactional costs likely to be incurred by individuals and entities, including local government entities, required to comply with the requirements of the rule. As used in this section, "transactional costs" are direct costs that are readily ascertainable based upon standard business practices, and include filing fees, the cost of obtaining a license, the cost of equipment required to be installed or used or procedures required to be employed in complying with the rule, additional operating costs incurred, the cost of monitoring and reporting, and any other costs necessary to comply with the rule.

(e) An analysis of the impact on small businesses as defined by s. 288.703, and an analysis of the impact on small counties and small cities as defined in s. 120.52. The impact analysis for small businesses must include the basis for the agency's decision not to implement alternatives that would reduce adverse impacts on small businesses.

(f) Any additional information that the agency determines may be useful.

(g) In the statement or revised statement, whichever applies, a description of any regulatory alternatives submitted under paragraph (1)(a) and a statement adopting the alternative or a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule.

(3) If the adverse impact or regulatory costs of the rule exceed any of the criteria established in paragraph (2)(a), the rule shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than 30 days prior to the next regular legislative session, and the rule may not take effect until it is ratified by the Legislature.

[1](4) Subsection (3) does not apply to the adoption of:

(a) Federal standards pursuant to s. 120.54(6).

(b) Triennial updates of and amendments to the Florida Building Code which are expressly authorized by s. 553.73.

(c) Triennial updates of and amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code which are expressly authorized by s. 633.202.

(5) For purposes of subsections (2) and (3), adverse impacts and regulatory costs likely to occur within 5 years after implementation of the rule include adverse impacts and regulatory costs estimated to occur within 5 years after the effective date of the rule. However, if any provision of the rule is not fully implemented upon the effective date of the rule, the adverse impacts and regulatory costs associated with such provision must be adjusted to include any additional adverse impacts and

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regulatory costs estimated to occur within 5 years after implementation of such provision.

History.—s. 11, ch. 96-159; s. 4, ch. 97-176; ss. 2, 5, ch. 2010-279; HJR 9-A, 2010 Special Session A; s. 1, ch. 2011-222; s. 2, ch. 2011-225; s. 92, ch. 2013-183; s. 1, ch. 2016-232.

[1]**Note.**—As amended by s. 92, ch. 2013-183, which amended subsection (4) as amended by s. 1, ch. 2011-222. Section 2, ch. 2011-225, also amended subsection (4), and the language of that version conflicted with the version by s. 1, ch. 2011-222. As amended by s. 2, ch. 2011-225, subsection (4) reads:

(4) This section does not apply to the adoption of emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4) or the adoption of federal standards pursuant to s. 120.54(6).

120.542 Variances and waivers.—

(1) Strict application of uniformly applicable rule requirements can lead to unreasonable, unfair, and unintended results in particular instances. The Legislature finds that it is appropriate in such cases to adopt a procedure for agencies to provide relief to persons subject to regulation. A public employee is not a person subject to regulation under this section for the purpose of petitioning for a variance or waiver to a rule that affects that public employee in his or her capacity as a public employee. Agencies are authorized to grant variances and waivers to requirements of their rules consistent with this section and with rules adopted under the authority of this section. An agency may limit the duration of any grant of a variance or waiver or otherwise impose conditions on the grant only to the extent necessary for the purpose of the underlying statute to be achieved. This section does not authorize agencies to grant variances or waivers to statutes or to rules required by the Federal Government for the agency's implementation or retention of any federally approved or delegated program, except as allowed by the program or when the variance or waiver is also approved by the appropriate agency of the Federal Government. This section is supplemental to, and does not abrogate, the variance and waiver provisions in any other statute.

(2) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.

(3) The Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Administration Commission, shall adopt uniform rules of procedure pursuant to the requirements of s. 120.54(5) establishing procedures for granting or denying petitions for variances and waivers. The uniform rules shall include procedures for the granting, denying, or revoking of emergency and temporary variances and waivers. Such provisions may provide for expedited timeframes, waiver of or limited public notice, and limitations on comments on the petition in the case of such temporary or emergency variances and waivers.

(4) Agencies shall advise persons of the remedies available through this section and shall provide copies of this section, the uniform rules on variances and waivers, and, if requested, the underlying statute, to persons who inquire about the possibility of relief from rule requirements.

(5) A person who is subject to regulation by an agency rule may file a petition with that agency, with a copy to the committee, requesting a variance or waiver from the agency's rule. In addition to any requirements mandated by the uniform rules, each petition shall specify:

(a) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested.

(b) The type of action requested.

(c) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner.

(d) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.

(6) Within 15 days after receipt of a petition for variance or waiver, an agency shall provide notice of the petition to the Department of State, which shall publish notice of the petition in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register. The notice shall contain the name of the petitioner, the date the petition was filed, the rule number and nature of the rule from which variance or waiver is sought, and an explanation of how a copy of the petition can be obtained. The uniform rules shall provide a means for interested persons to provide comments on the petition.

(7) Except for requests for emergency variances or waivers, within 30 days after receipt of a petition for a variance or waiver, an agency shall review the petition and request submittal of all additional information that the agency is permitted by this section to require. Within 30 days after receipt of such additional information, the agency shall review it and may request only that information needed to clarify the additional information or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the additional information. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by rule of the affected agency, the agency shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

(8) An agency shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver within 90 days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. A petition not granted or denied within 90 days after receipt of a completed petition is deemed approved. A copy of the order granting or denying the petition shall be filed with the committee and shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the agency's action. The agency shall provide notice of the disposition of the petition to the Department of State, which shall publish the notice in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register. The notice shall contain the name of the petitioner, the date the petition was filed, the rule number and nature of the rule from which the waiver or variance is sought, a reference to the place and date of publication of the notice of the petition, the date of the order denying or approving the variance or waiver, the general basis for the agency decision, and

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an explanation of how a copy of the order can be obtained. The agency's decision to grant or deny the petition shall be supported by competent substantial evidence and is subject to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Any proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 in regard to a variance or waiver shall be limited to the agency action on the request for the variance or waiver, except that a proceeding in regard to a variance or waiver may be consolidated with any other proceeding authorized by this chapter.

(9) Each agency shall maintain a record of the type and disposition of each petition, including temporary or emergency variances and waivers, filed pursuant to this section.

History.—s. 12, ch. 96-159; s. 5, ch. 97-176; s. 37, ch. 2010-102; s. 5, ch. 2013-14.

120.545 Committee review of agency rules.—

(1) As a legislative check on legislatively created authority, the committee shall examine each proposed rule, except for those proposed rules exempted by s. 120.81(1)(e) and (2), and its accompanying material, and each emergency rule, and may examine any existing rule, for the purpose of determining whether:

(a) The rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.

(b) The statutory authority for the rule has been repealed.

(c) The rule reiterates or paraphrases statutory material.

(d) The rule is in proper form.

(e) The notice given prior to its adoption was sufficient to give adequate notice of the purpose and effect of the rule.

(f) The rule is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements.

(g) The rule is necessary to accomplish the apparent or expressed objectives of the specific provision of law which the rule implements.

(h) The rule is a reasonable implementation of the law as it affects the convenience of the general public or persons particularly affected by the rule.

(i) The rule could be made less complex or more easily comprehensible to the general public.

(j) The rule's statement of estimated regulatory costs complies with the requirements of s. 120.541 and whether the rule does not impose regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.

(k) The rule will require additional appropriations.

(l) If the rule is an emergency rule, there exists an emergency justifying the adoption of such rule, the agency is within its statutory authority, and the rule was adopted in compliance with the requirements and limitations of s. 120.54(4).

(2) The committee may request from an agency such information as is reasonably necessary for examination of a rule as required by subsection (1). The committee shall consult with legislative standing committees having jurisdiction over the subject areas. If the committee objects to a rule, the committee shall, within 5 days after the objection, certify that fact to the agency whose rule has been examined and include with the certification a statement detailing its objections with particularity. The committee shall notify the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of any objection to an agency rule concurrent with certification of that fact to the agency. Such notice shall include a copy of the rule and the statement detailing the committee's objections to the rule.

(3) Within 30 days after receipt of the objection, if the agency is headed by an individual, or within 45 days after receipt of the objection, if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall:

(a) If the rule is not yet in effect:

1. File notice pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(d) of only such modifications as are necessary to address the committee's objection;

2. File notice pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(d) of withdrawal of the rule; or

3. Notify the committee in writing that it refuses to modify or withdraw the rule.

(b) If the rule is in effect:

1. File notice pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(a), without prior notice of rule development, to amend the rule to address the committee's objection;

2. File notice pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(a) to repeal the rule; or

3. Notify the committee in writing that the agency refuses to amend or repeal the rule.

(c) If the objection is to the statement of estimated regulatory costs:

1. Prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs, give notice of the availability of the corrected statement in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register, and file a copy of the corrected statement with the committee; or

2. Notify the committee that it refuses to prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs.

(4) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to a rule that is not yet in effect within the time prescribed in subsection (3) constitutes withdrawal of the rule in its entirety. In this event, the committee shall notify the Department of State that the agency, by its failure to respond to a committee objection, has elected to withdraw the rule. Upon receipt of the committee's notice, the Department of State shall publish a notice to that effect in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register. Upon publication of the notice, the rule shall be stricken from the files of the Department of State and the files of the agency.

(5) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to a rule that is in effect within the time prescribed in subsection (3) constitutes a refusal to amend or repeal the rule.

(6) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to a statement of estimated regulatory costs within the time prescribed in subsection (3) constitutes a refusal to prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs.

(7) If the committee objects to a rule and the agency refuses to modify, amend, withdraw, or repeal the rule, the committee shall file with the Department of State a notice of the objection, detailing with particularity the committee's objection to the rule. The Department of

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State shall publish this notice in the Florida Administrative Register. If the rule is published in the Florida Administrative Code, a reference to the committee's objection and to the issue of the Florida Administrative Register in which the full text thereof appears shall be recorded in a history note.

(8)(a) If the committee objects to a rule, or portion of a rule, and the agency fails to initiate administrative action to modify, amend, withdraw, or repeal the rule consistent with the objection within 60 days after the objection, or thereafter fails to proceed in good faith to complete such action, the committee may submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a recommendation that legislation be introduced to address the committee's objection.

(b)1. If the committee votes to recommend the introduction of legislation to address the committee's objection, the committee shall, within 5 days after this determination, certify that fact to the agency whose rule or proposed rule has been examined. The committee may request that the agency temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule, pending consideration of proposed legislation during the next regular session of the Legislature.

2. Within 30 days after receipt of the certification, if the agency is headed by an individual, or within 45 days after receipt of the certification, if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall:

a. Temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule; or

b. Notify the committee in writing that the agency refuses to temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule.

3. If the agency elects to temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule, the agency shall give notice of the suspension in the Florida Administrative Register. The rule or the rule adoption process shall be suspended upon publication of the notice. An agency may not base any agency action on a suspended rule or suspended proposed rule, or portion of such rule, prior to expiration of the suspension. A suspended rule or suspended proposed rule, or portion of such rule, continues to be subject to administrative determination and judicial review as provided by law.

4. Failure of an agency to respond to committee certification within the time prescribed by subparagraph 2. constitutes a refusal to suspend the rule or to suspend the adoption of the proposed rule.

(c) The committee shall prepare proposed legislation to address the committee's objection in accordance with the rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives for prefiling and introduction in the next regular session of the Legislature. The proposed legislation shall be presented to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the committee recommendation.

(d) If proposed legislation addressing the committee's objection fails to become law, any temporary agency suspension shall expire.

History.—s. 4, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 6, ch. 80-391; s. 3, ch. 81-309; s. 4, ch. 87-385; s. 8, ch. 92-166; s. 20, ch. 95-280; s. 14, ch. 96-159; s. 16, ch. 2000-151; s. 18, ch. 2008-4; s. 7, ch. 2008-104; s. 6, ch. 2013-14.

120.55 Publication.—

(1) The Department of State shall:

(a)1. Through a continuous revision and publication system, compile and publish electronically, on a website managed by the department, the "Florida Administrative Code." The Florida Administrative Code shall contain all rules adopted by each agency, citing the grant of rulemaking authority and the specific law implemented pursuant to which each rule was adopted, all history notes as authorized in s. 120.545(7), complete indexes to all rules contained in the code, and any other material required or authorized by law or deemed useful by the department. The electronic code shall display each rule chapter currently in effect in browse mode and allow full text search of the code and each rule chapter. The department may contract with a publishing firm for a printed publication; however, the department shall retain responsibility for the code as provided in this section. The electronic publication shall be the official compilation of the administrative rules of this state. The Department of State shall retain the copyright over the Florida Administrative Code.

2. Rules general in form but applicable to only one school district, community college district, or county, or a part thereof, or state university rules relating to internal personnel or business and finance shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code. Exclusion from publication in the Florida Administrative Code shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of such rules.

3. At the beginning of the section of the code dealing with an agency that files copies of its rules with the department, the department shall publish the address and telephone number of the executive offices of each agency, the manner by which the agency indexes its rules, a listing of all rules of that agency excluded from publication in the code, and a statement as to where those rules may be inspected.

4. Forms shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code; but any form which an agency uses in its dealings with the public, along with any accompanying instructions, shall be filed with the committee before it is used. Any form or instruction which meets the definition of "rule" provided in s. 120.52 shall be incorporated by reference into the appropriate rule. The reference shall specifically state that the form is being incorporated by reference and shall include the number, title, and effective date of the form and an explanation of how the form may be obtained. Each form created by an agency which is incorporated by reference in a rule notice of which is given under s. 120.54(3)(a) after December 31, 2007, must clearly display the number, title, and effective date of the form and the number of the rule in which the form is incorporated.

5. The department shall allow adopted rules and material incorporated by reference to be filed in electronic form as prescribed by department rule. When a rule is filed for adoption with incorporated material in electronic form, the department's publication of the Florida Administrative Code on its website must contain a hyperlink from the incorporating reference in the rule directly to that material. The department may not allow hyperlinks from rules in the Florida

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Administrative Code to any material other than that filed with and maintained by the department, but may allow hyperlinks to incorporated material maintained by the department from the adopting agency's website or other sites.

(b) Electronically publish on a website managed by the department a continuous revision and publication entitled the "Florida Administrative Register," which shall serve as the official publication and must contain:

1. All notices required by s. 120.54(2) and (3)(a), showing the text of all rules proposed for consideration.
2. All notices of public meetings, hearings, and workshops conducted in accordance with s. 120.525, including a statement of the manner in which a copy of the agenda may be obtained.
3. A notice of each request for authorization to amend or repeal an existing uniform rule or for the adoption of new uniform rules.
4. Notice of petitions for declaratory statements or administrative determinations.
5. A summary of each objection to any rule filed by the Administrative Procedures Committee.
6. A list of rules filed for adoption in the previous 7 days.
7. A list of all rules filed for adoption pending legislative ratification under s. 120.541(3). A rule shall be removed from the list once notice of ratification or withdrawal of the rule is received.
8. Any other material required or authorized by law or deemed useful by the department.

The department may contract with a publishing firm for a printed publication of the Florida Administrative Register and make copies available on an annual subscription basis.

(c) Prescribe by rule the style and form required for rules, notices, and other materials submitted for filing.

(d) Charge each agency using the Florida Administrative Register a space rate to cover the costs related to the Florida Administrative Register and the Florida Administrative Code.

(e) Maintain a permanent record of all notices published in the Florida Administrative Register.

(2) The Florida Administrative Register website must allow users to:

(a) Search for notices by type, publication date, rule number, word, subject, and agency.

(b) Search a database that makes available all notices published on the website for a period of at least 5 years.

(c) Subscribe to an automated e-mail notification of selected notices to be sent out before or concurrently with publication of the electronic Florida Administrative Register. Such notification must include in the text of the e-mail a summary of the content of each notice.

(d) View agency forms and other materials submitted to the department in electronic form and incorporated by reference in proposed rules.

(e) Comment on proposed rules.

(3) Publication of material required by paragraph (1)(b) on the Florida Administrative Register website does not preclude publication of such material on an agency's website or by other means.

(4) Each agency shall provide copies of its rules upon request, with citations to the grant of rulemaking authority and the specific law implemented for each rule.

(5) Each agency that provides an e-mail notification service to inform licensees or other registered recipients of notices shall use that service to notify recipients of each notice required under s. 120.54(2) and (3) and provide Internet links to the appropriate rule page on the Secretary of State's website or Internet links to an agency website that contains the proposed rule or final rule.

(6) Any publication of a proposed rule promulgated by an agency, whether published in the Florida Administrative Register or elsewhere, shall include, along with the rule, the name of the person or persons originating such rule, the name of the agency head who approved the rule, and the date upon which the rule was approved.

(7) Access to the Florida Administrative Register website and its contents, including the e-mail notification service, shall be free for the public.

(8)(a) All fees and moneys collected by the Department of State under this chapter shall be deposited in the Records Management Trust Fund for the purpose of paying for costs incurred by the department in carrying out this chapter.

(b) The unencumbered balance in the Records Management Trust Fund for fees collected pursuant to this chapter may not exceed $300,000 at the beginning of each fiscal year, and any excess shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund.

(9) The failure to comply with this section may not be raised in a proceeding challenging the validity of a rule pursuant to s. 120.52(8)(a).

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 1, ch. 75-107; s. 4, ch. 75-191; s. 5, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 4, ch. 77-453; s. 3, ch. 78-425; s. 4, ch. 79-299; s. 7, ch. 80-391; s. 4, ch. 81-309; s. 1, ch. 82-19; s. 1, ch. 82-47; s. 3, ch. 83-351; s. 3, ch. 84-203; s. 17, ch. 87-224; s. 1, ch. 87-322; s. 20, ch. 91-45; s. 15, ch. 96-159; s. 896, ch. 2002-387; s. 5, ch. 2004-235; s. 14, ch. 2004-335; s. 4, ch. 2006-82; ss. 8, 9, ch. 2008-104; ss. 11, 12, ch. 2010-5; s. 2, ch. 2012-63; s. 2, ch. 2016-116.

120.555 Summary removal of published rules no longer in force and effect.—When, as part of the continuous revision system authorized in s. 120.55(1)(a)1. or as otherwise provided by law, the Department of State is in doubt whether a rule published in the official version of the Florida Administrative Code is still in full force and effect, the procedure in this section shall be employed.

(1) The Department of State shall submit to the head of the agency with authority to repeal or amend the rule, if any, or if no such agency can be identified, to the Governor, a written request for a statement as to whether the rule is still in full force and effect. A copy of the request shall be promptly delivered to the committee and to the Attorney General. The Department of State shall publish a notice of the request together with a copy of the request in the Florida Administrative Register next available after delivery of the request to the head of the agency or the Governor.

(2) No later than 90 days after the date the notice required in subsection (1) is published, the agency or the Governor, notified pursuant to subsection (1), shall file a written response with the Department of State stating whether the rule is in full force and effect and

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under the jurisdiction of an agency with full authority to amend or repeal the rule. Failure to respond timely under this subsection constitutes an acknowledgment by the agency or the Governor that the rule is no longer in effect and is subject to summary repeal under this section.

(3) The Department of State shall publish a notice of the agency's or Governor's timely response or the acknowledgment determined under subsection (2) in the Florida Administrative Register next available after receipt of the response or the expiration of the response period, whichever occurs first.

(4) If the response states that the rule is no longer in effect, or if no response is filed timely with the Department of State, the notice required in subsection (3) shall also give notice of the following:

(a) Based on the agency's or Governor's written response or the acknowledgment determined under subsection (2), the rule will be repealed summarily pursuant to this section and removed from the Florida Administrative Code.

(b) Any objection to the summary repeal under this section must be filed as a petition challenging a proposed rule under s. 120.56 and must be filed no later than 21 days after the date the notice is published in the Florida Administrative Register.

(c) For purposes only of challenging a summary repeal under this section, the agency with current authority to repeal the rule under s. 120.54 shall be named as the respondent in the petition and shall be the proper party in interest. In such circumstances, the Department of State shall not be named as a party in a petition filed under paragraph (b) and this paragraph.

(d) If no agency currently has authority to repeal the rule under s. 120.54, the Department of State shall be named as the respondent in a petition filed under paragraph (b) and this paragraph. The Attorney General shall represent the Department of State in all proceedings under this paragraph.

(5) Upon the expiration of the 21-day period to file an objection to a notice of summary repeal published pursuant to subsection (4), if no timely objection is filed, or, if a timely objection is filed, on the date a decision finding the rule is no longer in effect becomes final, the Department of State shall update the Florida Administrative Code to remove the rule and shall provide historical notes identifying the manner in which the rule ceased to have effect, including the summary repeal pursuant to this section.

History.—s. 2, ch. 2012-31; s. 7, ch. 2013-14.

120.56 Challenges to rules.—

(1) GENERAL PROCEDURES.—

(a) Any person substantially affected by a rule or a proposed rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.

(b) The petition challenging the validity of a proposed or adopted rule under this section must state:

1. The particular provisions alleged to be invalid and a statement of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity.

2. Facts sufficient to show that the petitioner is substantially affected by the challenged adopted rule or would be substantially affected by the proposed rule.

(c) The petition shall be filed by electronic means with the division which shall, immediately upon filing, forward by electronic means copies to the agency whose rule is challenged, the Department of State, and the committee. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with paragraph (b), assign an administrative law judge who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties or for good cause shown. Evidence of good cause includes, but is not limited to, written notice of an agency's decision to modify or withdraw the proposed rule or a written notice from the chair of the committee stating that the committee will consider an objection to the rule at its next scheduled meeting. The failure of an agency to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter shall be presumed to be material; however, the agency may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.

(d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the administrative law judge shall render a decision and state the reasons for his or her decision in writing. The division shall forthwith transmit by electronic means copies of the administrative law judge's decision to the agency, the Department of State, and the committee.

(e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The standard of proof shall be the preponderance of the evidence. Hearings shall be conducted in the same manner as provided by ss. 120.569 and 120.57, except that the administrative law judge's order shall be final agency action. The petitioner and the agency whose rule is challenged shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings. Failure to proceed under this section does not constitute failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

(2) CHALLENGING PROPOSED RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—

(a) A petition alleging the invalidity of a proposed rule shall be filed within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice required by s. 120.54(3)(a); within 10 days after the final public hearing is held on the proposed rule as provided by s. 120.54(3)(e)2.; within 20 days after the statement of estimated regulatory costs or revised statement of estimated regulatory costs, if applicable, has been prepared and made available as provided in s. 120.541(1)(d); or within 20 days after the date of publication of the notice required by s. 120.54(3)(d). The petitioner has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the petitioner would be substantially affected by the proposed rule. The agency then has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed rule is not an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as to the objections raised. A person who is not substantially affected by the proposed rule as

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initially noticed, but who is substantially affected by the rule as a result of a change, may challenge any provision of the resulting proposed rule.

(b) The administrative law judge may declare the proposed rule wholly or partly invalid. Unless the decision of the administrative law judge is reversed on appeal, the proposed rule or provision of a proposed rule declared invalid shall not be adopted. After a petition for administrative determination has been filed, the agency may proceed with all other steps in the rulemaking process, including the holding of a factfinding hearing. In the event part of a proposed rule is declared invalid, the adopting agency may, in its sole discretion, withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety. The agency whose proposed rule has been declared invalid in whole or part shall give notice of the decision in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

(c) When any substantially affected person seeks determination of the invalidity of a proposed rule pursuant to this section, the proposed rule is not presumed to be valid or invalid.

(3) CHALLENGING RULES IN EFFECT; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—

(a) A petition alleging the invalidity of an existing rule may be filed at any time during which the rule is in effect. The petitioner has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as to the objections raised.

(b) The administrative law judge may declare all or part of a rule invalid. The rule or part thereof declared invalid shall become void when the time for filing an appeal expires. The agency whose rule has been declared invalid in whole or part shall give notice of the decision in the Florida Administrative Register in the first available issue after the rule has become void.

(4) CHALLENGING AGENCY STATEMENTS DEFINED AS UNADOPTED RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—

(a) Any person substantially affected by an agency statement that is an unadopted rule may seek an administrative determination that the statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a). The petition shall include the text of the statement or a description of the statement and shall state facts sufficient to show that the statement constitutes an unadopted rule.

(b) The administrative law judge may extend the hearing date beyond 30 days after assignment of the case for good cause. Upon notification to the administrative law judge provided before the final hearing that the agency has published a notice of rulemaking under s. 120.54(3), such notice shall automatically operate as a stay of proceedings pending adoption of the statement as a rule. The administrative law judge may vacate the stay for good cause shown. A stay of proceedings pending rulemaking shall remain in effect so long as the agency is proceeding expeditiously and in good faith to adopt the statement as a rule.

(c) If a hearing is held and the petitioner proves the allegations of the petition, the agency shall have the burden of proving that rulemaking is not feasible or not practicable under s. 120.54(1)(a).

(d) The administrative law judge may determine whether all or part of a statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a). The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute a final order. The division shall transmit a copy of the final order to the Department of State and the committee. The Department of State shall publish notice of the final order in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

(e) If an administrative law judge enters a final order that all or part of an unadopted rule violates s. 120.54(1)(a), the agency must immediately discontinue all reliance upon the unadopted rule or any substantially similar statement as a basis for agency action.

(f) If proposed rules addressing the challenged unadopted rule are determined to be an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as defined in s. 120.52(8)(b)-(f), the agency must immediately discontinue reliance upon the unadopted rule and any substantially similar statement until rules addressing the subject are properly adopted, and the administrative law judge shall enter a final order to that effect.

(g) All proceedings to determine a violation of s. 120.54(1)(a) shall be brought pursuant to this subsection. A proceeding pursuant to this subsection may be consolidated with a proceeding under subsection (3) or under any other section of this chapter. This paragraph does not prevent a party whose substantial interests have been determined by an agency action from bringing a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1)(e).

(5) CHALLENGING EMERGENCY RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—Challenges to the validity of an emergency rule shall be subject to the following time schedules in lieu of those established by paragraphs (1)(c) and (d). Within 7 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with paragraph (1)(b), assign an administrative law judge, who shall conduct a hearing within 14 days, unless the petition is withdrawn. The administrative law judge shall render a decision within 14 days after the hearing.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 5, ch. 75-191; s. 6, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 4, ch. 78-425; s. 759, ch. 95-147; s. 16, ch. 96-159; s. 6, ch. 97-176; s. 5, ch. 99-379; s. 3, ch. 2003-94; s. 5, ch. 2006-82; ss. 10, 11, ch. 2008-104; ss. 3, 5, ch. 2010-279; HJR 9-A, 2010 Special Session A; s. 10, ch. 2011-208; s. 3, ch. 2011-225; s. 8, ch. 2013-14; s. 3, ch. 2016-116.

120.565 Declaratory statement by agencies.—

(1) Any substantially affected person may seek a declaratory statement regarding an agency's opinion as to the applicability of a statutory provision, or of any rule or order of the agency, as it applies to the petitioner's particular set of circumstances.

(2) The petition seeking a declaratory statement shall state with particularity the petitioner's set of circumstances and shall specify the statutory provision, rule, or order that the petitioner believes may apply to the set of circumstances.

(3) The agency shall give notice of the filing of each petition in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register and transmit copies of each petition to the committee. The agency shall issue a declaratory statement or deny the petition within 90 days after the filing of the petition. The declaratory statement or denial of the petition shall be noticed in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative

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Register. Agency disposition of petitions shall be final agency action.

History.—s. 6, ch. 75-191; s. 7, ch. 76-131; s. 5, ch. 78-425; s. 5, ch. 79-299; s. 760, ch. 95-147; s. 17, ch. 96-159; s. 9, ch. 2013-14.

120.569 Decisions which affect substantial interests.—

(1) The provisions of this section apply in all proceedings in which the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency, unless the parties are proceeding under s. 120.573 or s. 120.574. Unless waived by all parties, s. 120.57(1) applies whenever the proceeding involves a disputed issue of material fact. Unless otherwise agreed, s. 120.57(2) applies in all other cases. If a disputed issue of material fact arises during a proceeding under s. 120.57(2), then, unless waived by all parties, the proceeding under s. 120.57(2) shall be terminated and a proceeding under s. 120.57(1) shall be conducted. Parties shall be notified of any order, including a final order. Unless waived, a copy of the order shall be delivered or mailed to each party or the party's attorney of record at the address of record. Each notice shall inform the recipient of any administrative hearing or judicial review that is available under this section, s. 120.57, or s. 120.68; shall indicate the procedure which must be followed to obtain the hearing or judicial review; and shall state the time limits which apply.

(2)(a) Except for any proceeding conducted as prescribed in s. 120.56, a petition or request for a hearing under this section shall be filed with the agency. If the agency requests an administrative law judge from the division, it shall so notify the division by electronic means through the division's website within 15 days after receipt of the petition or request. A request for a hearing shall be granted or denied within 15 days after receipt. On the request of any agency, the division shall assign an administrative law judge with due regard to the expertise required for the particular matter. The referring agency shall take no further action with respect to a proceeding under s. 120.57(1), except as a party litigant, as long as the division has jurisdiction over the proceeding under s. 120.57(1). Any party may request the disqualification of the administrative law judge by filing an affidavit with the division prior to the taking of evidence at a hearing, stating the grounds with particularity.

(b) All parties shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing after reasonable notice of not less than 14 days; however, the 14-day notice requirement may be waived with the consent of all parties. The notice shall include:

1. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing.

2. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held.

(c) Unless otherwise provided by law, a petition or request for hearing shall include those items required by the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5)(b). Upon the receipt of a petition or request for hearing, the agency shall carefully review the petition to determine if it contains all of the required information. A petition shall be dismissed if it is not in substantial compliance with these requirements or it has been untimely filed. Dismissal of a petition shall, at least once, be without prejudice to petitioner's filing a timely amended petition curing the defect, unless it conclusively appears from the face of the petition that the defect cannot be cured. The agency shall promptly give written notice to all parties of the action taken on the petition, shall state with particularity its reasons if the petition is not granted, and shall state the deadline for filing an amended petition if applicable. This paragraph does not eliminate the availability of equitable tolling as a defense to the untimely filing of a petition.

(d) The agency may refer a petition to the division for the assignment of an administrative law judge only if the petition is in substantial compliance with the requirements of paragraph (c).

(e) All pleadings, motions, or other papers filed in the proceeding must be signed by the party, the party's attorney, or the party's qualified representative. The signature constitutes a certificate that the person has read the pleading, motion, or other paper and that, based upon reasonable inquiry, it is not interposed for any improper purposes, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay, or for frivolous purpose or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed in violation of these requirements, the presiding officer shall impose upon the person who signed it, the represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the other party or parties the amount of reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other paper, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

(f) The presiding officer has the power to swear witnesses and take their testimony under oath, to issue subpoenas, and to effect discovery on the written request of any party by any means available to the courts and in the manner provided in the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, including the imposition of sanctions, except contempt. However, no presiding officer has the authority to issue any subpoena or order directing discovery to any member or employee of the Legislature when the subpoena or order commands the production of documents or materials or compels testimony relating to the legislative duties of the member or employee. Any subpoena or order directing discovery directed to a member or an employee of the Legislature shall show on its face that the testimony sought does not relate to legislative duties.

(g) Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded, but all other evidence of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs shall be admissible, whether or not such evidence would be admissible in a trial in the courts of Florida. Any part of the evidence may be received in written form, and all testimony of parties and witnesses shall be made under oath.

(h) Documentary evidence may be received in the form of a copy or excerpt. Upon request, parties shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy with the original, if available.

(i) When official recognition is requested, the parties shall be notified and given an opportunity to examine and contest the material.

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(j) A party shall be permitted to conduct cross-examination when testimony is taken or documents are made a part of the record.

(k)1. Any person subject to a subpoena may, before compliance and on timely petition, request the presiding officer having jurisdiction of the dispute to invalidate the subpoena on the ground that it was not lawfully issued, is unreasonably broad in scope, or requires the production of irrelevant material.

2. A party may seek enforcement of a subpoena, order directing discovery, or order imposing sanctions issued under the authority of this chapter by filing a petition for enforcement in the circuit court of the judicial circuit in which the person failing to comply with the subpoena or order resides. A failure to comply with an order of the court shall result in a finding of contempt of court. However, no person shall be in contempt while a subpoena is being challenged under subparagraph 1. The court may award to the prevailing party all or part of the costs and attorney's fees incurred in obtaining the court order whenever the court determines that such an award should be granted under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

3. Any public employee subpoenaed to appear at an agency proceeding shall be entitled to per diem and travel expenses at the same rate as that provided for state employees under s. 112.061 if travel away from such public employee's headquarters is required. All other witnesses appearing pursuant to a subpoena shall be paid such fees and mileage for their attendance as is provided in civil actions in circuit courts of this state. In the case of a public employee, such expenses shall be processed and paid in the manner provided for agency employee travel expense reimbursement, and in the case of a witness who is not a public employee, payment of such fees and expenses shall accompany the subpoena.

(l) Unless the time period is waived or extended with the consent of all parties, the final order in a proceeding which affects substantial interests must be in writing and include findings of fact, if any, and conclusions of law separately stated, and it must be rendered within 90 days:

1. After the hearing is concluded, if conducted by the agency;

2. After a recommended order is submitted to the agency and mailed to all parties, if the hearing is conducted by an administrative law judge; or

3. After the agency has received the written and oral material it has authorized to be submitted, if there has been no hearing.

(m) Findings of fact, if set forth in a manner which is no more than mere tracking of the statutory language, must be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts of record which support the findings.

(n) If an agency head finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires an immediate final order, it shall recite with particularity the facts underlying such finding in the final order, which shall be appealable or enjoinable from the date rendered.

(o) On the request of any party, the administrative law judge shall enter an initial scheduling order to facilitate the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of the proceeding. The initial scheduling order shall establish a discovery period, including a deadline by which all discovery shall be completed, and the date by which the parties shall identify expert witnesses and their opinions. The initial scheduling order also may require the parties to meet and file a joint report by a date certain.

(p) For any proceeding arising under chapter 373, chapter 378, or chapter 403, if a nonapplicant petitions as a third party to challenge an agency's issuance of a license, permit, or conceptual approval, the order of presentation in the proceeding is for the permit applicant to present a prima facie case demonstrating entitlement to the license, permit, or conceptual approval, followed by the agency. This demonstration may be made by entering into evidence the application and relevant material submitted to the agency in support of the application, and the agency's staff report or notice of intent to approve the permit, license, or conceptual approval. Subsequent to the presentation of the applicant's prima facie case and any direct evidence submitted by the agency, the petitioner initiating the action challenging the issuance of the license, permit, or conceptual approval has the burden of ultimate persuasion and has the burden of going forward to prove the case in opposition to the license, permit, or conceptual approval through the presentation of competent and substantial evidence. The permit applicant and agency may on rebuttal present any evidence relevant to demonstrating that the application meets the conditions for issuance. Notwithstanding subsection (1), this paragraph applies to proceedings under s. 120.574.

History.—s. 18, ch. 96-159; s. 7, ch. 97-176; s. 4, ch. 98-200; s. 4, ch. 2003-94; s. 6, ch. 2006-82; s. 14, ch. 2008-104; s. 11, ch. 2011-208; s. 10, ch. 2011-225.

120.57 Additional procedures for particular cases.—

(1) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO HEARINGS INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT.—

(a) Except as provided in ss. 120.80 and 120.81, an administrative law judge assigned by the division shall conduct all hearings under this subsection, except for hearings before agency heads or a member thereof. If the administrative law judge assigned to a hearing becomes unavailable, the division shall assign another administrative law judge who shall use any existing record and receive any additional evidence or argument, if any, which the new administrative law judge finds necessary.

(b) All parties shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, to submit proposed findings of facts and orders, to file exceptions to the presiding officer's recommended order, and to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative. When appropriate, the general public may be given an opportunity to present oral or written communications. If the agency proposes to consider such material, then all parties shall be given

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an opportunity to cross-examine or challenge or rebut the material.

(c) Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence, but it shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.

(d) Notwithstanding s. 120.569(2)(g), similar fact evidence of other violations, wrongs, or acts is admissible when relevant to prove a material fact in issue, such as proof of motive, opportunity, intent, preparation, plan, knowledge, identity, or absence of mistake or accident, but it is inadmissible when the evidence is relevant solely to prove bad character or propensity. When the state in an administrative proceeding intends to offer evidence of other acts or offenses under this paragraph, the state shall furnish to the party whose substantial interests are being determined and whose other acts or offenses will be the subject of such evidence, no fewer than 10 days before commencement of the proceeding, a written statement of the acts or offenses it intends to offer, describing them and the evidence the state intends to offer with particularity. Notice is not required for evidence of acts or offenses which is used for impeachment or on rebuttal.

(e)1. An agency or an administrative law judge may not base agency action that determines the substantial interests of a party on an unadopted rule or a rule that is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority. This subparagraph does not preclude application of valid adopted rules and applicable provisions of law to the facts.

2. In a matter initiated as a result of agency action proposing to determine the substantial interests of a party, the party's timely petition for hearing may challenge the proposed agency action based on a rule that is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority or based on an alleged unadopted rule. For challenges brought under this subparagraph:

a. The challenge may be pled as a defense using the procedures set forth in s. 120.56(1)(b).

b. Section 120.56(3)(a) applies to a challenge alleging that a rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.

c. Section 120.56(4)(c) applies to a challenge alleging an unadopted rule.

d. This subparagraph does not preclude the consolidation of any proceeding under s. 120.56 with any proceeding under this paragraph.

3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., if an agency demonstrates that the statute being implemented directs it to adopt rules, that the agency has not had time to adopt those rules because the requirement was so recently enacted, and that the agency has initiated rulemaking and is proceeding expeditiously and in good faith to adopt the required rules, then the agency's action may be based upon those unadopted rules if the administrative law judge determines that rulemaking is neither feasible nor practicable and the unadopted rules would not constitute an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority if adopted as rules. An unadopted rule shall not be presumed valid. The agency must demonstrate that the unadopted rule:

a. Is within the powers, functions, and duties delegated by the Legislature or, if the agency is operating pursuant to authority vested in the agency by the State Constitution, is within that authority;

b. Does not enlarge, modify, or contravene the specific provisions of law implemented;

c. Is not vague, establishes adequate standards for agency decisions, or does not vest unbridled discretion in the agency;

d. Is not arbitrary or capricious. A rule is arbitrary if it is not supported by logic or the necessary facts; a rule is capricious if it is adopted without thought or reason or is irrational;

e. Is not being applied to the substantially affected party without due notice; and

f. Does not impose excessive regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city.

4. The recommended and final orders in any proceeding shall be governed by paragraphs (k) and (l), except that the administrative law judge's determination regarding an unadopted rule under subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. shall not be rejected by the agency unless the agency first determines from a review of the complete record, and states with particularity in the order, that such determination is clearly erroneous or does not comply with essential requirements of law. In any proceeding for review under s. 120.68, if the court finds that the agency's rejection of the determination regarding the unadopted rule does not comport with this subparagraph, the agency action shall be set aside and the court shall award to the prevailing party the reasonable costs and a reasonable attorney fee for the initial proceeding and the proceeding for review.

5. A petitioner may pursue a separate, collateral challenge under s. 120.56 even if an adequate remedy exists through a proceeding under this section. The administrative law judge may consolidate the proceedings.

(f) The record in a case governed by this subsection shall consist only of:

1. All notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings.

2. Evidence admitted.

3. Those matters officially recognized.

4. Proffers of proof and objections and rulings thereon.

5. Proposed findings and exceptions.

6. Any decision, opinion, order, or report by the presiding officer.

7. All staff memoranda or data submitted to the presiding officer during the hearing or prior to its disposition, after notice of the submission to all parties, except communications by advisory staff as permitted under s. 120.66(1), if such communications are public records.

8. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication.

9. The official transcript.

(g) The agency shall accurately and completely preserve all testimony in the proceeding, and, on the request of any party, it shall make a full or partial transcript available at no more than actual cost.

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(h) Any party to a proceeding in which an administrative law judge has final order authority may move for a summary final order when there is no genuine issue as to any material fact. A summary final order shall be rendered if the administrative law judge determines from the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with affidavits, if any, that no genuine issue as to any material fact exists and that the moving party is entitled as a matter of law to the entry of a final order. A summary final order shall consist of findings of fact, if any, conclusions of law, a disposition or penalty, if applicable, and any other information required by law to be contained in the final order.

(i) When, in any proceeding conducted pursuant to this subsection, a dispute of material fact no longer exists, any party may move the administrative law judge to relinquish jurisdiction to the agency. An order relinquishing jurisdiction shall be rendered if the administrative law judge determines from the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with supporting and opposing affidavits, if any, that no genuine issue as to any material fact exists. If the administrative law judge enters an order relinquishing jurisdiction, the agency may promptly conduct a proceeding pursuant to subsection (2), if appropriate, but the parties may not raise any issues of disputed fact that could have been raised before the administrative law judge. An order entered by an administrative law judge relinquishing jurisdiction to the agency based upon a determination that no genuine dispute of material fact exists, need not contain findings of fact, conclusions of law, or a recommended disposition or penalty.

(j) Findings of fact shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence, except in penal or licensure disciplinary proceedings or except as otherwise provided by statute, and shall be based exclusively on the evidence of record and on matters officially recognized.

(k) The presiding officer shall complete and submit to the agency and all parties a recommended order consisting of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended disposition or penalty, if applicable, and any other information required by law to be contained in the final order. All proceedings conducted under this subsection shall be de novo. The agency shall allow each party 15 days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The final order shall include an explicit ruling on each exception, but an agency need not rule on an exception that does not clearly identify the disputed portion of the recommended order by page number or paragraph, that does not identify the legal basis for the exception, or that does not include appropriate and specific citations to the record.

(l) The agency may adopt the recommended order as the final order of the agency. The agency in its final order may reject or modify the conclusions of law over which it has substantive jurisdiction and interpretation of administrative rules over which it has substantive jurisdiction. When rejecting or modifying such conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule, the agency must state with particularity its reasons for rejecting or modifying such conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule and must make a finding that its substituted conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule is as or more reasonable than that which was rejected or modified. Rejection or modification of conclusions of law may not form the basis for rejection or modification of findings of fact. The agency may not reject or modify the findings of fact unless the agency first determines from a review of the entire record, and states with particularity in the order, that the findings of fact were not based upon competent substantial evidence or that the proceedings on which the findings were based did not comply with essential requirements of law. The agency may accept the recommended penalty in a recommended order, but may not reduce or increase it without a review of the complete record and without stating with particularity its reasons therefor in the order, by citing to the record in justifying the action.

(m) If a recommended order is submitted to an agency, the agency shall provide a copy of its final order and any exceptions to the division within 15 days after the order is filed with the agency clerk.

(n) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when statutes or rules impose conflicting time requirements for the scheduling of expedited hearings or issuance of recommended or final orders, the director of the division shall have the authority to set the proceedings for the orderly operation of this chapter.

(2) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO HEARINGS NOT INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT.—In any case to which subsection (1) does not apply:

(a) The agency shall:

1. Give reasonable notice to affected persons of the action of the agency, whether proposed or already taken, or of its decision to refuse action, together with a summary of the factual, legal, and policy grounds therefor.

2. Give parties or their counsel the option, at a convenient time and place, to present to the agency or hearing officer written or oral evidence in opposition to the action of the agency or to its refusal to act, or a written statement challenging the grounds upon which the agency has chosen to justify its action or inaction.

3. If the objections of the parties are overruled, provide a written explanation within 7 days.

(b) An agency may not base agency action that determines the substantial interests of a party on an unadopted rule or a rule that is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.

(c) The record shall only consist of:

1. The notice and summary of grounds.

2. Evidence received.

3. All written statements submitted.

4. Any decision overruling objections.

5. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication.

6. The official transcript.

7. Any decision, opinion, order, or report by the presiding officer.

(3) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO PROTESTS TO CONTRACT SOLICITATION OR AWARD.—Agencies subject to this chapter shall use

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the uniform rules of procedure, which provide procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract solicitation or award process. Such rules shall at least provide that:

(a) The agency shall provide notice of a decision or intended decision concerning a solicitation, contract award, or exceptional purchase by electronic posting. This notice shall contain the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes."

(b) Any person who is adversely affected by the agency decision or intended decision shall file with the agency a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision. With respect to a protest of the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in a solicitation, including any provisions governing the methods for ranking bids, proposals, or replies, awarding contracts, reserving rights of further negotiation, or modifying or amending any contract, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the solicitation. The formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed. Failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under this chapter. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour time periods provided by this paragraph.

(c) Upon receipt of the formal written protest that has been timely filed, the agency shall stop the solicitation or contract award process until the subject of the protest is resolved by final agency action, unless the agency head sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the solicitation or contract award process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(d)1. The agency shall provide an opportunity to resolve the protest by mutual agreement between the parties within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, after receipt of a formal written protest.

2. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, after receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is no disputed issue of material fact, an informal proceeding shall be conducted pursuant to subsection (2) and applicable agency rules before a person whose qualifications have been prescribed by rules of the agency.

3. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, after receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is a disputed issue of material fact, the agency shall refer the protest to the division by electronic means through the division's website for proceedings under subsection (1).

(e) Upon receipt of a formal written protest referred pursuant to this subsection, the director of the division shall expedite the hearing and assign an administrative law judge who shall commence a hearing within 30 days after the receipt of the formal written protest by the division and enter a recommended order within 30 days after the hearing or within 30 days after receipt of the hearing transcript by the administrative law judge, whichever is later. Each party shall be allowed 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. A final order shall be entered by the agency within 30 days of the entry of a recommended order. The provisions of this paragraph may be waived upon stipulation by all parties.

(f) In a protest to an invitation to bid or request for proposals procurement, no submissions made after the bid or proposal opening which amend or supplement the bid or proposal shall be considered. In a protest to an invitation to negotiate procurement, no submissions made after the agency announces its intent to award a contract, reject all replies, or withdraw the solicitation which amend or supplement the reply shall be considered. Unless otherwise provided by statute, the burden of proof shall rest with the party protesting the proposed agency action. In a competitive-procurement protest, other than a rejection of all bids, proposals, or replies, the administrative law judge shall conduct a de novo proceeding to determine whether the agency's proposed action is contrary to the agency's governing statutes, the agency's rules or policies, or the solicitation specifications. The standard of proof for such proceedings shall be whether the proposed agency action was clearly erroneous, contrary to competition, arbitrary, or capricious. In any bid-protest proceeding contesting an intended agency action to reject all bids, proposals, or replies, the standard of review by an administrative law judge shall be whether the agency's intended action is illegal, arbitrary, dishonest, or fraudulent.

(g) For purposes of this subsection, the definitions in s. 287.012 apply.

(4) INFORMAL DISPOSITION.—Unless precluded by law, informal disposition may be made of any proceeding by stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order.

(5) APPLICABILITY.—This section does not apply to agency investigations preliminary to agency action.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 7, ch. 75-191; s. 8, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 5, ch. 77-453; ss. 6, 11, ch. 78-95; s. 6, ch. 78-425; s. 8, ch. 79-7; s. 7, ch. 80-95; s. 4, ch. 80-289; s. 57, ch. 81-259; s. 2, ch. 83-78; s. 9, ch. 83-216; s. 2, ch. 84-173; s. 4, ch. 84-203; ss. 1, 2, ch. 86-108; s. 44, ch. 87-6; ss. 1, 2, ch. 87-54; s. 5, ch. 87-385; s. 1, ch. 90-283; s. 4, ch. 91-30; s. 1, ch. 91-191; s. 22, ch. 92-315; s. 7, ch. 94-218; s. 1420, ch. 95-147; s. 1, ch. 95-328; s. 19, ch. 96-159; s. 1, ch. 96-423; s. 8, ch. 97-176; s. 5, ch. 98-200; s. 3, ch. 98-279; s. 47, ch. 99-2; s. 6, ch. 99-379; s. 2, ch. 2002-207; s. 5, ch. 2003-94; s. 7, ch. 2006-82; s. 12, ch. 2008-104; s. 12, ch. 2011-208; s. 4, ch. 2016-116.

120.573 Mediation of disputes.—Each announcement of an agency action that affects substantial interests shall advise whether mediation of the administrative dispute for the type of agency action announced is available and that choosing mediation does not affect the right to an administrative hearing. If the agency and all parties to the administrative action agree to mediation, in writing, within 10 days after the time period stated in the announcement for election of

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an administrative remedy under ss. 120.569 and 120.57, the time limitations imposed by ss. 120.569 and 120.57 shall be tolled to allow the agency and parties to mediate the administrative dispute. The mediation shall be concluded within 60 days of such agreement unless otherwise agreed by the parties. The mediation agreement shall include provisions for mediator selection, the allocation of costs and fees associated with mediation, and the mediating parties' understanding regarding the confidentiality of discussions and documents introduced during mediation. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the agency shall enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the agency shall notify the parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 are resumed.

History.—s. 20, ch. 96-159; s. 9, ch. 97-176.

120.574 Summary hearing.—

(1)(a) Within 5 business days following the division's receipt of a petition or request for hearing, the division shall issue and serve on all original parties an initial order that assigns the case to a specific administrative law judge and provides general information regarding practice and procedure before the division. The initial order shall also contain a statement advising the addressees that a summary hearing is available upon the agreement of all parties under subsection (2) and briefly describing the expedited time sequences, limited discovery, and final order provisions of the summary procedure.

(b) Within 15 days after service of the initial order, any party may file with the division a motion for summary hearing in accordance with subsection (2). If all original parties agree, in writing, to the summary proceeding, the proceeding shall be conducted within 30 days of the agreement, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2).

(c) Intervenors in the proceeding shall be governed by the decision of the original parties regarding whether the case will proceed in accordance with the summary hearing process and shall not have standing to challenge that decision.

(d) If a motion for summary hearing is not filed within 15 days after service of the division's initial order, the matter shall proceed in accordance with ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

(2) In any case to which this subsection is applicable, the following procedures apply:

(a) Motions shall be limited to the following:

1. A motion in opposition to the petition.

2. A motion requesting discovery beyond the informal exchange of documents and witness lists described in paragraph (b). Upon a showing of necessity, additional discovery may be permitted in the discretion of the administrative law judge, but only if it can be completed not later than 5 days prior to the final hearing.

3. A motion for continuance of the final hearing date.

4. A motion requesting a prehearing conference, or the administrative law judge may require a prehearing conference, for the purpose of identifying: the legal and factual issues to be considered at the final hearing; the names and addresses of witnesses who may be called to testify at the final hearing; documentary evidence that will be offered at the final hearing; the range of penalties that may be imposed upon final hearing; and any other matter that the administrative law judge determines would expedite resolution of the proceeding. The prehearing conference may be held by telephone conference call.

5. During or after any preliminary hearing or conference, any party or the administrative law judge may suggest that the case is no longer appropriate for summary disposition. Following any argument requested by the parties, the administrative law judge may enter an order referring the case back to the formal adjudicatory process described in s. 120.57(1), in which event the parties shall proceed accordingly.

(b) Not later than 5 days prior to the final hearing, the parties shall furnish to each other copies of documentary evidence and lists of witnesses who may testify at the final hearing.

(c) All parties shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, and to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative.

(d) The record in a case governed by this subsection shall consist only of:

1. All notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings.

2. Evidence received.

3. A statement of matters officially recognized.

4. Proffers of proof and objections and rulings thereon.

5. Matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication.

6. The written decision of the administrative law judge presiding at the final hearing.

7. The official transcript of the final hearing.

(e) The agency shall accurately and completely preserve all testimony in the proceeding and, upon request by any party, shall make a full or partial transcript available at no more than actual cost.

(f) The decision of the administrative law judge shall be rendered within 30 days after the conclusion of the final hearing or the filing of the transcript thereof, whichever is later. The administrative law judge's decision, which shall be final agency action subject to judicial review under s. 120.68, shall include the following:

1. Findings of fact based exclusively on the evidence of record and matters officially recognized.

2. Conclusions of law.

3. Imposition of a fine or penalty, if applicable.

4. Any other information required by law or rule to be contained in a final order.

History.—s. 21, ch. 96-159; s. 10, ch. 97-176; s. 11, ch. 2000-158; s. 10, ch. 2000-336.

120.595 Attorney's fees.—

(1) CHALLENGES TO AGENCY ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.57(1).—

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(a) The provisions of this subsection are supplemental to, and do not abrogate, other provisions allowing the award of fees or costs in administrative proceedings.

(b) The final order in a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1) shall award reasonable costs and a reasonable attorney's fee to the prevailing party only where the nonprevailing adverse party has been determined by the administrative law judge to have participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose.

(c) In proceedings pursuant to s. 120.57(1), and upon motion, the administrative law judge shall determine whether any party participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose as defined by this subsection. In making such determination, the administrative law judge shall consider whether the nonprevailing adverse party has participated in two or more other such proceedings involving the same prevailing party and the same project as an adverse party and in which such two or more proceedings the nonprevailing adverse party did not establish either the factual or legal merits of its position, and shall consider whether the factual or legal position asserted in the instant proceeding would have been cognizable in the previous proceedings. In such event, it shall be rebuttably presumed that the nonprevailing adverse party participated in the pending proceeding for an improper purpose.

(d) In any proceeding in which the administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose, the recommended order shall so designate and shall determine the award of costs and attorney's fees.

(e) For the purpose of this subsection:

1. "Improper purpose" means participation in a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1) primarily to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or for frivolous purpose or to needlessly increase the cost of litigation, licensing, or securing the approval of an activity.

2. "Costs" has the same meaning as the costs allowed in civil actions in this state as provided in chapter 57.

3. "Nonprevailing adverse party" means a party that has failed to have substantially changed the outcome of the proposed or final agency action which is the subject of a proceeding. In the event that a proceeding results in any substantial modification or condition intended to resolve the matters raised in a party's petition, it shall be determined that the party having raised the issue addressed is not a nonprevailing adverse party. The recommended order shall state whether the change is substantial for purposes of this subsection. In no event shall the term "nonprevailing party" or "prevailing party" be deemed to include any party that has intervened in a previously existing proceeding to support the position of an agency.

(2) CHALLENGES TO PROPOSED AGENCY RULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.56(2).—If the appellate court or administrative law judge declares a proposed rule or portion of a proposed rule invalid pursuant to s. 120.56(2), a judgment or order shall be rendered against the agency for reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees, unless the agency demonstrates that its actions were substantially justified or special circumstances exist which would make the award unjust. An agency's actions are "substantially justified" if there was a reasonable basis in law and fact at the time the actions were taken by the agency. If the agency prevails in the proceedings, the appellate court or administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees against a party if the appellate court or administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceedings for an improper purpose as defined by paragraph (1)(e). No award of attorney's fees as provided by this subsection shall exceed $50,000.

(3) CHALLENGES TO EXISTING AGENCY RULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.56(3) AND (5). If the appellate court or administrative law judge declares a rule or portion of a rule invalid pursuant to s. 120.56(3) or (5), a judgment or order shall be rendered against the agency for reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees, unless the agency demonstrates that its actions were substantially justified or special circumstances exist which would make the award unjust. An agency's actions are "substantially justified" if there was a reasonable basis in law and fact at the time the actions were taken by the agency. If the agency prevails in the proceedings, the appellate court or administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees against a party if the appellate court or administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceedings for an improper purpose as defined by paragraph (1)(e). No award of attorney's fees as provided by this subsection shall exceed $50,000.

(4) CHALLENGES TO AGENCY ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.56(4).—

(a) If the appellate court or administrative law judge determines that all or part of an agency statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a), or that the agency must immediately discontinue reliance on the statement and any substantially similar statement pursuant to s. 120.56(4)(f), a judgment or order shall be entered against the agency for reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees, unless the agency demonstrates that the statement is required by the Federal Government to implement or retain a delegated or approved program or to meet a condition to receipt of federal funds.

(b) Upon notification to the administrative law judge provided before the final hearing that the agency has published a notice of rulemaking under s. 120.54(3)(a), such notice shall automatically operate as a stay of proceedings pending rulemaking. The administrative law judge may vacate the stay for good cause shown. A stay of proceedings under this paragraph remains in effect so long as the agency is proceeding expeditiously and in good faith to adopt the statement as a rule. The administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees accrued by the petitioner prior to the date the notice was published, unless the agency proves to the administrative law judge that it did not know and should not have known that the statement was an unadopted rule. Attorneys' fees and costs under this paragraph and paragraph (a) shall be awarded only upon a finding that the agency received notice that the statement may constitute an unadopted

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rule at least 30 days before a petition under s. 120.56(4) was filed and that the agency failed to publish the required notice of rulemaking pursuant to s. 120.54(3) that addresses the statement within that 30-day period. Notice to the agency may be satisfied by its receipt of a copy of the s. 120.56(4) petition, a notice or other paper containing substantially the same information, or a petition filed pursuant to s. 120.54(7). An award of attorney's fees as provided by this paragraph may not exceed $50,000.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 284, an award shall be paid from the budget entity of the secretary, executive director, or equivalent administrative officer of the agency, and the agency shall not be entitled to payment of an award or reimbursement for payment of an award under any provision of law.

(d) If the agency prevails in the proceedings, the appellate court or administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and attorney's fees against a party if the appellate court or administrative law judge determines that the party participated in the proceedings for an improper purpose as defined in paragraph (1)(e) or that the party or the party's attorney knew or should have known that a claim was not supported by the material facts necessary to establish the claim or would not be supported by the application of then-existing law to those material facts.

(5) APPEALS.—When there is an appeal, the court in its discretion may award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs to the prevailing party if the court finds that the appeal was frivolous, meritless, or an abuse of the appellate process, or that the agency action which precipitated the appeal was a gross abuse of the agency's discretion. Upon review of agency action that precipitates an appeal, if the court finds that the agency improperly rejected or modified findings of fact in a recommended order, the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs to a prevailing appellant for the administrative proceeding and the appellate proceeding.

(6) OTHER SECTIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Other provisions, including ss. 57.105 and 57.111, authorize the award of attorney's fees and costs in administrative proceedings. Nothing in this section shall affect the availability of attorney's fees and costs as provided in those sections.

History.—s. 25, ch. 96-159; s. 11, ch. 97-176; s. 48, ch. 99-2; s. 6, ch. 2003-94; s. 13, ch. 2008-104; s. 3, ch. 2017-3.

120.60 Licensing.—

(1) Upon receipt of a license application, an agency shall examine the application and, within 30 days after such receipt, notify the applicant of any apparent errors or omissions and request any additional information the agency is permitted by law to require. An agency may not deny a license for failure to correct an error or omission or to supply additional information unless the agency timely notified the applicant within this 30-day period. The agency may establish by rule the time period for submitting any additional information requested by the agency. For good cause shown, the agency shall grant a request for an extension of time for submitting the additional information. If the applicant believes the agency's request for additional information is not authorized by law or rule, the agency, at the applicant's request, shall proceed to process the application. An application is complete upon receipt of all requested information and correction of any error or omission for which the applicant was timely notified or when the time for such notification has expired. An application for a license must be approved or denied within 90 days after receipt of a completed application unless a shorter period of time for agency action is provided by law. The 90-day time period is tolled by the initiation of a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Any application for a license which is not approved or denied within the 90-day or shorter time period, within 15 days after conclusion of a public hearing held on the application, or within 45 days after a recommended order is submitted to the agency and the parties, whichever action and timeframe is latest and applicable, is considered approved unless the recommended order recommends that the agency deny the license. Subject to the satisfactory completion of an examination if required as a prerequisite to licensure, any license that is considered approved shall be issued and may include such reasonable conditions as are authorized by law. Any applicant for licensure seeking to claim licensure by default under this subsection shall notify the agency clerk of the licensing agency, in writing, of the intent to rely upon the default license provision of this subsection, and may not take any action based upon the default license until after receipt of such notice by the agency clerk.

(2) If an applicant seeks a license for an activity that is exempt from licensure, the agency shall notify the applicant and return any tendered application fee within 30 days after receipt of the original application.

(3) Each applicant shall be given written notice, personally or by mail, that the agency intends to grant or deny, or has granted or denied, the application for license. The notice must state with particularity the grounds or basis for the issuance or denial of the license, except when issuance is a ministerial act. Unless waived, a copy of the notice shall be delivered or mailed to each party's attorney of record and to each person who has made a written request for notice of agency action. Each notice must inform the recipient of the basis for the agency decision, inform the recipient of any administrative hearing pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 or judicial review pursuant to s. 120.68 which may be available, indicate the procedure that must be followed, and state the applicable time limits. The issuing agency shall certify the date the notice was mailed or delivered, and the notice and the certification must be filed with the agency clerk.

(4) When a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license which does not automatically expire by statute, the existing license shall not expire until the application for renewal has been finally acted upon by the agency or, in case the application is denied or the terms of the license are limited, until the last day for seeking review of the agency order or a later date fixed by order of the reviewing court.

(5) No revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of any license is lawful unless, prior to the entry

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of a final order, the agency has served, by personal service or certified mail, an administrative complaint which affords reasonable notice to the licensee of facts or conduct which warrant the intended action and unless the licensee has been given an adequate opportunity to request a proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. When personal service cannot be made and the certified mail notice is returned undelivered, the agency shall cause a short, plain notice to the licensee to be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county of the licensee's last known address as it appears on the records of the agency. If no newspaper is published in that county, the notice may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in that county.

(6) If the agency finds that immediate serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency suspension, restriction, or limitation of a license, the agency may take such action by any procedure that is fair under the circumstances if:

(a) The procedure provides at least the same procedural protection as is given by other statutes, the State Constitution, or the United States Constitution;

(b) The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure; and

(c) The agency states in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. The agency's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness are judicially reviewable. Summary suspension, restriction, or limitation may be ordered, but a suspension or revocation proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 shall also be promptly instituted and acted upon.

(7) No agency shall include as a condition of approval of any license any provision that is based upon a statement, policy, or guideline of another agency unless the statement, policy, or guideline is within the jurisdiction of the other agency. The other agency shall identify for the licensing agency the specific legal authority for each such statement, policy, or guideline. The licensing agency must provide the licensee with an opportunity to challenge the condition as invalid. If the licensing agency bases a condition of approval or denial of the license upon the statement, policy, or guideline of the other agency, any party to an administrative proceeding that arises from the approval with conditions or denial of the license may require the other agency to join as a party in determining the validity of the condition.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 10, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; ss. 6, 9, ch. 77-453; s. 57, ch. 78-95; s. 8, ch. 78-425; s. 1, ch. 79-142; s. 6, ch. 79-299; s. 2, ch. 81-180; s. 6, ch. 84-203; s. 2, ch. 84-265; s. 1, ch. 85-82; s. 14, ch. 90-51; s. 762, ch. 95-147; s. 26, ch. 96-159; s. 326, ch. 96-410; s. 12, ch. 97-176; s. 7, ch. 2003-94; ss. 4, 5, ch. 2010-279; HJR 9-A, 2010 Special Session A; s. 10, ch. 2012-212.

120.62 Agency investigations.—

(1) Every person who responds to a request or demand by any agency or representative thereof for written data or an oral statement shall be entitled to a transcript or recording of his or her oral statement at no more than cost.

(2) Any person compelled to appear, or who appears voluntarily, before any presiding officer or agency in an investigation or in any agency proceeding has the right, at his or her own expense, to be accompanied, represented, and advised by counsel or by other qualified representatives.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 763, ch. 95-147; s. 28, ch. 96-159.

120.63 Exemption from act.—

(1) Upon application of any agency, the Administration Commission may exempt any process or proceeding governed by this act from one or more requirements of this act:

(a) When the agency head has certified that the requirement would conflict with any provision of federal law or rules with which the agency must comply;

(b) In order to permit persons in the state to receive tax benefits or federal funds under any federal law; or

(c) When the commission has found that conformity with the requirements of the part or parts of this act for which exemption is sought would be so inconvenient or impractical as to defeat the purpose of the agency proceeding involved or the purpose of this act and would not be in the public interest in light of the nature of the intended action and the enabling act or other laws affecting the agency.

(2) The commission may not exempt an agency from any requirement of this act pursuant to this section until it establishes alternative procedures to achieve the agency's purpose which shall be consistent, insofar as possible, with the intent and purpose of the act.

(a) Prior to the granting of any exemption authorized by this section, the commission shall hold a public hearing after notice given as provided in s. 120.525. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the commission, through the Executive Office of the Governor, shall issue an order specifically granting or denying the exemption and specifying any processes or proceedings exempted and the extent of the exemption; transmit to the committee and to the Department of State a copy of the petition, a certified copy of the order granting or denying the petition, and a copy of any alternative procedures prescribed; and give notice of the petition and the commission's response in the Florida Administrative Register.

(b) An exemption and any alternative procedure prescribed shall terminate 90 days following adjournment sine die of the then-current or next regular legislative session after issuance of the exemption order, or upon the effective date of any subsequent legislation incorporating the exemption or any partial exemption related thereto, whichever is earlier. The exemption granted by the commission shall be renewable upon the same or similar facts not more than once. Such renewal shall terminate as would an original exemption.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 11, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-53; s. 8, ch. 77-453; s. 87, ch. 79-190; s. 7, ch. 79-299; s. 70, ch. 79-400; s. 58, ch. 81-259; s. 29, ch. 96-159; s. 10, ch. 2013-14.

120.65 Administrative law judges.—

(1) The Division of Administrative Hearings within the Department of Management Services shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the

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Administration Commission and confirmed by the Senate. The director, who shall also serve as the chief administrative law judge, and any deputy chief administrative law judge must possess the same minimum qualifications as the administrative law judges employed by the division. The Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims must possess the minimum qualifications established in s. 440.45(2) and shall report to the director. The division shall be a separate budget entity, and the director shall be its agency head for all purposes. The Department of Management Services shall provide administrative support and service to the division to the extent requested by the director. The division shall not be subject to control, supervision, or direction by the Department of Management Services in any manner, including, but not limited to, personnel, purchasing, transactions involving real or personal property, and budgetary matters.

(2) The director has the right to appeal actions by the Executive Office of the Governor that affect amendments to the division's approved operating budget or any personnel actions pursuant to chapter 216 to the Administration Commission, which shall decide such issue by majority vote. The appropriations committees may advise the Administration Commission on the issue. If the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives object in writing to the effects of the appeal, the appeal may be affirmed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the commission members present.

(3) Each state agency as defined in chapter 216 and each political subdivision shall make its facilities available, at a time convenient to the provider, for use by the division in conducting proceedings pursuant to this chapter.

(4) The division shall employ administrative law judges to conduct hearings required by this chapter or other law. Any person employed by the division as an administrative law judge must have been a member of The Florida Bar in good standing for the preceding 5 years.

(5) If the division cannot furnish a division administrative law judge promptly in response to an agency request, the director shall designate in writing a qualified full-time employee of an agency other than the requesting agency to conduct the hearing. The director shall have the discretion to designate such a hearing officer who is located in that part of the state where the parties and witnesses reside.

(6) The division is authorized to provide administrative law judges on a contract basis to any governmental entity to conduct any hearing not covered by this section.

(7) Rules promulgated by the division may authorize any reasonable sanctions except contempt for violation of the rules of the division or failure to comply with a reasonable order issued by an administrative law judge, which is not under judicial review.

(8) Not later than February 1 of each year, the division shall issue a written report to the Administrative Procedures Committee and the Administration Commission, including at least the following information:

(a) A summary of the extent and effect of agencies' utilization of administrative law judges, court reporters, and other personnel in proceedings under this chapter.

(b) Recommendations for change or improvement in the Administrative Procedure Act or any agency's practice or policy with respect thereto.

(c) Recommendations as to those types of cases or disputes which should be conducted under the summary hearing process described in s. 120.574.

(d) A report regarding each agency's compliance with the filing requirement in s. 120.57(1)(m).

(9) The division shall be reimbursed for administrative law judge services and travel expenses by the following entities: water management districts, regional planning councils, school districts, community colleges, the Division of Florida Colleges, state universities, the Board of Governors of the State University System, the State Board of Education, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Commission for Independent Education. These entities shall contract with the division to establish a contract rate for services and provisions for reimbursement of administrative law judge travel expenses and video teleconferencing expenses attributable to hearings conducted on behalf of these entities. The contract rate must be based on a total-cost-recovery methodology.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 9, ch. 75-191; s. 14, ch. 76-131; s. 9, ch. 78-425; s. 46, ch. 79-190; s. 1, ch. 86-297; s. 46, ch. 87-6; s. 25, ch. 87-101; s. 54, ch. 88-1; s. 30, ch. 88-277; s. 51, ch. 92-279; s. 23, ch. 92-315; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 764, ch. 95-147; s. 31, ch. 96-159; s. 13, ch. 97-176; s. 38, ch. 2000-371; s. 4, ch. 2001-91; s. 1, ch. 2004-247; s. 8, ch. 2006-82; s. 14, ch. 2007-217; s. 8, ch. 2009-228; s. 8, ch. 2013-18.

120.651 Designation of two administrative law judges to preside over actions involving department or boards.—The Division of Administrative Hearings shall designate at least two administrative law judges who shall specifically preside over actions involving the Department of Health or boards within the Department of Health. Each designated administrative law judge must be a member of The Florida Bar in good standing and must have legal, managerial, or clinical experience in issues related to health care or have attained board certification in health care law from The Florida Bar.

History.—s. 32, ch. 2003-416.

120.655 Withholding funds to pay for administrative law judge services to school boards.—If a district school board fails to make a timely payment for the services provided by an administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings as provided annually in the General Appropriations Act, the Commissioner of Education shall withhold, from any general revenue funds the district is eligible to receive, an amount sufficient to pay for the administrative law judge's services. The commissioner shall transfer the amount withheld to the Division of Administrative Hearings in payment of such services.

History.—s. 1, ch. 92-121; s. 32, ch. 96-159.

120.66 Ex parte communications.—

(1) In any proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57, no ex parte communication relative to the merits, threat, or offer of reward shall be made to the

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agency head, after the agency head has received a recommended order, or to the presiding officer by:

(a) An agency head or member of the agency or any other public employee or official engaged in prosecution or advocacy in connection with the matter under consideration or a factually related matter.

(b) A party to the proceeding, the party's authorized representative or counsel, or any person who, directly or indirectly, would have a substantial interest in the proposed agency action.

Nothing in this subsection shall apply to advisory staff members who do not testify on behalf of the agency in the proceeding or to any rulemaking proceedings under s. 120.54.

(2) A presiding officer, including an agency head or designee, who is involved in the decisional process and who receives an ex parte communication in violation of subsection (1) shall place on the record of the pending matter all written communications received, all written responses to such communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received and all oral responses made, and shall also advise all parties that such matters have been placed on the record. Any party desiring to rebut the ex parte communication shall be allowed to do so, if such party requests the opportunity for rebuttal within 10 days after notice of such communication. The presiding officer may, if necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication, withdraw from the proceeding, in which case the entity that appointed the presiding officer shall assign a successor.

(3) Any person who makes an ex parte communication prohibited by subsection (1), and any presiding officer, including an agency head or designee, who fails to place in the record any such communication, is in violation of this act and may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed $500 or be subjected to other disciplinary action.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 10, ch. 75-191; s. 12, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 10, ch. 78-425; s. 765, ch. 95-147; s. 33, ch. 96-159; s. 14, ch. 97-176.

120.665 Disqualification of agency personnel.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 112.3143, any individual serving alone or with others as an agency head may be disqualified from serving in an agency proceeding for bias, prejudice, or interest when any party to the agency proceeding shows just cause by a suggestion filed within a reasonable period of time prior to the agency proceeding. If the disqualified individual was appointed, the appointing power may appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified. If the individual is an elected official, the Governor may appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified. However, if a quorum remains after the individual is disqualified, it shall not be necessary to appoint a substitute.

(2) Any agency action taken by a duly appointed substitute for a disqualified individual shall be as conclusive and effective as if agency action had been taken by the agency as it was constituted prior to any substitution.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 12, ch. 78-425; s. 2, ch. 83-329; s. 767, ch. 95-147; s. 34, ch. 96-159; s. 18, ch. 2013-36.

Note.—Former s. 120.71.

120.68 Judicial review.—

(1)(a) A party who is adversely affected by final agency action is entitled to judicial review.

(b) A preliminary, procedural, or intermediate order of the agency or of an administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings is immediately reviewable if review of the final agency decision would not provide an adequate remedy.

(2)(a) Judicial review shall be sought in the appellate district where the agency maintains its headquarters or where a party resides or as otherwise provided by law. All proceedings shall be instituted by filing a notice of appeal or petition for review in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure within 30 days after the rendition of the order being appealed. If the appeal is of an order rendered in a proceeding initiated under s. 120.56, the agency whose rule is being challenged shall transmit a copy of the notice of appeal to the committee.

(b) When proceedings under this chapter are consolidated for final hearing and the parties to the consolidated proceeding seek review of final or interlocutory orders in more than one district court of appeal, the courts of appeal are authorized to transfer and consolidate the review proceedings. The court may transfer such appellate proceedings on its own motion, upon motion of a party to one of the appellate proceedings, or by stipulation of the parties to the appellate proceedings. In determining whether to transfer a proceeding, the court may consider such factors as the interrelationship of the parties and the proceedings, the desirability of avoiding inconsistent results in related matters, judicial economy, and the burden on the parties of reproducing the record for use in multiple appellate courts.

(3) The filing of the petition does not itself stay enforcement of the agency decision, but if the agency decision has the effect of suspending or revoking a license, supersedeas shall be granted as a matter of right upon such conditions as are reasonable, unless the court, upon petition of the agency, determines that a supersedeas would constitute a probable danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the state. The agency also may grant a stay upon appropriate terms, but, whether or not the action has the effect of suspending or revoking a license, a petition to the agency for a stay is not a prerequisite to a petition to the court for supersedeas. In any event the court shall specify the conditions, if any, upon which the stay or supersedeas is granted.

(4) Judicial review of any agency action shall be confined to the record transmitted and any additions made thereto in accordance with paragraph (7)(a).

(5) The record for judicial review shall be compiled in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

(6)(a) The reviewing court's decision may be mandatory, prohibitory, or declaratory in form, and it shall

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provide whatever relief is appropriate irrespective of the original form of the petition. The court may:

1. Order agency action required by law; order agency exercise of discretion when required by law; set aside agency action; remand the case for further agency proceedings; or decide the rights, privileges, obligations, requirements, or procedures at issue between the parties; and

2. Order such ancillary relief as the court finds necessary to redress the effects of official action wrongfully taken or withheld.

(b) If the court sets aside agency action or remands the case to the agency for further proceedings, it may make such interlocutory order as the court finds necessary to preserve the interests of any party and the public pending further proceedings or agency action.

(7) The court shall remand a case to the agency for further proceedings consistent with the court's decision or set aside agency action, as appropriate, when it finds that:

(a) There has been no hearing prior to agency action and the reviewing court finds that the validity of the action depends upon disputed facts;

(b) The agency's action depends on any finding of fact that is not supported by competent, substantial evidence in the record of a hearing conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57; however, the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the agency as to the weight of the evidence on any disputed finding of fact;

(c) The fairness of the proceedings or the correctness of the action may have been impaired by a material error in procedure or a failure to follow prescribed procedure;

(d) The agency has erroneously interpreted a provision of law and a correct interpretation compels a particular action; or

(e) The agency's exercise of discretion was:

1. Outside the range of discretion delegated to the agency by law;

2. Inconsistent with agency rule;

3. Inconsistent with officially stated agency policy or a prior agency practice, if deviation therefrom is not explained by the agency; or

4. Otherwise in violation of a constitutional or statutory provision;

but the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the agency on an issue of discretion.

(8) Unless the court finds a ground for setting aside, modifying, remanding, or ordering agency action or ancillary relief under a specified provision of this section, it shall affirm the agency's action.

(9) A petition challenging an agency rule as an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority shall not be instituted pursuant to this section, except to review an order entered pursuant to a proceeding under s. 120.56 or s. 120.57(1)(e)1. or (2)(b) or an agency's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness prerequisite to the adoption of an emergency rule pursuant to s. 120.54(4), unless the sole issue presented by the petition is the constitutionality of a rule and there are no disputed issues of fact.

(10) If an administrative law judge's final order depends on any fact found by the administrative law judge, the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the administrative law judge as to the weight of the evidence on any disputed finding of fact. The court shall, however, set aside the final order of the administrative law judge or remand the case to the administrative law judge, if it finds that the final order depends on any finding of fact that is not supported by competent substantial evidence in the record of the proceeding.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 13, ch. 76-131; s. 38, ch. 77-104; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 11, ch. 78-425; s. 4, ch. 84-173; s. 7, ch. 87-385; s. 36, ch. 90-302; s. 6, ch. 91-30; s. 1, ch. 91-191; s. 10, ch. 92-166; s. 35, ch. 96-159; s. 15, ch. 97-176; s. 8, ch. 2003-94; s. 5, ch. 2016-116.

120.69 Enforcement of agency action.—

(1) Except as otherwise provided by statute:

(a) Any agency may seek enforcement of an action by filing a petition for enforcement, as provided in this section, in the circuit court where the subject matter of the enforcement is located.

(b) A petition for enforcement of any agency action may be filed by any substantially interested person who is a resident of the state. However, no such action may be commenced:

1. Prior to 60 days after the petitioner has given notice of the violation of the agency action to the head of the agency concerned, the Attorney General, and any alleged violator of the agency action.

2. If an agency has filed, and is diligently prosecuting, a petition for enforcement.

(c) A petition for enforcement filed by a nongovernmental person shall be in the name of the State of Florida on the relation of the petitioner, and the doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall apply.

(d) In an action brought under paragraph (b), the agency whose action is sought to be enforced, if not a party, may intervene as a matter of right.

(2) A petition for enforcement may request declaratory relief; temporary or permanent equitable relief; any fine, forfeiture, penalty, or other remedy provided by statute; any combination of the foregoing; or, in the absence of any other specific statutory authority, a fine not to exceed $1,000.

(3) After the court has rendered judgment on a petition for enforcement, no other petition shall be filed or adjudicated against the same agency action, on the basis of the same transaction or occurrence, unless expressly authorized on remand. The doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall apply, and the court shall make such orders as are necessary to avoid multiplicity of actions.

(4) In all enforcement proceedings:

(a) If enforcement depends on any facts other than those appearing in the record, the court may ascertain such facts under procedures set forth in s. 120.68(7)(a).

(b) If one or more petitions for enforcement and a petition for review involving the same agency action are pending at the same time, the court considering the review petition may order all such actions transferred to and consolidated in one court. Each party shall be under an affirmative duty to notify the court when it becomes aware of multiple proceedings.

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(c) Should any party willfully fail to comply with an order of the court, the court shall punish that party in accordance with the law applicable to contempt committed by a person in the trial of any other action.

(5) In any enforcement proceeding the respondent may assert as a defense the invalidity of any relevant statute, the inapplicability of the administrative determination to respondent, compliance by the respondent, the inappropriateness of the remedy sought by the agency, or any combination of the foregoing. In addition, if the petition for enforcement is filed during the time within which the respondent could petition for judicial review of the agency action, the respondent may assert the invalidity of the agency action.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, upon receipt of evidence that an alleged violation of an agency's action presents an imminent and substantial threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the agency may bring suit for immediate temporary relief in an appropriate circuit court, and the granting of such temporary relief shall not have res judicata or collateral estoppel effect as to further relief sought under a petition for enforcement relating to the same violation.

(7) In any final order on a petition for enforcement the court may award to the prevailing party all or part of the costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees and expert witness fees, whenever the court determines that such an award is appropriate.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 766, ch. 95-147; s. 36, ch. 96-159.

120.695 Notice of noncompliance; designation of minor violation of rules.—

(1) It is the policy of the state that the purpose of regulation is to protect the public by attaining compliance with the policies established by the Legislature. Fines and other penalties may be provided in order to assure compliance; however, the collection of fines and the imposition of penalties are intended to be secondary to the primary goal of attaining compliance with an agency's rules. It is the intent of the Legislature that an agency charged with enforcing rules shall issue a notice of noncompliance as its first response to a minor violation of a rule in any instance in which it is reasonable to assume that the violator was unaware of the rule or unclear as to how to comply with it.

(2)(a) Each agency shall issue a notice of noncompliance as a first response to a minor violation of a rule. A "notice of noncompliance" is a notification by the agency charged with enforcing the rule issued to the person or business subject to the rule. A notice of noncompliance may not be accompanied with a fine or other disciplinary penalty. It must identify the specific rule that is being violated, provide information on how to comply with the rule, and specify a reasonable time for the violator to comply with the rule. A rule is agency action that regulates a business, occupation, or profession, or regulates a person operating a business, occupation, or profession, and that, if not complied with, may result in a disciplinary penalty.

(b) Each agency shall review all of its rules and designate those for which a violation would be a minor violation and for which a notice of noncompliance must be the first enforcement action taken against a person or business subject to regulation. A violation of a rule is a minor violation if it does not result in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare or create a significant threat of such harm.

(c)1. No later than June 30, 2017, and after such date within 3 months after any request of the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor, each agency shall review its rules and certify to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the committee, and the rules ombudsman those rules that have been designated as rules the violation of which would be a minor violation under paragraph (b), consistent with the legislative intent stated in subsection (1).

2. Beginning July 1, 2017, each agency shall:

a. Publish all rules that the agency has designated as rules the violation of which would be a minor violation, either as a complete list on the agency's website or by incorporation of the designations in the agency's disciplinary guidelines adopted as a rule.

b. Ensure that all investigative and enforcement personnel are knowledgeable about the agency's designations under this section.

3. For each rule filed for adoption, the agency head shall certify whether any part of the rule is designated as a rule the violation of which would be a minor violation and shall update the listing required by sub-subparagraph 2.a.

(d) The Governor or the Governor and Cabinet, as appropriate, may evaluate the review and designation effects of each agency subject to the direction and supervision of such authority and may direct a different designation than that applied by such agency.

(e) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(1)(a), this section does not apply to:

1. The Department of Corrections;
2. Educational units;
3. The regulation of law enforcement personnel; or
4. The regulation of teachers.

(f) Designation pursuant to this section is not subject to challenge under this chapter.

History.—s. 1, ch. 95-402; s. 6, ch. 2016-116.

120.72 Legislative intent; references to chapter 120 or portions thereof.—Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference in any section of the Florida Statutes to chapter 120 or to any section or sections or portion of a section of chapter 120 includes, and shall be understood as including, all subsequent amendments to chapter 120 or to the referenced section or sections or portions of a section.

History.—s. 3, ch. 74-310; s. 1, ch. 76-207; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 57, ch. 78-95; s. 13, ch. 78-425; s. 38, ch. 96-159.

120.73 Circuit court proceedings; declaratory judgments.—Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to repeal any provision of the Florida Statutes which grants the right to a proceeding in the circuit court in lieu of an administrative hearing or to divest the circuit courts of jurisdiction to render declaratory judgments under the provisions of chapter 86.

History.—s. 11, ch. 75-191; s. 14, ch. 78-425.

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120.74 Agency annual rulemaking and regulatory plans; reports.—

(1) REGULATORY PLAN.—By October 1 of each year, each agency shall prepare a regulatory plan.

(a) The plan must include a listing of each law enacted or amended during the previous 12 months which creates or modifies the duties or authority of the agency. If the Governor or the Attorney General provides a letter to the committee stating that a law affects all or most agencies, the agency may exclude the law from its plan. For each law listed by an agency under this paragraph, the plan must state:

1. Whether the agency must adopt rules to implement the law.

2. If rulemaking is necessary to implement the law:

a. Whether a notice of rule development has been published and, if so, the citation to such notice in the Florida Administrative Register.

b. The date by which the agency expects to publish the notice of proposed rule under s. 120.54(3)(a).

3. If rulemaking is not necessary to implement the law, a concise written explanation of the reasons why the law may be implemented without rulemaking.

(b) The plan must also include a listing of each law not otherwise listed pursuant to paragraph (a) which the agency expects to implement by rulemaking before the following July 1, except emergency rulemaking. For each law listed under this paragraph, the plan must state whether the rulemaking is intended to simplify, clarify, increase efficiency, improve coordination with other agencies, reduce regulatory costs, or delete obsolete, unnecessary, or redundant rules.

(c) The plan must include any desired update to the prior year's regulatory plan or supplement published pursuant to subsection (7). If, in a prior year, a law was identified under this paragraph or under subparagraph (a)1. as a law requiring rulemaking to implement but a notice of proposed rule has not been published:

1. The agency shall identify and again list such law, noting the applicable notice of rule development by citation to the Florida Administrative Register; or

2. If the agency has subsequently determined that rulemaking is not necessary to implement the law, the agency shall identify such law, reference the citation to the applicable notice of rule development in the Florida Administrative Register, and provide a concise written explanation of the reason why the law may be implemented without rulemaking.

(d) The plan must include a certification executed on behalf of the agency by both the agency head, or, if the agency head is a collegial body, the presiding officer; and the individual acting as principal legal advisor to the agency head. The certification must:

1. Verify that the persons executing the certification have reviewed the plan.

2. Verify that the agency regularly reviews all of its rules and identify the period during which all rules have most recently been reviewed to determine if the rules remain consistent with the agency's rulemaking authority and the laws implemented.

(2) PUBLICATION AND DELIVERY TO THE COMMITTEE.—

(a) By October 1 of each year, each agency shall:

1. Publish its regulatory plan on its website or on another state website established for publication of administrative law records. A clearly labeled hyperlink to the current plan must be included on the agency's primary website homepage.

2. Electronically deliver to the committee a copy of the certification required in paragraph (1)(d).

3. Publish in the Florida Administrative Register a notice identifying the date of publication of the agency's regulatory plan. The notice must include a hyperlink or website address providing direct access to the published plan.

(b) To satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a), a board established under s. 20.165(4), and any other board or commission receiving administrative support from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, may coordinate with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and a board established under s. 20.43(3)(g) may coordinate with the Department of Health, for inclusion of the board's or commission's plan and notice of publication in the coordinating department's plan and notice and for the delivery of the required documentation to the committee.

(c) A regulatory plan prepared under subsection (1) and any regulatory plan published under this chapter before July 1, 2014, shall be maintained at an active website for 10 years after the date of initial publication on the agency's website or another state website.

(3) DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF BOARD PLAN.—By October 15 of each year:

(a) For each board established under s. 20.165(4) and any other board or commission receiving administrative support from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall file with the committee a certification that the department has reviewed each board's and commission's regulatory plan. A certification may relate to more than one board or commission.

(b) For each board established under s. 20.43(3)(g), the Department of Health shall file with the committee a certification that the department has reviewed the board's regulatory plan. A certification may relate to more than one board.

(4) DEADLINE FOR RULE DEVELOPMENT.—By November 1 of each year, each agency shall publish a notice of rule development under s. 120.54(2) for each law identified in the agency's regulatory plan pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)1. for which rulemaking is necessary to implement but for which the agency did not report the publication of a notice of rule development under subparagraph (1)(a)2.

(5) DEADLINE TO PUBLISH PROPOSED RULE. For each law for which implementing rulemaking is necessary as identified in the agency's plan pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)1. or subparagraph (1)(c)1., the agency shall publish a notice of proposed rule pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(a) by April 1 of the year following the deadline for the regulatory plan. This deadline may be extended if the agency publishes a notice of extension in the Florida Administrative Register identifying each rulemaking proceeding for which an extension is being

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noticed by citation to the applicable notice of rule development as published in the Florida Administrative Register. The agency shall include a concise statement in the notice of extension identifying any issues that are causing the delay in rulemaking. An extension shall expire on October 1 after the April 1 deadline, provided that the regulatory plan due on October 1 may further extend the rulemaking proceeding by identification pursuant to subparagraph (1)(c)1. or conclude the rulemaking proceeding by identification pursuant to subparagraph (1)(c)2. A published regulatory plan may be corrected at any time to accomplish the purpose of extending or concluding an affected rulemaking proceeding and is deemed corrected as of the October 1 due date. Upon publication of a correction, the agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register a notice of the date of the correction identifying the affected rulemaking proceeding by applicable citation to the Florida Administrative Register.

(6) CERTIFICATIONS.—Each agency shall file a certification with the committee upon compliance with subsection (4) and upon filing a notice under subsection (5) of either a deadline extension or a regulatory plan correction. A certification may relate to more than one notice or contemporaneous act. The date or dates of compliance shall be noted in each certification.

(7) SUPPLEMENTING THE REGULATORY PLAN. After publication of the regulatory plan, the agency shall supplement the plan within 30 days after a bill becomes a law if the law is enacted before the next regular session of the Legislature and the law substantively modifies the agency's specifically delegated legal duties, unless the law affects all or most state agencies as identified by letter to the committee from the Governor or the Attorney General. The supplement must include the information required in paragraph (1)(a) and shall be published as required in subsection (2), but no certification or delivery to the committee is required. The agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register notice of publication of the supplement, and include a hyperlink on its website or web address for direct access to the published supplement. For each law reported in the supplement, if rulemaking is necessary to implement the law, the agency shall publish a notice of rule development by the later of the date provided in subsection (4) or 60 days after the bill becomes a law, and a notice of proposed rule shall be published by the later of the date provided in subsection (5) or 120 days after the bill becomes a law. The proposed rule deadline may be extended to the following October 1 by notice as provided in subsection (5). If such proposed rule has not been filed by October 1, a law included in a supplement shall also be included in the next annual plan pursuant to subsection (1).

(8) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If an agency fails to comply with a requirement of paragraph (2)(a) or subsection (5), within 15 days after written demand from the committee or from the chair of any other legislative committee, the agency shall deliver a written explanation of the reasons for noncompliance to the committee, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chair of any legislative committee requesting the explanation of the reasons for noncompliance.

(9) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.—This section does not apply to educational units.

History.—s. 46, ch. 96-399; s. 16, ch. 97-176; s. 9, ch. 2006-82; s. 15, ch. 2008-104; s. 8, ch. 2008-149; s. 4, ch. 2011-225; s. 20, ch. 2014-17; s. 2, ch. 2014-39; s. 2, ch. 2015-162.

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

(1) DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.

(a) *Division as a party.*—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), a hearing in which the division is a party may not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division. An attorney assigned by the Administration Commission shall be the hearing officer.

(b) *Workers' compensation.*—Notwithstanding s. 120.52(1), a judge of compensation claims, in adjudicating matters under chapter 440, is not an agency or part of an agency for purposes of this chapter.

(2) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.—

(a) Marketing orders under chapter 527, chapter 573, or chapter 601 are not rules.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to chapter 601 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

(3) OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), in proceedings for the issuance, denial, renewal, or amendment of a license or approval of a merger pursuant to title XXXVIII:

1.a. The Office of Financial Regulation of the Financial Services Commission shall have published in the Florida Administrative Register notice of the application within 21 days after receipt.

b. Within 21 days after publication of notice, any person may request a hearing. Failure to request a hearing within 21 days after notice constitutes a waiver of any right to a hearing. The Office of Financial Regulation or an applicant may request a hearing at any time prior to the issuance of a final order. Hearings shall be conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57, except that the Financial Services Commission shall by rule provide for participation by the general public.

2. Should a hearing be requested as provided by sub-subparagraph 1.b., the applicant or licensee shall publish at its own cost a notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the application. The Financial Services Commission may by rule specify the format and size of the notice.

3. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), and except as provided in subparagraph 4., an application for license for a new bank, new trust company, new credit union, new savings and loan association, or new licensed family trust company must be approved or denied within 180 days after receipt of the original application or receipt of the timely requested additional information or correction of errors or omissions. An application for such a license or for acquisition of such control which is not approved or denied within the 180-day period or within 30 days after conclusion of a public hearing on the application, whichever is later, shall be deemed approved subject to the satisfactory completion of

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conditions required by statute as a prerequisite to license and approval of insurance of accounts for a new bank, a new savings and loan association, a new credit union, or a new licensed family trust company by the appropriate insurer.

4. In the case of an application for license to establish a new bank, trust company, or capital stock savings association in which a foreign national proposes to own or control 10 percent or more of any class of voting securities, and in the case of an application by a foreign national for approval to acquire control of a bank, trust company, or capital stock savings association, the Office of Financial Regulation shall request that a public hearing be conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Notice of such hearing shall be published by the applicant as provided in subparagraph 2. The failure of such foreign national to appear personally at the hearing shall be grounds for denial of the application. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1) and subparagraph 3., every application involving a foreign national shall be approved or denied within 1 year after receipt of the original application or any timely requested additional information or the correction of any errors or omissions, or within 30 days after the conclusion of the public hearing on the application, whichever is later.

(b) In any application for a license or merger pursuant to title XXXVIII which is referred by the agency to the division for hearing, the administrative law judge shall complete and submit to the agency and to all parties a written report consisting of findings of fact and rulings on evidentiary matters. The agency shall allow each party at least 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the report.

(4) DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.—

(a) *Business regulation.*—The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering is exempt from the hearing and notice requirements of ss. 120.569 and 120.57(1)(a), but only for stewards, judges, and boards of judges when the hearing is to be held for the purpose of the imposition of fines or suspensions as provided by rules of the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering, but not for revocations, and only upon violations of subparagraphs 1.-6. The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering shall adopt rules establishing alternative procedures, including a hearing upon reasonable notice, for the following violations:

1. Horse riding, harness riding, greyhound interference, and jai alai game actions in violation of chapter 550.

2. Application and usage of drugs and medication to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.

3. Maintaining or possessing any device which could be used for the injection or other infusion of a prohibited drug to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.

4. Suspensions under reciprocity agreements between the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and regulatory agencies of other states.

5. Assault or other crimes of violence on premises licensed for pari-mutuel wagering.

6. Prearranging the outcome of any race or game.

(b) *Professional regulation.*—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), formal hearings may not be conducted by the Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation or a board or member of a board within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined by chapter 455.

(5) FLORIDA LAND AND WATER ADJUDICATORY COMMISSION.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.57(1)(a), when the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission receives a notice of appeal pursuant to s. 380.07, the commission shall notify the division within 60 days after receipt of the notice of appeal if the commission elects to request the assignment of an administrative law judge.

(6) DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Law enforcement policies and procedures of the Department of Law Enforcement which relate to the following are not rules as defined by this chapter:

(a) The collection, management, and dissemination of active criminal intelligence information and active criminal investigative information; management of criminal investigations; and management of undercover investigations and the selection, assignment, and fictitious identity of undercover personnel.

(b) The recruitment, management, identity, and remuneration of confidential informants or sources.

(c) Surveillance techniques, the selection of surveillance personnel, and electronic surveillance, including court-ordered and consensual interceptions of communication conducted pursuant to chapter 934.

(d) The safety and release of hostages.

(e) The provision of security and protection to public figures.

(f) The protection of witnesses.

(7) DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings conducted within the Department of Children and Families in the execution of those social and economic programs administered by the former Division of Family Services of the former Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services prior to the reorganization effected by chapter 75-48, Laws of Florida, need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

(8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—

(a) *Driver licenses.*—

1. Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings regarding driver licensing pursuant to chapter 322 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

2. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), cancellation, suspension, or revocation of a driver license shall be by personal delivery to the licensee or by first-class mail as provided in s. 322.251.

(b) *Wrecker operators.*—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings held by the Division of the Florida Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to deny, suspend, or remove a wrecker operator from participating in the wrecker rotation system established by s. 321.051 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned

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by the division. These hearings shall be held by a hearing officer appointed by the director of the Division of the Florida Highway Patrol.

(9) OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION.—Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), every application for a certificate of authority as required by s. 624.401 shall be approved or denied within 180 days after receipt of the original application. Any application for a certificate of authority which is not approved or denied within the 180-day period, or within 30 days after conclusion of a public hearing held on the application, shall be deemed approved, subject to the satisfactory completion of conditions required by statute as a prerequisite to licensure.

(10) DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.54, the rulemaking provisions of this chapter do not apply to reemployment assistance appeals referees.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(5), the uniform rules of procedure do not apply to appeal proceedings conducted under chapter 443 by the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, special deputies, or reemployment assistance appeals referees.

(c) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings under chapter 443 may not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division, but instead shall be conducted by the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission in reemployment assistance appeals, reemployment assistance appeals referees, and the Department of Economic Opportunity or its special deputies under s. 443.141.

(11) NATIONAL GUARD.—Notwithstanding s. 120.52(16), the enlistment, organization, administration, equipment, maintenance, training, and discipline of the militia, National Guard, organized militia, and unorganized militia, as provided by s. 2, Art. X of the State Constitution, are not rules as defined by this chapter.

(12) PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS COMMISSION.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings within the jurisdiction of the Public Employees Relations Commission need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

(b) Section 120.60 does not apply to certification of employee organizations pursuant to s. 447.307.

(13) FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

(a) Agency statements that relate to cost-recovery clauses, factors, or mechanisms implemented pursuant to chapter 366, relating to public utilities, are exempt from the provisions of s. 120.54(1)(a).

(b) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, a hearing on an objection to proposed action of the Florida Public Service Commission may only address the issues in dispute. Issues in the proposed action which are not in dispute are deemed stipulated.

(c) The Florida Public Service Commission is exempt from the time limitations in s. 120.60(1) when issuing a license.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, in implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, the Public Service Commission is authorized to employ procedures consistent with that act.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, s. 350.128, or s. 364.381, appellate jurisdiction for Public Service Commission decisions that implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, shall be consistent with the provisions of that act.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, all public utilities and companies regulated by the Public Service Commission shall be entitled to proceed under the interim rate provisions of chapter 364 or the procedures for interim rates contained in chapter 74-195, Laws of Florida, or as otherwise provided by law.

(14) DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.—

(a) *Assessments.*—An assessment of tax, penalty, or interest by the Department of Revenue is not a final order as defined by this chapter. Assessments by the Department of Revenue shall be deemed final as provided in the statutes and rules governing the assessment and collection of taxes.

(b) *Taxpayer contest proceedings.*—

1. In any administrative proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter as authorized by s. 72.011(1), the taxpayer shall be designated the "petitioner" and the Department of Revenue shall be designated the "respondent," except that for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund under chapter 207, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be designated the "respondent," and for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund under chapters 210, 550, 561, 562, 563, 564, and 565, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall be designated the "respondent."

2. In any such administrative proceeding, the applicable department's burden of proof, except as otherwise specifically provided by general law, shall be limited to a showing that an assessment has been made against the taxpayer and the factual and legal grounds upon which the applicable department made the assessment.

3.a. Prior to filing a petition under this chapter, the taxpayer shall pay to the applicable department the amount of taxes, penalties, and accrued interest assessed by that department which are not being contested by the taxpayer. Failure to pay the uncontested amount shall result in the dismissal of the action and imposition of an additional penalty of 25 percent of the amount taxed.

b. The requirements of s. 72.011(2) and (3)(a) are jurisdictional for any action under this chapter to contest an assessment or denial of refund by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

4. Except as provided in s. 220.719, further collection and enforcement of the contested amount of an assessment for nonpayment or underpayment of any tax, interest, or penalty shall be stayed beginning on the date a petition is filed. Upon entry of a final order, an agency may resume collection and enforcement action.

5. The prevailing party, in a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 authorized by s. 72.011(1), may recover all legal costs incurred in such proceeding,

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including reasonable attorney's fees, if the losing party fails to raise a justiciable issue of law or fact in its petition or response.

6. Upon review pursuant to s. 120.68 of final agency action concerning an assessment of tax, penalty, or interest with respect to a tax imposed under chapter 212, or the denial of a refund of any tax imposed under chapter 212, if the court finds that the Department of Revenue improperly rejected or modified a conclusion of law, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs of the appeal to the prevailing appellant.

(c) *Proceedings to establish paternity or paternity and child support; orders to appear for genetic testing; proceedings for administrative support orders.*—In proceedings to establish paternity or paternity and child support pursuant to s. 409.256 and proceedings for the establishment of administrative support orders pursuant to s. 409.2563, final orders in cases referred by the Department of Revenue to the Division of Administrative Hearings shall be entered by the division's administrative law judge and transmitted to the Department of Revenue for filing and rendering. The Department of Revenue has the right to seek judicial review under s. 120.68 of a final order entered by an administrative law judge. The Department of Revenue or the person ordered to appear for genetic testing may seek immediate judicial review under s. 120.68 of an order issued by an administrative law judge pursuant to s. 409.256(5)(b). Final orders that adjudicate paternity or paternity and child support pursuant to s. 409.256 and administrative support orders rendered pursuant to s. 409.2563 may be enforced pursuant to s. 120.69 or, alternatively, by any method prescribed by law for the enforcement of judicial support orders, except contempt. Hearings held by the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to ss. 409.256, 409.2563, and 409.25635 shall be held in the judicial circuit where the person receiving services under Title IV-D resides or, if the person receiving services under Title IV-D does not reside in this state, in the judicial circuit where the respondent resides. If the department and the respondent agree, the hearing may be held in another location. If ordered by the administrative law judge, the hearing may be conducted telephonically or by videoconference.

(15) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), formal hearings may not be conducted by the State Surgeon General, the Secretary of Health Care Administration, or a board or member of a board within the Department of Health or the Agency for Health Care Administration for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined by chapter 456. Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings conducted within the Department of Health in execution of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; Child Care Food Program; Children's Medical Services Program; the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program; and the exemption from disqualification reviews for certified nurse assistants program need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division. The Department of Health may contract with the Department of Children and Families for a hearing officer in these matters.

(16) FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION.—

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.542, the Florida Building Commission may not accept a petition for waiver or variance and may not grant any waiver or variance from the requirements of the Florida Building Code.

(b) The Florida Building Commission shall adopt within the Florida Building Code criteria and procedures for alternative means of compliance with the code or local amendments thereto, for enforcement by local governments, local enforcement districts, or other entities authorized by law to enforce the Florida Building Code. Appeals from the denial of the use of alternative means shall be heard by the local board, if one exists, and may be appealed to the Florida Building Commission.

(c) Notwithstanding ss. 120.565, 120.569, and 120.57, the Florida Building Commission and hearing officer panels appointed by the commission in accordance with s. 553.775(3)(c)1. may conduct proceedings to review decisions of local building code officials in accordance with s. 553.775(3)(c).

(d) Section 120.541(3) does not apply to the adoption of amendments and the triennial update to the Florida Building Code expressly authorized by s. 553.73.

(17) STATE FIRE MARSHAL.—Section 120.541(3) does not apply to the adoption of amendments and the triennial update to the Florida Fire Prevention Code expressly authorized by s. 633.202.

(18) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—Sections 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541 do not apply to the adjustment of tolls pursuant to s. 338.165(3).

History.—s. 41, ch. 96-159; s. 13, ch. 98-166; s. 10, ch. 99-8; s. 4, ch. 99-397; s. 1, ch. 2000-141; s. 17, ch. 2000-151; s. 2, ch. 2000-160; s. 11, ch. 2000-304; s. 4, ch. 2000-305; ss. 2, 11, ch. 2000-312; s. 4, ch. 2000-355; s. 3, ch. 2000-367; s. 18, ch. 2001-158; s. 2, ch. 2001-279; s. 8, ch. 2002-173; s. 1, ch. 2002-239; s. 3, ch. 2003-36; s. 139, ch. 2003-261; s. 1, ch. 2004-52; s. 7, ch. 2004-334; ss. 12, 13, ch. 2005-39; s. 1, ch. 2005-96; s. 13, ch. 2005-147; s. 1, ch. 2005-209; s. 5, ch. 2006-45; s. 9, ch. 2008-6; s. 16, ch. 2008-104; s. 5, ch. 2009-187; s. 1, ch. 2011-64; s. 50, ch. 2011-142; s. 8, ch. 2011-225; s. 43, ch. 2012-30; s. 12, ch. 2013-14; s. 120, ch. 2013-183; s. 32, ch. 2014-19; s. 37, ch. 2014-97.

120.81 Exceptions and special requirements; general areas.—

(1) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.536(1) and the flush left provisions of s. 120.52(8), district school boards may adopt rules to implement their general powers under s. 1001.41.

(b) The preparation or modification of curricula by an educational unit is not a rule as defined by this chapter.

(c) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(16), any tests, test scoring criteria, or testing procedures relating to student assessment which are developed or administered by the Department of Education pursuant to s. 1003.4282, s. 1008.22, or s. 1008.25, or any other statewide educational tests required by law, are not rules.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, educational units shall not be required to include the full text of the rule or rule amendment in notices relating to rules and need not publish these or

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other notices in the Florida Administrative Register, but notice shall be made:

1. By publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area;

2. By mail to all persons who have made requests of the educational unit for advance notice of its proceedings and to organizations representing persons affected by the proposed rule; and

3. By posting in appropriate places so that those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed may be duly notified.

(e) Educational units, other than the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, shall not be required to make filings with the committee of the documents required to be filed by s. 120.54 or s. 120.55(1)(a)4.

(f) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings which involve student disciplinary suspensions or expulsions may be conducted by educational units.

(g) Sections 120.569 and 120.57 do not apply to any proceeding in which the substantial interests of a student are determined by a state university or a community college.

(h) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, in a hearing involving a student disciplinary suspension or expulsion conducted by an educational unit, the 14-day notice of hearing requirement may be waived by the agency head or the hearing officer without the consent of parties.

(i) For purposes of s. 120.68, a district school board whose decision is reviewed under the provisions of s. 1012.33 and whose final action is modified by a superior administrative decision shall be a party entitled to judicial review of the final action.

(j) Notwithstanding s. 120.525(2), the agenda for a special meeting of a district school board under authority of s. 1001.372(1) shall be prepared upon the calling of the meeting, but not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

(k) Students are not persons subject to regulation for the purposes of petitioning for a variance or waiver to rules of educational units under s. 120.542.

(l) Sections 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541 do not apply to the adoption of rules pursuant to s. 1012.22, s. 1012.27, s. 1012.335, s. 1012.34, or s. 1012.795.

(2) LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.—

(a) Local units of government with jurisdiction in only one county or part thereof shall not be required to make filings with the committee of the documents required to be filed by s. 120.54.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, units of government with jurisdiction in only one county or part thereof need not publish required notices in the Florida Administrative Register, but shall publish these notices in the manner required by their enabling acts for notice of rulemaking or notice of meeting. Notices relating to rules are not required to include the full text of the rule or rule amendment.

(3) PRISONERS AND PAROLEES.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(13), prisoners, as defined by s. 944.02, shall not be considered parties in any proceedings other than those under s. 120.54(3)(c) or (7), and may not seek judicial review under s. 120.68 of any other agency action. Prisoners are not eligible to seek an administrative determination of an agency statement under s. 120.56(4). Parolees shall not be considered parties for purposes of agency action or judicial review when the proceedings relate to the rescission or revocation of parole.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(3)(c), prisoners, as defined by s. 944.02, may be limited by the Department of Corrections to an opportunity to present evidence and argument on issues under consideration by submission of written statements concerning intended action on any department rule.

(c) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, in a preliminary hearing for revocation of parole, no less than 7 days' notice of hearing shall be given.

(4) REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS.—Notwithstanding s. 120.569(2)(g), in a proceeding against a licensed professional or in a proceeding for licensure of an applicant for professional licensure which involves allegations of sexual misconduct:

(a) The testimony of the victim of the sexual misconduct need not be corroborated.

(b) Specific instances of prior consensual sexual activity between the victim of the sexual misconduct and any person other than the offender is inadmissible, unless:

1. It is first established to the administrative law judge in a proceeding in camera that the victim of the sexual misconduct is mistaken as to the identity of the perpetrator of the sexual misconduct; or

2. If consent by the victim of the sexual misconduct is at issue and it is first established to the administrative law judge in a proceeding in camera that such evidence tends to establish a pattern of conduct or behavior on the part of such victim which is so similar to the conduct or behavior in the case that it is relevant to the issue of consent.

(c) Reputation evidence relating to the prior sexual conduct of a victim of sexual misconduct is inadmissible.

(5) HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION.—Agency action which has the effect of altering established hunting or fishing seasons, or altering established annual harvest limits for saltwater fishing if the procedure for altering such harvest limits is set out by rule of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, is not a rule as defined by this chapter, provided such action is adequately noticed in the area affected through publishing in a newspaper of general circulation or through notice by broadcasting by electronic media.

(6) RISK IMPACT STATEMENT.—The Department of Environmental Protection shall prepare a risk impact statement for any rule that is proposed for approval by the Environmental Regulation Commission and that establishes or changes standards or criteria based on impacts to or effects upon human health. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall prepare a risk impact statement for any rule that is proposed for adoption that establishes standards or criteria based on impacts to or effects upon human health.

(a) This subsection does not apply to rules adopted pursuant to federally delegated or mandated programs where such rules are identical or substantially identical

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to the federal regulations or laws being adopted or implemented by the Department of Environmental Protection or Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as applicable. However, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall identify any risk analysis information available to them from the Federal Government that has formed the basis of such a rule.

(b) This subsection does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(c) The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall prepare and publish notice of the availability of a clear and concise risk impact statement for all applicable rules. The risk impact statement must explain the risk to the public health addressed by the rule and shall identify and summarize the source of the scientific information used in evaluating that risk.

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to create a new cause of action or basis for challenging a rule nor diminish any existing cause of action or basis for challenging a rule.

History.—s. 42, ch. 96-159; s. 17, ch. 97-176; s. 49, ch. 99-2; s. 65, ch. 99-245; s. 7, ch. 99-379; s. 28, ch. 99-398; s. 4, ch. 2000-214; s. 897, ch. 2002-387; s. 17, ch. 2008-104; s. 4, ch. 2010-78; s. 9, ch. 2011-225; s. 13, ch. 2013-14; s. 37, ch. 2013-35; s. 21, ch. 2014-17; s. 3, ch. 2014-39; s. 24, ch. 2014-184.

120.82 Keep Our Graduates Working Act.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Keep Our Graduates Working Act of 2020."

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this act is to ensure that Floridians who graduate from an accredited college or university can maintain their occupational licenses, as defined in subsection (3), and remain in the workforce while they attempt to pay off their student loan debt.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Default" means the failure to repay a student loan according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note.

(b) "Delinquency" means the failure to make a student loan payment when it is due.

(c) "License" means any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit granted by the applicable state authority.

(d) "State authority" means any department, board, or agency with the authority to grant a license to any person in this state.

(e) "Student loan" means a federal-guaranteed or state-guaranteed loan for the purposes of postsecondary education.

(4) STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT; DELINQUENCY. A state authority may not deny a license, refuse to renew a license, or suspend or revoke a license that it has issued to a person who is in default on or delinquent in the payment of his or her student loans solely on the basis of such default or delinquency.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2020-125.

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FROM: Kenneth J. Plante, Coordinator

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34. Haley Busch		1000 Friends of Florida
35. Jennifer Wilson		
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37. Maura Lanz		
38. Dayle Vanderwerff	COO	Phoenix House Florida
39. Nemiah Hughley	Student	YMAD-Burnett Middle School
40. Misty Winter		
41. Javan Frinks	Organizer	SEIU
42. Leanne Klumb	LGBTQ Liaison	HCC PTA/PTSA
43. David Jones		Tampa Bay Community Action Committee
44. Marissa Bodden		
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46. Philip Compton	Senior Organizing Rep	Sierra Club FL
47. Tina Swain	CEO	Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough
48. Keith Jacobs		Step Up for Students
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CHAIR CRUZ: I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE SENATOR BURGESS TO LEAD US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING

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CHAIR CRUZ: I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE HART TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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CHAIR CRUZ: JOHN CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLE?

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CHAIR CRUZ: WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A QUORUM

CHAIR CRUZ: WE WILL NOW HAVE OUR ELECTION TO ESTABLISH THE NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION. I WILL REMIND EVERYONE THAT I AM CHAIR TODAY BECAUSE REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION,

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DID NOT RUN FOR REELECTION. AS VICE CHAIR AT THE TIME, I AM SERVING AS ACTING CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING AFTER WHICH THE NEW CHAIR WILL TAKE OVER.

CHAIR CRUZ: REPRESENTATIVE VALDES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATION OF A NEW CHAIR.

REP. VALDES: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE HART FOR CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

CHAIR CRUZ: JOHN PLEASE CALL THE ROLE FOR THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE HART AS CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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CHAIR CRUZ: BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE HART WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE OVER AS CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.

CHAIR CRUZ: SENATOR ROUSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR

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SEN. ROUSON I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SENATOR CRUZ FOR VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

CHAIR CRUZ JOHN PLEASE CALL THE ROLE FOR THE ELECTION OF SENATOR CRUZ AS VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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CHAIR CRUZ WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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64. Shamiesa Grier	Member of Organize Florida	Organize Florida

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CHAIR CRUZ: GOOD MORNING. IT IS 10:00AM AND I AM CALLING THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO ORDER. **GAVEL**

CHAIR CRUZ: I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE SENATOR BURGESS TO LEAD US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING

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CHAIR CRUZ: I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE HART TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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CHAIR CRUZ: JOHN CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLE?

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CHAIR CRUZ: WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A QUORUM

CHAIR CRUZ: WE WILL NOW HAVE OUR ELECTION TO ESTABLISH THE NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION. I WILL REMIND EVERYONE THAT I AM CHAIR TODAY BECAUSE REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION,

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DID NOT RUN FOR REELECTION. AS VICE CHAIR AT THE TIME, I AM SERVING AS ACTING CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING AFTER WHICH THE NEW CHAIR WILL TAKE OVER.

CHAIR CRUZ: REPRESENTATIVE VALDES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATION OF A NEW CHAIR.

REP. VALDES: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE HART FOR CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

CHAIR CRUZ: JOHN PLEASE CALL THE ROLE FOR THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE HART AS CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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CHAIR CRUZ: BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE HART WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE OVER AS CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.

CHAIR CRUZ: SENATOR ROUSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR

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SEN. ROUSON I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SENATOR CRUZ FOR VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

CHAIR CRUZ JOHN PLEASE CALL THE ROLE FOR THE ELECTION OF SENATOR CRUZ AS VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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CHAIR CRUZ BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SENATE MEMBERS SENATOR CRUZ WILL OFFICIALLY BECOME VICE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.

CHAIR CRUZ WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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From: Burgess, Danny
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To: Dhaliwal, Amol <Dhaliwal.Amol@flsenate.gov>
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> **Cc:** "Burgess, Danny" <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>, "Pizzo, Jason" <Pizzo.Jason@flsenate.gov>
> **Subject: FW: Meeting Request**
>
> Happy Monday, Kimberly and Natalie! I am following up on the meeting request below from early December to discuss pandemic preparedness and my text exchanges with Senator Burgess between January 8 and January 11 expressing some of our concerns with SB 484.
>
> Would it be possible to schedule a meeting to discuss these two items with the senator? In preparation for the meeting, I am attaching our letter of opposition circulated to House Criminal Justice committee members as they prepared to consider the House companion to SB 484.
>
> Thank you in advance,
> Ingrid Delgado
>
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From: Ingrid Delgado
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov
Subject: Meeting Request

Good morning, Kimberly:

I hope this email finds you well. We wanted to reach out and congratulate Sen. Burgess on his new role in the Florida Senate! We would also welcome the opportunity to briefly discuss some of the Catholic Conference's legislative priorities for the 2021 session, if it would be possible to fit us into his schedule. There are a few issues I'd like to highlight but, as he is Pandemic Preparedness and Response Chair, I'd especially like to share Catholic Charities' efforts in this regard and needs moving forward.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention,
Ingrid Delgado

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 26, 2021

The Honorable Juan Fernandez-Barquin
Florida House of Representatives
315 House Office Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

RE: Opposition to HB 1 (Public Disorder)

Dear Representative Fernandez-Barquin:

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops struggles ardently against violence. However, we oppose HB 1, as it is unnecessary and entails foreseeable unintended consequences. Our concerns are the following:

HB 1 is unnecessary
The crimes committed in recent riots in Washington and across the county prompt outrage and deep concern. As we reflect on these events, it is necessary to recall that assault, battery, burglary, theft, and stealing are already crimes, and perpetrators are being held accountable for these actions. It seems unnecessary to create new and stiffer penalties for crimes if they occur during a riot, as long as the applicable laws are enforced.

Reflects a retributive approach to justice
The Conference supports increasing gain time, as it incentivizes rehabilitation. The longer sentences in HB 1 work against gain time reform efforts of reducing sentence lengths for individuals who demonstrate good behavior. Rigid formulations of mandatory minimum sentencing are one-size-fits-all solutions which are too often inappropriate, yet HB 1 creates a new mandatory minimum sentence.

Violates principle of subsidiarity
The provision that allows the governor to amend or override a local governing body's law enforcement budget prompts concern. A community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, depriving the latter of its functions. Put more simply, crime is largely a local issue; to the extent possible, local responses should be developed and respected.

Unintended consequences for churches, faith-based and other organizations
The terms "prohibited assemblies" and "riots" in HB 1 are undefined, as are "injury" and "force." Activities that we and many Floridians support, such as praying in front of an abortion facility, pro-life marches, and prayer vigils could be construed as prompting prosecution if this bill is enacted. This is a serious concern.

Alternative responses are available
There are other approaches to the civil unrest we have witnessed of late. Promoting de-escalation training is one.

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Exacerbates existing ills
In its present form, HB 1 will further exacerbate the already disproportionate impact of incarceration among the poor and communities of color while increasing costs of incarceration.

We must oppose HB 1 but remain available to discuss our concerns further at your request.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Sheedy

cc: The Hon. Cord Byrd, Chair, House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee
Members of the House Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee
Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski, Archbishop of Miami & FCCB President
Most Rev. William A. Wack, Moderator for Prison Ministry

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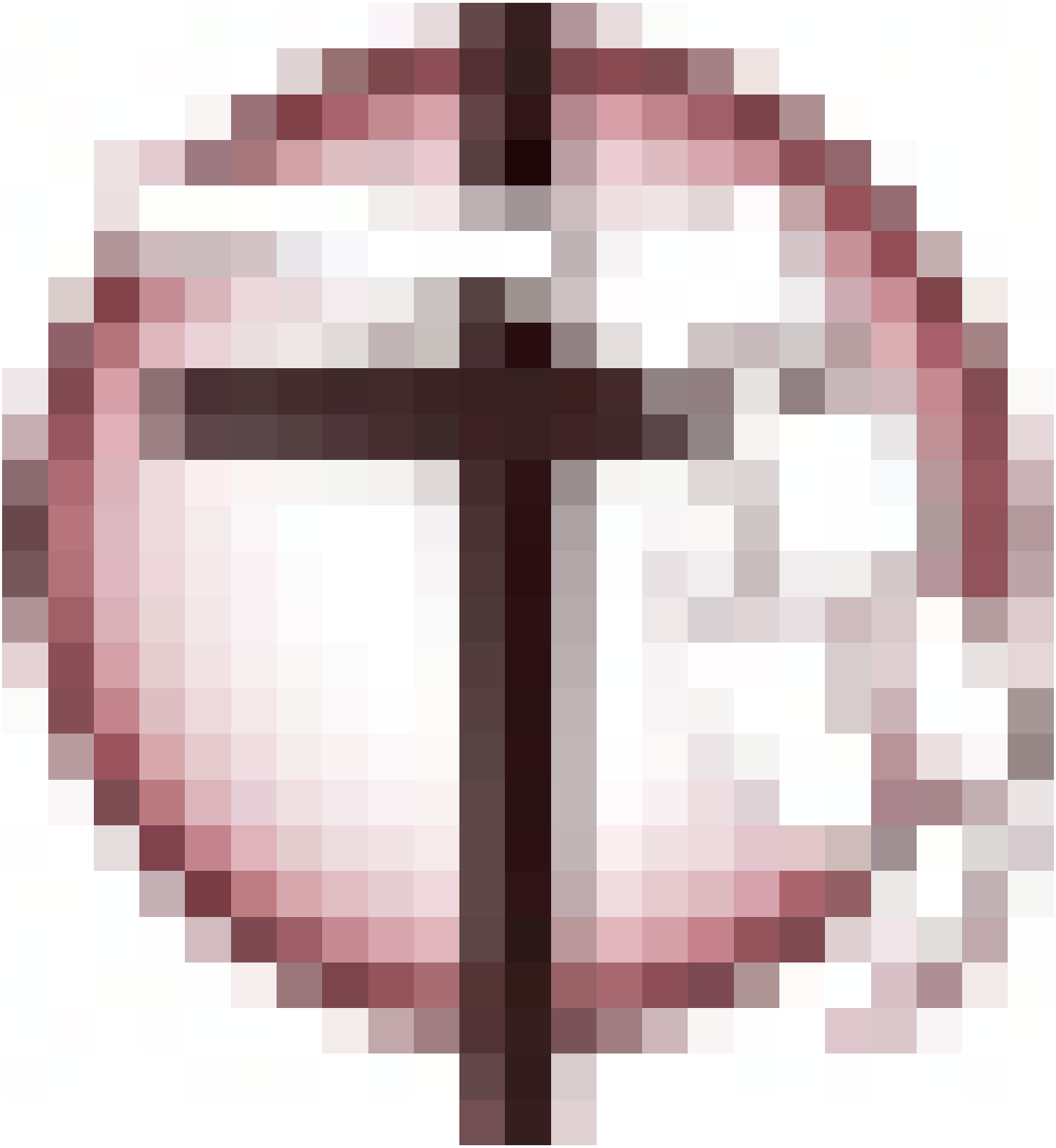

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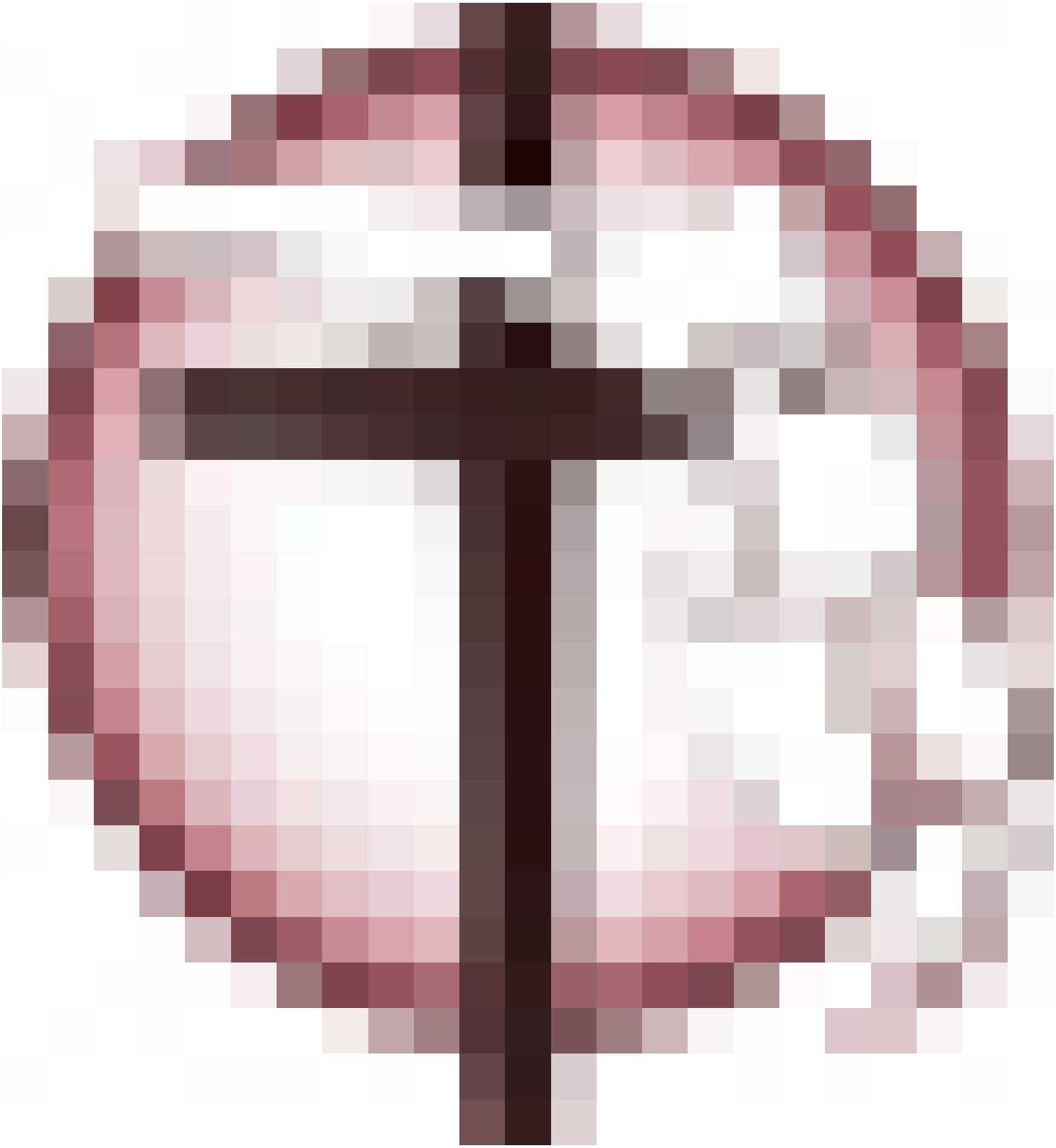

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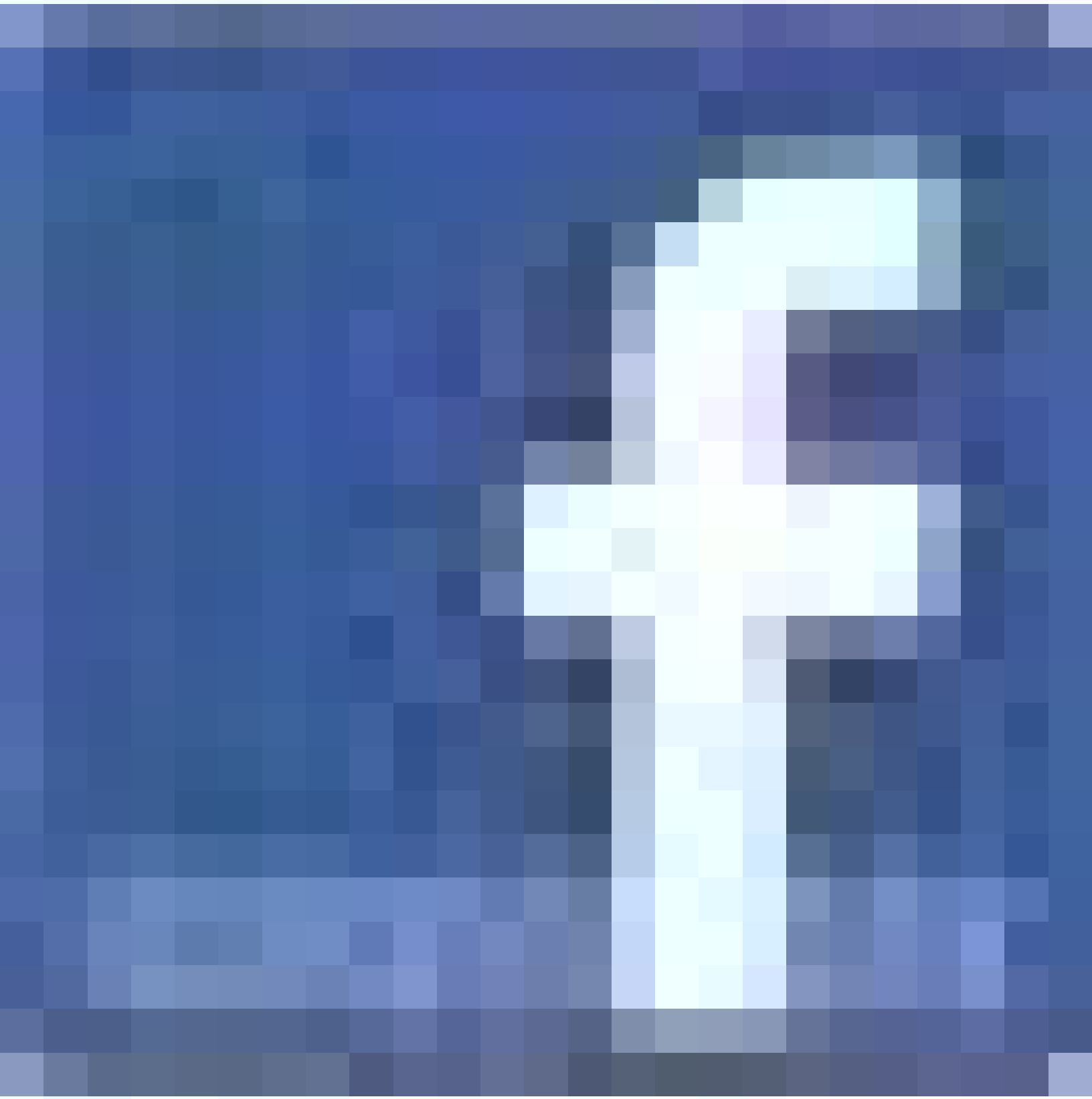

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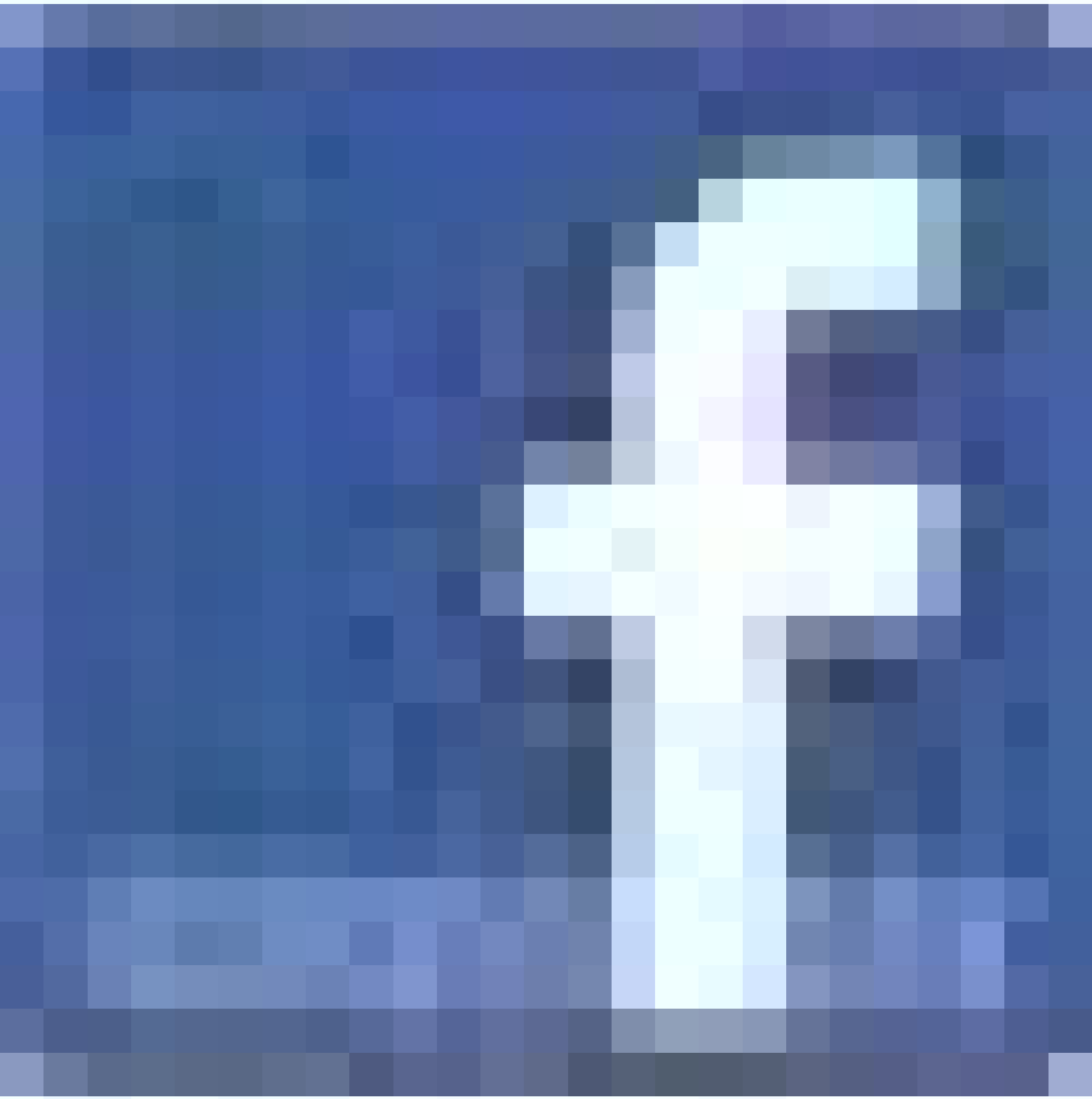

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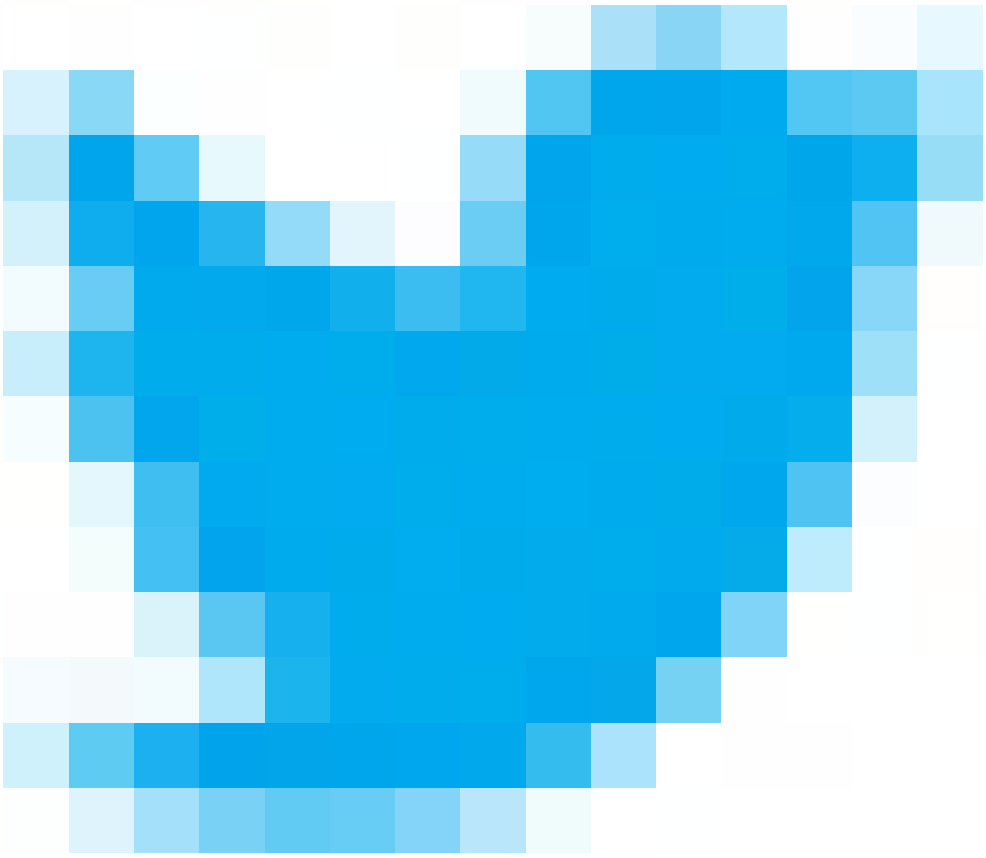

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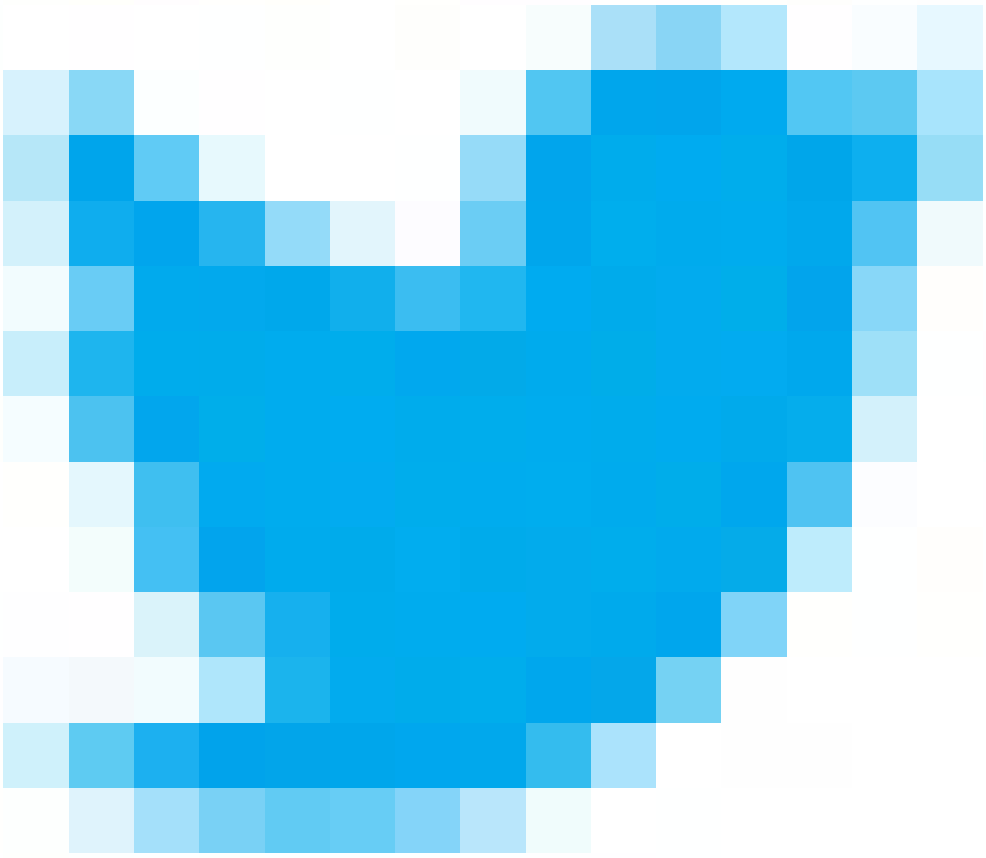

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Subject: Fwd: NEWS ICYMI: Florida Speaker Sprowls Targets Mob Violence with New Bill: 'You Will Go to Prison' (VIDEO)

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel
Legislative Aide to Senator Danny Burgess
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The Florida House of Representatives

Chris Sprowls
Speaker

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ICYMI: Florida Speaker Sprowls Targets Mob Violence with New Bill: 'You Will Go to Prison'

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. *(January 8, 2021)* — Today, Florida Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls (R-Palm Harbor), a former state prosecutor, joined *America's Newsroom* on Fox News Channel to highlight HB 1, the first-in-the-nation bill that targets rioting and mob violence statewide in Florida.

Sprowls said, "We do not care about which viewpoint is being expressed. This is a nation of laws governed by the Constitution and in the state of Florida our message is very very clear: that kind of conduct, that kind of activity will not be tolerated, and you will go to prison." (LINK)

HB 1 was filed in the House by Representatives by Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R-Miami-Dade) on Wednesday night in timely response to the violent protests in Washington, D.C., and across the nation last summer.

The link to the full interview can be seen here.

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>
> I added to Katie's document.
>
> **Christie M. Letarte**
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> My thoughts are attached!
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> Katie and Christie,
>
> Attached are the talking points and bill summary as we talked about.
>
> -Ronnie

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SENATOR DEBBIE MAYFIELD
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Senate Bill 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance

by Senator Danny Burgess

Repealing PIP, requiring BI coverage, and creating a new framework for bad faith actions

Talking Points:

- Senate Bill 54 transforms ineffective and outdated insurance practices to result in a more stable insurance market and better outcomes for all insured Floridians.
- Florida is one of only two states that does not currently require drivers to carry liability coverage that immediately kicks in if they cause bodily injury or death.
- This legislation repeals Florida's No-Fault Law and instead enacts a bodily injury liability system, providing fairness to insured drivers and placing liability on the at-fault party in an accident.
- No-Fault Law, which requires Personal Injury Protection (PIP), has failed to substantially reduce litigation.
- PIP is far too expensive in relation to the lack of benefits and overall protection that it provides customers. The repeal of PIP will allow Floridians to receive better coverage.
- Enacting Senate Bill 54 will ~~deliver~~ ensure more ~~sufficient~~ significant bodily injury liability coverage for Floridians and require insurance companies to offer first party medical coverage (MedPay) of $5,000 or $10,000 to all drivers.
- Senate Bill 54 also reforms bad faith actions in order to reduce litigation by providing a set of standards that will govern conduct of both parties during the claims handling process.
- This legislation creates a framework to improve the claims handling process and lead to more favorable conclusions for both the insured and insurance company.
- Allowing insurers to conduct settlement negotiations that are more in line with insurer's evaluation of the claim can lead to less overall costs.
- Senate Bill 54 aims to lower the number of uninsured and underinsured drivers and provide a greater safety net in the event of an accident.

Commented [BK1]: I'm not sure about this sentence… they aren't really "receiving better coverage"… they would be required to purchase better coverage?.. I think…

Commented [LC2]: Suggestion to delete this talking point and replace with something like, "For everyone's protection, drivers must be insured at sufficient levels."¶
"Insurance is not optional today, but PIP and the current levels of coverage are insufficient."

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Bill Summary:

Repeal Personal Injury Protection (PIP) and Mandate Bodily Injury (BI) Coverage

- Repeals the Florida's No-Fault Law, which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain PIP coverage.
- Enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:
    - For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and;
    - Subject to that limit for one person, $50,000 for BI or death of two or more people in any one crash.
    - Retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.
    - Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
    - Eliminates limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Mandate the Offer of Medical Payments Coverage (MedPay)

- Requires insurers to offer MedPay with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured.
    - Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000.
    - Insurers may offer deductibles of up to $500.
- Requires insurers to reserve $5,000 of MedPay to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.

Create a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

- Creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance.
- Requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.
- Establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:

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- Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
- State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
- Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
- Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed their policy limit.
- Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
- Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of demand and ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.

- Allows the third-party bad faith claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a 2 hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets.
- The claimant may withdraw the settlement demand after the EUO.
- If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, they may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.
- Provides a safe harbor to the insurer in third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., providing that an insurer is not liable for bad faith if it tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a settlement demand.
- Requires the trier of fact to consider certain actions of the insurer such as compliance with best practices.
- Prohibits punitive damages in a bad faith failure to settle action.

<u>Allow Named Driver Exclusions</u>

- Authorizes the exclusion of a specifically named individual from specified insurance coverages under a private passenger motor vehicle policy, with the written consent of the policyholder.

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Subject: Senate Bill 484 Summary

Senators,

Attached is a bill summary for Senate Bill 484: Combating Public Disorder by Senator Danny Burgess Please do not hesitate to utilize this document as your office addresses constituent concerns and ideas. Our office is available to assist you should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The Senate Majority Office
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Senate Bill 484: Combating Public Disorder
by Senator Danny Burgess

Bill Summary:

- Codifies current offense of rioting and creates new offenses of aggravated rioting and aggravated inciting or encouraging a riot.

- Creates a minimum mandatory sentence of six months in jail for a person convicted of battery of a law enforcement officer in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.

- Creates offense of doxing that will make it a 1st degree misdemeanor to electronically publish another's personal identification information with the intent the information will be used to threaten, intimidate, harass, or place a person in fear of death or great bodily harm.

- Creates offense of mob intimidation for an assembly of three or more persons acting together to compel another person by force, or threat of force, to do any act or assume or abandon a particular viewpoint.

- Creates a cause of action and waives sovereign immunity to allow a victim of a crime resulting from a riot to sue a municipality for damages – if, the municipality obstructed or interfered with law enforcement's ability to provide police protection during a riot or unlawful assembly.

- Enhances penalties for defacing a memorial and creates offense of destroying a memorial. Also, requires mandatory restitution for the full cost of repair or replacement of the memorial.

- Reclassifies the misdemeanor or felony degree of the offenses of assault, battery, theft and burglary offenses when committed in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.

- Requires a person to be held in jail until appearing before a court for a first appearance when the individual is arrested for certain rioting offenses.

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- Increases the ranking in the offense severity ranking chart for specified crimes committed in furtherance of a riot. The offenses include aggravated assault or battery, assault or battery on a law enforcement officer, removing a tomb or monument or disturbing a grave, and specified thefts or burglaries.

- Provides a process for objecting to a reduction in a police budget and will allow the Governor and Cabinet to overturn a reduction upon a finding that public safety would be compromised.

- Corrects constitutional infirmities in current law to permit law enforcement to prohibit obstructing streets, highways, and roads and creates a defense to civil liability for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage arising from injury or damage sustained by a person participating in a riot or unlawful assembly.

- This is companion legislation to House Bill 1.

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The Committee on Health Policy (Simmons) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 210.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

210.15 Permits.—

(1)

(b) Permits shall be issued only to persons of good moral character, who are not less than 21 ~~18~~ years of age. Permits to

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corporations shall be issued only to corporations whose officers are of good moral character and not less than 21 ~~18~~ years of age. There shall be no exemptions from the permit fees herein provided to any persons, association of persons, or corporation, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 386.212, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

386.212 Smoking and vaping prohibited near school property; penalty.—

(1) It is unlawful for any person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age to smoke tobacco or vape in, on, or within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school ~~between the hours of 6 a.m. and midnight~~. This section does not apply to any person occupying a moving vehicle or within a private residence.

Section 3. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 569.002, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

569.002 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

(6) "Tobacco products" includes:

(a) Any product containing, made of, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether inhaled, absorbed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, a cigarette, a cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus;

(b) Any vapor-generating electronic device and any substances that may be aerosolized or vaporized by such device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine; or

(c) Any component, part, or accessory of a product described in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), whether or not any

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of these contain tobacco or nicotine, including, but not limited to, filters, rolling papers, blunt or hemp wraps, and pipes.

The term does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ~~loose tobacco leaves, and products made from tobacco leaves, in whole or in part, and cigarette wrappers, which can be used for smoking, sniffing, or chewing.~~

(7) "Vapor-generating electronic device" means any product that employs an electronic, chemical, or mechanical means capable of producing vapor or aerosol from a nicotine product or any other substance, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or other similar device or product; any replacement cartridge for such device; and any other container of nicotine in a solution or other substance form intended to be used with or within an electronic cigarette, an electronic cigar, an electronic cigarillo, an electronic pipe, a vape pen, an electronic hookah, or other similar device or product. The term includes any component, part, or accessory of the device and also includes any substance intended to be aerosolized or vaporized during the use of the device, whether or not the substance contains nicotine.

The term does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act ~~"Any person under the age of 18" does not~~

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~~include any person under the age of 18 who:~~

~~(a) Has had his or her disability of nonage removed under chapter 743;~~

~~(b) Is in the military reserve or on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States;~~

~~(c) Is otherwise emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction and released from parental care and responsibility;~~ ~~or~~

~~(d) Is acting in his or her scope of lawful employment with an entity licensed under the provisions of chapter 210 or this chapter~~.

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 569.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

569.003 Retail tobacco products dealer permits; application; qualifications; fees; renewal; duplicates.—

(2)(a) Permits may be issued only to persons who are 21 ~~18~~ years of age or older or to corporations the officers of which are 21 ~~18~~ years of age or older.

Section 5. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 569.007, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

569.007 Sale or delivery of tobacco products; restrictions.—

(1) In order to prevent persons under 21 ~~18~~ years of age from purchasing or receiving tobacco products, the sale or delivery of tobacco products is prohibited, except:

(a) When under the direct control or line of sight of the dealer or the dealer's agent or employee; or

(b) Sales from a vending machine are prohibited under ~~the provisions of~~ paragraph ~~(1)~~(a) and are only permissible from a

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machine that is located in an establishment that prohibits persons under 21 years of age on the licensed premises at all times ~~equipped with an operational lockout device which is under the control of the dealer or the dealer's agent or employee who directly regulates the sale of items through the machine by triggering the lockout device to allow the dispensing of one tobacco product. The lockout device must include a mechanism to prevent the machine from functioning if the power source for the lockout device fails or if the lockout device is disabled, and a mechanism to ensure that only one tobacco product is dispensed at a time.~~

~~(2) The provisions of subsection (1) shall not apply to an establishment that prohibits persons under 18 years of age on the licensed premises~~.

Section 6. Section 569.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

569.101 Selling, delivering, bartering, furnishing, or giving tobacco products to persons under 21 ~~18~~ years of age; criminal penalties; defense.—

(1) It is unlawful to sell, deliver, barter, furnish, or give, directly or indirectly, to any person who is under 21 ~~18~~ years of age, any tobacco product.

(2) Any person who violates subsection (1) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. However, any person who violates subsection (1) for a second or subsequent time within 1 year of the first violation, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(3) A person charged with a violation of subsection (1) has

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a complete defense if, at the time the tobacco product was sold, delivered, bartered, furnished, or given:

(a) The buyer or recipient falsely evidenced that she or he was 21 ~~18~~ years of age or older;

(b) The appearance of the buyer or recipient was such that a prudent person would believe the buyer or recipient to be 21 ~~18~~ years of age or older; and

(c) Such person carefully checked a driver license or an identification card issued by this state or another state of the United States, a passport, or a United States armed services identification card presented by the buyer or recipient and acted in good faith and in reliance upon the representation and appearance of the buyer or recipient in the belief that the buyer or recipient was 21 ~~18~~ years of age or older.

(4) A person must verify by means of identification specified in paragraph (3)(c) that a person purchasing a tobacco product is not under 21 years of age. Such verification is not required for any person over the age of 29.

Section 7. Section 877.112, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) of section 210.095, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

210.095 Mail order, Internet, and remote sales of tobacco products; age verification.—

(5) Each person who mails, ships, or otherwise delivers tobacco products in connection with an order for a delivery sale must:

(a) Include as part of the shipping documents, in a clear and conspicuous manner, the following statement: "Tobacco Products: Florida law prohibits shipping to individuals under 21

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~~18~~ years of age and requires the payment of all applicable taxes."

(b) Use a method of mailing, shipping, or delivery which obligates the delivery service to require:

1. The individual submitting the order for the delivery sale or another adult who resides at the individual's address to sign his or her name to accept delivery of the shipping container. Proof of the legal minimum purchase age of the individual accepting delivery is required only if the individual appears to be under 30 ~~27~~ years of age.

2. Proof that the individual is either the addressee or the adult designated by the addressee, in the form of a valid, government-issued identification card bearing a photograph of the individual who signs to accept delivery of the shipping container.

If the person accepting a purchase order for a delivery sale delivers the tobacco products without using a delivery service, the person must comply with all of the requirements of this section which apply to a delivery service. Any failure to comply with a requirement of this section constitutes a violation thereof.

Section 9. Section 569.0075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

569.0075 Gift of sample tobacco products prohibited.—The gift of sample tobacco products to any person under the age of 21 ~~18~~ by an entity licensed or permitted under the provisions of chapter 210 or this chapter, or by an employee of such entity, is prohibited and is punishable as provided in s. 569.101.

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Section 10. Subsection (1), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2), and subsection (3) of section 569.008, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

569.008 Responsible retail tobacco products dealers; qualifications; mitigation of disciplinary penalties; diligent management and supervision; presumption.—

(1) The Legislature intends to prevent the sale of tobacco products to persons under 21 ~~18~~ years of age and to encourage retail tobacco products dealers to comply with responsible practices in accordance with this section.

(2) To qualify as a responsible retail tobacco products dealer, the dealer must establish and implement procedures designed to ensure that the dealer's employees comply with the provisions of this chapter. The dealer must provide a training program for the dealer's employees which addresses the use and sale of tobacco products and which includes at least the following topics:

(b) Methods of recognizing and handling customers under 21 ~~18~~ years of age.

(c) Procedures for proper examination of identification cards in order to verify that customers are not under 21 ~~18~~ years of age.

(3) In determining penalties under s. 569.006, the division may mitigate penalties imposed against a dealer because of an employee's illegal sale of a tobacco product to a person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age if the following conditions are met:

(a) The dealer is qualified as a responsible dealer under this section.

(b) The dealer provided the training program required under

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subsection (2) to that employee before the illegal sale occurred.

(c) The dealer had no knowledge of that employee's violation at the time of the violation and did not direct, approve, or participate in the violation.

(d) If the sale was made through a vending machine, the machine was equipped with an operational lock-out device.

Section 11. Section 569.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

569.11 Possession, misrepresenting age ~~or military service~~ to purchase, and purchase of tobacco products by persons under 21 ~~18~~ years of age prohibited; penalties; jurisdiction; disposition of fines.—

(1) It is unlawful for any person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age to knowingly possess any tobacco product. Any person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age who violates this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as provided in s. 775.08(3), punishable by:

(a) For a first violation, 16 hours of community service or, instead of community service, a $25 fine. In addition, the person must attend a school-approved anti-tobacco program, if locally available; or

(b) For a second or subsequent violation within 12 weeks after the first violation, a $25 fine.

Any second or subsequent violation not within the 12-week period after the first violation is punishable as provided for a first violation.

(2) It is unlawful for any person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age to misrepresent his or her age ~~or military service~~ for the

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purpose of inducing a dealer or an agent or employee of the dealer to sell, give, barter, furnish, or deliver any tobacco product, or to purchase, or attempt to purchase, any tobacco product from a person or a vending machine. Any person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age who violates this subsection commits a noncriminal violation as provided in s. 775.08(3), punishable by:

(a) For a first violation, 16 hours of community service or, instead of community service, a $25 fine and, in addition, the person must attend a school-approved anti-tobacco program, if available; or

(b) For a second or subsequent violation within 12 weeks after the first violation, a $25 fine.

Any second or subsequent violation not within the 12-week period after the first violation is punishable as provided for a first violation.

(3) Any person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age cited for committing a noncriminal violation under this section must sign and accept a civil citation indicating a promise to appear before the county court or comply with the requirement for paying the fine and must attend a school-approved anti-tobacco program, if locally available. If a fine is assessed for a violation of this section, the fine must be paid within 30 days after the date of the citation or, if a court appearance is mandatory, within 30 days after the date of the hearing.

(4) A person charged with a noncriminal violation under this section must appear before the county court or comply with the requirement for paying the fine. The court, after a hearing,

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shall make a determination as to whether the noncriminal violation was committed. If the court finds the violation was committed, it shall impose an appropriate penalty as specified in subsection (1) or subsection (2). A person who participates in community service shall be considered an employee of the state for the purpose of chapter 440, for the duration of such service.

(5)(a) If a person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age is found by the court to have committed a noncriminal violation under this section and that person has failed to complete community service, pay the fine as required by paragraph (1)(a) or paragraph (2)(a), or attend a school-approved anti-tobacco program, if locally available, the court may direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend the driver license or driving privilege of that person for a period of 30 consecutive days.

(b) If a person under 21 ~~18~~ years of age is found by the court to have committed a noncriminal violation under this section and that person has failed to pay the applicable fine as required by paragraph (1)(b) or paragraph (2)(b), the court may direct the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold issuance of or suspend the driver license or driving privilege of that person for a period of 45 consecutive days.

(6) Eighty percent of all civil penalties received by a county court pursuant to this section shall be remitted by the clerk of the court to the Department of Revenue for transfer to the Department of Education to provide for teacher training and for research and evaluation to reduce and prevent the use of tobacco products by children. The remaining 20 percent of civil

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penalties received by a county court pursuant to this section shall remain with the clerk of the county court to cover administrative costs.

Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 569.12, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

569.12 Jurisdiction; tobacco product enforcement officers or agents; enforcement.—

(2)

(b) A tobacco product enforcement officer is authorized to issue a citation to a person under the age of 21 ~~18~~ when, based upon personal investigation, the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person has committed a civil infraction in violation of s. 386.212 or s. 569.11.

(3) A correctional probation officer as defined in s. 943.10(3) is authorized to issue a citation to a person under the age of 21 ~~18~~ when, based upon personal investigation, the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person has committed a civil infraction in violation of s. 569.11.

Section 13. Section 569.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

569.14 Posting of a sign stating that the sale of tobacco products to persons under 21 ~~18~~ years of age is unlawful; enforcement; penalty.—

(1) A dealer that sells tobacco products shall post a clear and conspicuous sign in each place of business where such products are sold which substantially states the following:

THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 ~~18~~ IS AGAINST FLORIDA LAW. PROOF OF AGE IS

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REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.

(2) ~~A dealer that sells tobacco products and nicotine products or nicotine dispensing devices, as defined in s. 877.112, may use a sign that substantially states the following:~~

~~THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, NICOTINE PRODUCTS, OR NICOTINE DISPENSING DEVICES TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS AGAINST FLORIDA LAW. PROOF OF AGE IS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE.~~

~~A dealer that uses a sign as described in this subsection meets the signage requirements of subsection (1) and s. 877.112.~~

~~(3)~~ The division shall make available to dealers of tobacco products signs that meet the requirements of subsection (1) ~~or subsection (2)~~.

(3)~~(4)~~ Any dealer that sells tobacco products shall provide at the checkout counter in a location clearly visible to the dealer or the dealer's agent or employee instructional material in a calendar format or similar format to assist in determining whether a person is of legal age to purchase tobacco products. This point of sale material must contain substantially the following language:

IF YOU WERE NOT BORN BEFORE THIS DATE
(insert date and applicable year)
YOU CANNOT BUY TOBACCO PRODUCTS.

Upon approval by the division, in lieu of a calendar a dealer

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may use card readers, scanners, or other electronic or automated systems that can verify whether a person is of legal age to purchase tobacco products. Failure to comply with the provisions contained in this subsection shall result in imposition of administrative penalties as provided in s. 569.006.

(4) ~~(5)~~ The division, through its agents and inspectors, shall enforce this section.

(5) ~~(6)~~ Any person who fails to comply with subsection (1) is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 14. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 569.19, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

569.19 Annual report.—The division shall report annually with written findings to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, on the progress of implementing the enforcement provisions of this chapter. This must include, but is not limited to:

(3) The number of violations for selling tobacco products to persons under age 21 ~~18~~, and the results of administrative hearings on the above and related issues.

(4) The number of persons under age 21 ~~18~~ cited for violations of s. 569.11 and sanctions imposed as a result of citation.

Section 15. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020, if SB ___ or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

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And the title is amended as follows:

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Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to tobacco and nicotine products; amending s. 210.15, F.S.; revising the age limits for permits relating to cigarettes; amending s. 386.212, F.S.; revising age and time restrictions relating to the prohibition of smoking and vaping near school property; amending s. 569.002, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "tobacco products"; defining the term "vapor-generating electronic device"; deleting the term "any person under the age of 18"; amending s. 569.003, F.S.; revising the age limits for retail tobacco products dealer permits; amending s. 569.007, F.S.; revising prohibitions on the sale of tobacco products from vending machines; conforming provisions to federal law; amending s. 569.101, F.S.; requiring that the age of persons purchasing tobacco products be verified under certain circumstances; repealing s. 877.112, F.S., relating to nicotine products and nicotine dispensing devices; amending ss. 210.095, 569.0075, 569.008, 569.11, 569.12, 569.14, and 569.19, F.S.; conforming provisions to federal law; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing a contingent effective date.

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Summary of SB 54 – Motor Vehicle Insurance

Repeal PIP and Mandate BI

- Repeals the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law (No-Fault Law), which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage.
- Beginning January 1, 2021, the bill enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:
  - For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and
  - Subject to that limit for one person, $50,000 for BI or death of two or more people in any one crash.
  - The bill retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage (PD).
- Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
- Repealing the No-Fault Law eliminates the limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP insureds, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Mandate the Offer of Medical Payments Coverage

- Requires insurers to offer medical payments coverage (MedPay) with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured.
  - Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000.
  - Insurers may offer deductibles of up to $500.
- Requires insurers must reserve $5,000 of MedPay benefits for 30 days to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.

Create a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

- Creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance.
- Requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.
- Establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:
  - Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.

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- State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
- Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and the amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
- Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed the insured's policy limit.
- Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
- Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of the demand and the ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.

- Allows the third-party bad faith claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a 2 hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets.
  - The bad faith claimant may withdraw the demand for settlement after the EUO.
  - If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, the insurer may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.
- Provides a safe harbor to the insurer in third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., providing that an insurer is not liable for bad faith if it tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a demand for settlement.
- Requires the trier of fact, when determining if an insurer in bad faith failed to settle, to consider certain actions of the insurer such as compliance with best practices along with certain actions of the insured and claimant.
- Prohibits punitive damages in a bad faith failure to settle action.

Allow Named Driver Exclusions

- Authorizes the exclusion of a specifically named individual from specified insurance coverages under a private passenger motor vehicle policy, with the written consent of the policyholder.

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Updates from the Florida Senate

Dear friends,

Yesterday I arrived in Tallahassee for my first committee week as your state senator. We have a lot of work ahead of us and the 2021 Legislative Session is just around the corner.

Over the next few months, I will be sending regular newsletters to update you about what's happening in Tallahassee.

In this inaugural newsletter, I provide a brief overview of the upcoming week and discuss a few of the bills I've filed so far.

It is an honor to serve you in the Florida Senate.

Forward March,

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SB 494: Administration of Vaccines

On Friday I filed legislation to improve access to vaccinations for Floridians. **SB 494: Administration of Vaccines** would amend Florida State Statutes to allow pharmacists who meet certain requirements to administer vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to adults.

This legislation will increase the number of vaccination sites by allowing licensed and approved pharmacists to vaccinate the public at their local pharmacy.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder

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We are a nation of law and order, not violence, destruction, and unrest. We respect the right to peacefully protest, but the shameful conduct we witnessed at the United States Capitol and episodes of violent civil unrest that we have witnessed over the last several months have no place in our country.

SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder makes it clear that here in Florida criminals who seek to thwart peaceful protests by willfully inciting violence, attacking law enforcement, and destroying public or private property will be held accountable.

Read the statements from Governor Ron DeSantis, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senate President Wilton Simpson, and Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin HERE.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

SB 520: Social Media Websites

For better or for worse, social media has become a major part of our everyday life and society. First thing Monday morning, I filed **SB 520: Social Media Websites**.

This legislation would require social media companies to provide individual and business users notice when the website has suspended or disabled a user's account and requires the companies to detail the steps necessary to restore the account.

SB 520 signals to social media websites that regardless of a person's background, political history, religion, race, gender, or any other identifying measure, Twitter and Facebook cannot be the sole judge, jury, and executioner of Americans' First Amendment rights.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

The Week Ahead

As the chair of the Senate Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, I am looking forward to our first meeting on Thursday, January 14.

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees and the Secretary of the Florida Agency on Health Care Administration, Mary Mayhew will be presenting to the committee.

You can watch the committee meeting safely from your office or from home on the Florida Channel here from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

My Committee Assignments

- Agriculture
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
- Banking and Insurance
- Commerce and Tourism
- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, **Chair**
- Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

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Please draft a response to this to outline every inaccurate statement in it

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State Senator, District 20
Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: The state legislators need to STOP their attacks on HOME RULE

Senator Burgess,
Will city councils be reluctant to increase police budgets if SB 484 passes? This is a horrible attack on home rule.

My town is experimenting with ways to keep people out of jail by utilizing social workers and monies to find the homeless places to live. IF you force the city council to keep the same budget for our sheriff's office, they might be less inclined to raise the budget one year for an experimental plan that might cost more in the initial year. Please QUIT attacking home rule.

There are multiple problems with your bill SB 484. One of the problems is an attack on home rule. Cities will be struggling with their budgets. What right does the state have to step in? Excerpt from SB 484:

Starting at line 107

(4)(a) Within 30 days after a municipality posts its tentative budget to the official website under subsection (3), a resident of the municipality may file an appeal by petition to the Administration Commission ***if the tentative budget contains a funding reduction to the operating budget of the municipal law enforcement agency***.

Beginning on line 118

The petition shall be filed with the Executive Office of the Governor,

Beginning on line 122

The governing body of the municipality has 5 working days after delivery of a copy of the petition to file a reply with the Executive Office of the Governor,

Beginning on line 135

The budget as approved, amended, or modified by the Administration Commission shall be final.

Thanks,
Susan Aertker

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From: George Sofikitis <g.sofikitissop@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:07 PM EST
To: g.sofikitissop@gmail.com <g.sofikitissop@gmail.com>
CC: mitchell@cwbmed.com <mitchell@cwbmed.com>
Subject: Greek Genocide Recognition
Attachment(s): "FL Senate Proposed Resolution.docx","GS - SENATE Genocide Recognition letter.docx"

Good Morning Senators,

Between the years of 1914 to 1923, the Ottoman Government and Turkish Nationalists began a pogrom to exterminate the minority Christian ethnicities that had existed on the Anatolian peninsula for thousands of years. Communities of Armenians, Assyrians, and Greeks were forced out of their homes to death camps where they were raped, converted, or died as laborers. During this time hundreds of thousands of Christian Orthodox cultural, historical and religious monuments were desecrated or destroyed. The lucky ones became refugees in Greece or North America, most never saw their family again.

In 2017 we began a fight in Florida to have the Greek Genocide recognized. In fact, approximately 1.2 million Greeks perished or were deported during this period. If you or your staff would be interested in learning more about this atrocity, the Greek Genocide Resource Center has much information including maps, eye-witness accounts, and newspaper reporting. You can find their resources and more information here: http://greek-genocide.net/

At this critical time in history, we would be honored and grateful for your support of this draft resolution. Recognition would be a huge step in remembrance of the horrors many Greek-Americans endured and their fight for religious and cultural freedom.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, I eagerly hope for your support on this important issue.

Thank you for your time,

--
George Sofikitis
District 2 Sons of Pericles Lieutenant Governor
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Proposed Senate Resolution

A resolution celebrating the Bicentennial of Greece,
recognizing the Greek Genocide of 1914-1923, and commemorating July 24, 1923
as "Greek Genocide Remembrance Day."

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the 200th anniversary of the nation of Greece, after achieving independence from the Ottoman Empire, and

WHEREAS, the United States and Greece had a mutual influence on each other during their respective revolutionary eras, where our Founding Fathers drew on Hellenistic values during the American Revolution and, later, Greek Revolutionary heroes drew inspiration from the era of the American Revolution and the Enlightenment, and

WHEREAS, the independence of the nation of Greece was the start of 200 years of a shared friendship and history between the United States and Greece as champions of liberty, equality, and democracy, and

WHEREAS, as part of this modern Greek history, from 1914 to 1923, approximately 1.2 million men, women and children of Greek descent were victims of genocide or were deported and displaced from their homes at the direction of the Ottoman Turks, and

WHEREAS, American newspapers confirmed that Greeks in the region of Thrace and at Smyrna were subjected to systematic persecution and the persecution soon thereafter spread to other regions such as Pontus and Asia Minor, and

WHEREAS, Henry Morgenthau, the United States ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, in his 1918 published article, acknowledged this "whole devilish scheme to annihilate the Armenian, Greek and Syrian Christians of Turkey" and further found that "Greeks were the first victims of this nationalizing idea," and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1923, the parties signed the Treaty of Lausanne, formally ending the violence of Ottoman Turks against Greeks, Armenians, Assyrians, and other Christian minorities, and

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WHEREAS, Greek-Americans and Greeks from across the world currently remember the genocide through several remembrance days specific to the regions of Thrace, Pontus, and Asia Minor, and

WHEREAS, eight other states have passed resolutions and commemorations on a regional basis honoring the memory of the Greeks who were victims of the Ottoman Empire, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, both in the House and the Senate, has passed a resolution commemorating, recognizing, and remembering the Armenian Genocide, in which the Greek victims are also mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the gravity of this atrocity and the strength of the modern Hellenic diaspora must be made aware, both to understand the unconscionability of this chapter of world history and to use this tragedy as a learning opportunity to eliminate hatred and division from our own communities, and

WHEREAS, the constituents of Florida are strong in their belief that all people should condemn crimes committed against any culture or people in order to prevent similar atrocities in the future, and

WHEREAS, Greek-Americans living in Florida have greatly enriched our state through leadership in business, agriculture, academia, government, and the arts, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That we recognize July 24, 1923 as "Greek Genocide Remembrance Day" in the State of Florida and commemorate the sacrifice of the Greek martyrs from 1914 to 1923.

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The Order of the Sons of Pericles

Promoting Heritage, Service, Brotherhood since 1926

1909 Q Street N.W. Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20009

January 2021

The Honorable Senators of the Florida Legislature
Senate Office Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Senators:

My name is George Sofikitis and I am a Florida resident and a current leader of the international nonprofit organization, the Sons of Pericles. The Sons of Pericles is a fraternal organization for young men dedicated to the promotion of Greek culture, service to our community and the fostering of brotherhood between our members. I am a proud member of the West Palm Beach member cluster and have been a resident and an active member of the Martin and Palm Beach county communities for several years.

During the 2021 legislative session, I am writing to request your support on a Senate Resolution, which has received great support throughout the State of Florida, across the several States, and from the international Greek community. We are pushing heavily for the formal recognition of the Greek Genocide of 1914 to 1923, where almost 1.2 million Greeks were massacred and hundreds of thousands more were deported and forced to flee from their homes as refugees. This year, Greek Americans throughout the United States are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the hard-fought independence of Greece in 1821. Just 100 years after independence, Greek minorities within the Ottoman Empire were still subject to the atrocities of a mass genocide of communities that existed for thousands of years. Our petition is sponsored by the international Sons of Pericles organization and supported by Hellenic organizations such as the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, the Greek Genocide Resource Center, the Hellenic American Leadership Council, and the American Hellenic Council.

At this crucial time, we would be honored and grateful for your support of this resolution in what is a huge step forward in the remembrance of this historical atrocity, a recognition of the horrors that the ancestors of many Greek-Americans endured, and a general condemnation of both the oppression of religious and cultural freedom and the systematic effort to eliminate human lives.

With high regard,

George Sofikitis

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From: Lorena R. Hardwick <HardwickL@gohart.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:21 PM EDT
Subject: HART Autonomous Vehicle Preview

Good afternoon,

I hope this e-mail finds you healthy and enjoying your week.

I am writing to share that HART will be hosting a preview of our new AV pilot project that will start operating in a few weeks. We are extending an invitation to you and your member and hope you can join us.

This is an exciting time as we prepare to run this pilot and offer first and last mile service in the downtown Tampa core. The service will have four stops and run on Marion Street between the Marion Transit Hub and Laurel Street.

Press conference and official unveiling will be on September 18, so we ask that if you participate to not post on social media.

Preview Dates:
September 14, 15 OR 16.

Please share the best time on one of those dates, (14 or 15 or 16), and I'll confirm you on our schedule. Please block off an hour for this event. Once you confirm a date and time, I will send more details.

We will adhere to social distancing guidelines and will ensure that we don't overcrowd the vehicle. Our partners at BEEP will ensure the vehicles are thoroughly disinfected and will take all precautions to ensure our safety. Face coverings are required.

This is a PRIVATE event. There will be no media in attendance.

We will send information on the ribbon cutting once we have all the details in place – but for now, if you are interested, please hold September 18th around 11 a.m.

Cheers,
Lorena

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To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>; Barquin, JuanF <JuanF.Barquin@myfloridahouse.gov>
CC: Amy Mercer <amercer@fpca.com>; Tim Stanfield (stanfieldt@gtlaw.com) <stanfieldt@gtlaw.com>
Subject: HB 1 - SB 484 (Combating Public Disorder)
Attachment(s): "2021 FPCA Letter Supporting Public Disorder Bills HB 1 SB 484 FINAL.pdf"

Good morning,
Attached is correspondence from the Florida Police Chiefs Association Executive Director Amy Mercer in support of your legislation.
Thank you,

Pat

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Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
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The Florida House of Representatives
315 House Office Building
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

The Honorable Danny Burgess
The Florida Senate
308 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street
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Dear Rep. Fernandez-Barquin and Sen. Burgess:

On behalf of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and over 900 of Florida's top law enforcement executives from across every region of the state, we applaud your sponsorship of HB 1 and SB 484, respectively, that are intended to maintain public order and keep the peace.

The Florida Police Chiefs Association believes that peaceful protest is a defining hallmark of our society. The member agencies of the Florida Police Chiefs Association are committed to defending every citizen's right to peacefully protest. At the same time, violent protests endanger lives and threaten the rights of every other citizen whom law enforcement officers swear an oath to protect. Violent and disorderly assembly, destroying property, harassing, and threatening citizens going about their business, and attacking law enforcement are all unacceptable behavior that your legislation aims to prevent.

Finally, while we've long called for additional funding for mental health and social service support, we staunchly oppose any disproportionate reduction in funding for law enforcement that would jeopardize public safety.

Thank you for your leadership on these issues and your unwavering support for Florida's law enforcement and the rule of law.

Sincerely,

Amy Mercer

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Executive Director

cc: Senator Wilton Simpson, Senate President
Representative Chris Sprowls, Speaker of the House
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To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: HB 1 is Unconstitutional! Vote no.

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Subject: HB 1 Summary

HB 1 Summary

HB 1 relates to combatting public disturbances and will:

- Codify current offense of rioting and create new offenses of aggravated rioting and aggravated inciting or encouraging a riot.
- Enhance penalties for defacing a memorial, create offense of destroying a memorial and require mandatory restitution for the full cost of repair or replacement of the memorial.
- Create offense of mob intimidation for an assembly of three or more persons to act together to compel another person by force, or threat of force, to do any act or assume or abandon a particular viewpoint.
- Create offense of doxing that will make it a 1st degree misdemeanor to electronically publish another's personal identification information with the intent the information will be used to threaten, intimidate, harass, or place a person in fear of death or great bodily harm.
- Create a minimum mandatory sentence of six months in jail for a person convicted of battery of a law enforcement officer in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.
- Reclassify the misdemeanor or felony degree of the offenses of assault, battery, theft and burglary offenses when committed in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.
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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:56 AM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: HB1 is Unconstitutional and Violates the Rights of Florida's Citizens

Natalie Brown,

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Subject: HB1 is unconstitutional

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today soxthat you OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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Comment or Question:
Dear Senator,
I am concerned about the attempt to repeal the PIP coverage that protects persons injured in motor vehicle collisions. Replacing the coverage with BI of minimum 25/50,000 is not sufficient to cover losses incurred by a motor vehicle accident. Mostly all other States have a minimum of 100/300,000 liability coverage. The Medical Benefits of minimum $5000 is not enough coverage for the emergency room visit should a person have to be transported there for treatment. Lastly, the requirement of legal counsel will increase since a lawsuit will be needed to get the third party insurers to pay for injuries sustained. Please protect patients and physicians by keeping a minimum of $10,000 for medical expenses while increasing the insurance minimums to 100/300,000.
Sincerely,
Dr. O'Hara

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From: Castillo, Christina <Christina.Castillo@fldoe.org>
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Subject: Hispanic Heritage Month Recipients

Dear **Senators,**

First Lady Casey DeSantis has announced the Hispanic Heritage month student winners and Excellence in Education Award recipients! This year's theme was "Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida." Students in grades K-3 had a chance to win a cash prize by submitting their original artwork, and students in grades 4-12 had a chance to earn a 4-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship through the essay contest.

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To learn more about Florida's rich history of contributions by Hispanic-Americans and the recipients please see the release below my signature and visit www.FloridaHispanicHeritage.com.

Kindly,

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First Lady Casey DeSantis Announces 2020 Hispanic Heritage Month Student, Teacher Contest Winners

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, First Lady Casey DeSantis announced the Hispanic Heritage Month student contest winners and Excellence in Education Award recipients. This year's theme was "Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida." Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated every year in Florida from September 15 through October 15.

"Students from across the state created incredible essay and art submissions to celebrate the accomplishments of Hispanic Americans who call Florida home," said **First Lady DeSantis**. "The lasting influence of key figures commemorated – from public servants to educators to frontline health care workers – show that Hispanic Americans continue to make a mark on our great state. Congratulations to the winners! The Governor and I thank those committed to telling the stories of our state's Hispanic communities and their culture."

"I join the Governor and First Lady in highlighting extraordinarily gifted young Floridians as well as teachers committed to inspiring our students to learn about the diversity of Hispanic culture," said **Lt. Governor Jeanette Nuñez**. "Our children are our future, and it is promising to see the talent presented in the entries this year in celebration of Hispanic Americans in Florida."

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"Art can be a message or a vehicle by which an artist tells a story, evokes a feeling or shares a moment in time," said**Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee, Florida's Chief Cultural Officer.** "Whether that art is a vibrant, visual representation of those stories and feeling, or a creatively written work that weaves together emotion and words, I'm proud of all the students who celebrated the untold stories and contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida in our state's history. I'm grateful to our First Lady for recognizing these

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talented young artists and ensuring these vibrant contributions of art and culture will continue for future generations."

"With their vibrant culture and unique talents and skills, Hispanic Americans have contributed greatly to Florida's rich history," said **Volunteer Florida CEO Corey Simon**. "Thank you, Governor and First Lady DeSantis for hosting this year's contests which honor and celebrate the contributions of Hispanic Americans across the Sunshine State."

Award recipients are as follows:
The following student essay contest winners – one elementary, one middle and one high school student – earned a four-year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

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Lucille Procaccino, Shorecrest Preparatory School, Pinellas County
Lucille detailed what an inspirational influence her tennis coach, Jorge, has been in her life. Originally from Bolivia, Jorge is a kind and patient person who helps so many in their community whether it is on or off the tennis court.

Jackson Breeden, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, Brevard County.
Jackson's essay, titled "Maria Mestre de los Dolores Andreu Lit the Way", highlights how Florida's first female Hispanic American member of the U.S. Coast Guard and first female St. Augustine lightkeeper paved the way in a position typically not held by women at that point in history.

Sophie Penafiel, TERRA Environmental Research Institute, Miami-Dade County.
Sophie featured Operation Pedro Pan, the mass exodus of over 14,000 unaccompanied Cuban minors to the United States in the early 1960s. Her essay focused on Juan F. Pedro who immigrated to the U.S. through Operation Pedro Pan and is now a business owner in Miami.

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Violet Baltz, Sunlake Academy of Math & Science, Hillsborough County
Violet is a kindergartener who drew a picture she titled "Our Heritage."

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Eden is a first grader who drew a picture she titled "Notable Hispanic Floridians" depicting prominentFloridians such as United States Circuit Judge Barbara Lagoa and Olympic swimmer Maritza Correia McClendon. Julian Sanchez, Indian Trace Elementary School, Broward County. Julian is a second grader who drew a picture he titled "Mi Abuelo: Jose Maria Prieto Codina."

Giahna Padilla, Marsh Pointe Elementary, Palm Beach County.
Giahna is a third grader who drew a picture she titled "Celebrating Untold Stories and Contributions of Hispanic Americans in Florida" depicting health care professionals, teachers, first responders, and other key careers. First Lady Casey DeSantis also honored three outstanding educators with the Excellence in Education Award. The recipients were nominated by students and peers.

Excellence in Education Award Winners
Lorraine Fernandez, Claywell Elementary School, Hillsborough County.
Working as a tireless advocate for her school's English language learners and their families, Lorraine spearheads Hispanic Heritage Month activities at her school to help enrich students allowing them to learn more about Hispanic culture. Her efforts include creating colorful displays and allowing students to experience Hispanic performances by storytellers, Flamenco dancers, and guitarists.

Celia Taylor, Seminole Middle School, Broward County.
Celia Taylor created an English as a Second Language (ESOL) wing in the media center at Seminole Middle School. There, she works with English language learners, assisting them with online language programs, translating assignments for them and empowering students to become bilingual.

Libna Sierra, Master's Academy of Vero Beach, Indian River County.
Originally from Campeche, Mexico, Libna enjoys sharing her heritage and culture with students so that they can appreciate the Spanish language and culture. Not only does Libna contribute to Master's Academy of Vero Beach as a Spanish and Technology teacher, but she volunteers in the community to assist Hispanic families.

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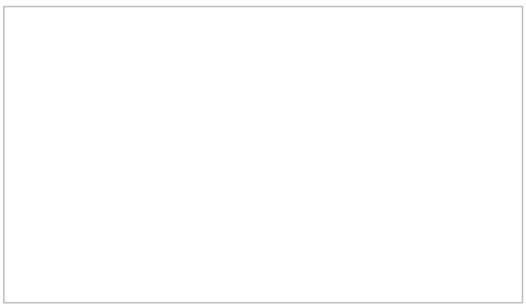

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Senators,

SB 54 does not change current Florida law regarding enforcement of automobile financial responsibility requirements, nor does the bill change the fees for reinstating a license or the penalties for driving on a suspended license. Here is current Florida law regarding the process by which DHSMV is made aware of cancelled insurance and the penalties for driving on a suspended license:

- Section 324.0221, F.S., requires insurers to notify the DHSMV within 10 days of the insurer cancelling, nonrenewing an auto insurance policy, or if the insurer writes a new auto insurance policy.
    - DHSMV must suspend the license and registration of any driver that fails to maintain the required security (usually through a PIP/PD policy).
    - An insured may reinstate his or her license and registration by procuring non-cancellable insurance coverage and paying a reinstatement fee. The fee is $150 for the first reinstatement, $250 for the second, and $500 for a third or subsequent reinstatement within a 3-year period.
- Under s. 322.34, F.S., knowingly driving on a suspended license is a second degree misdemeanor punishable by up to 60 days imprisonment and a fine of up to $500. Subsequent violations are first degree misdemeanors which are punishable by up to a $1,000 fine and 1 year imprisonment. A third or subsequent suspension must be punished by at least 10 days imprisonment. Receipt of a notice of suspension creates a presumption the violation was knowing.
- Under s. 320.02, F.S., using a false insurance card to register a vehicle is a first degree misdemeanor.

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To our Members:

Please find attached a Memorandum from Kenneth J. Plante along with Committee reference material for our upcoming meeting.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please advise at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

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Member Reference Materials

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- Committee Staff
- Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee
- Joint Rule 4 of the Florida Legislature
- Chapter 120, F.S.

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AGENCY REVIEW ASSIGNMENT

The agencies are listed in rule chapter number order as designated in the Florida Administrative Code.

01	Department of State	**Sharon Jones**
02	Department of Legal Affairs	**Sharon Jones**
05	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	**Jamie Jackson**
06	Department of Education	**Jowanna Oates**
11	Department of Law Enforcement	**Sharon Jones**
12	Department of Revenue	**Jamie Jackson**
14	Department of Transportation	**Jamie Royal**
15	Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	**Sharon Jones**
18	Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund	**Sharon Jones**
19	State Board of Administration	**Sharon Jones**
20	Department of Citrus	**Jamie Jackson**
23	Florida Commission on Offender	**Sharon Jones**
25	Florida Public Service Commission	**Jamie Jackson**
27	Executive Office of the Governor	**Sharon Jones**
28	Administration Commission	**Sharon Jones**
29	Regional Planning Councils	**Jamie Royal**
32	Florida State Fair Authority	**Jamie Jackson**
33	Department of Corrections	**Sharon Jones**
34	Commission on Ethics	**Sharon Jones**
40	Water Management Districts	**Jamie Royal**
41	Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged	**Sharon Jones**
42	Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission	**Jamie Royal**
49	Regional Utility Authorities	**Jamie Royal**
53	Department of the Lottery	**Jamie Jackson**
54	Interlocal Agencies	**Jamie Royal**
55	Department of Veterans' Affairs	**Sharon Jones**
57	Space Florida	**Jamie Jackson**
58	Department of Elder Affairs	**Jowanna Oates**
59	Agency for Health Care Administration	**Jowanna Oates**
60	Department of Management Services	**Sharon Jones**
61	Department of Business and Professional Regulation	**Marjorie Holladay**
62	Department of Environmental Protection	**Jamie Royal**
63	Department of Juvenile Justice	**Sharon Jones**
64	Department of Health	**Marjorie Holladay**
65	Department of Children and Families	**Jowanna Oates**
65G	Agency for Persons with Disabilities	**Jowanna Oates**
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67	Florida Housing Finance Corporation	**Sharon Jones**
68	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	**Jamie Royal**

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69	Department of Financial Services	**Jamie Jackson**
70	Department of Military Affairs	**Sharon Jones**
72	Board of Governors	**Jowanna Oates**
73	Department of Economic Opportunity	**Jowanna Oates**

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Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

JAPC Duties Under Joint Rule Four of the Florida Legislature

The committee's duties and responsibilities described in Joint Rule 4.6 include:

Maintaining a continuous review of the statutory authority on which each rule is based, and advising agencies whenever such authority is significantly affected.

Maintaining a continuous review of rules and identifying and requesting agencies to repeal any rule or rule provision which reiterates or paraphrases any statute or for which statutory authority has been repealed.

Reviewing administrative rules and advising agencies of its findings.

Performing the duties prescribed by chapter 120 regarding the adoption and promulgation of rules.

Generally reviewing agency action pursuant to the operation of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Reporting to the Legislature at least annually and recommending needed legislation or other appropriate action. The report shall include:

- The number of objections voted by the committee and the outcome of such objections.
- The number of suspensions recommended by the committee and the outcome of such recommendations.
- The number of administrative determinations filed on the invalidity of a proposed or existing rule and the outcome of such determinations.
- The number of petitions for judicial review filed on the invalidity of a proposed or existing rule and the outcome of such petitions.
- Any recommendations provided to the standing committees during the preceding year as to the advisability of considering changes to the delegated legislative authority to adopt rules in specific circumstances.

Consulting regularly with legislative standing committees regarding legislative authority for proposed rules and other matters relating to legislative authority for agency action.

Maintaining a continuous review of the rulemaking process, including a review of agency procedure and of complaints based on such procedure.

Establishing measurement criteria to evaluate whether agencies are complying with the delegation of legislative authority in adopting and implementing rules.

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Maintaining a continuous review of statutes that authorize agencies to adopt rules and making recommendations to the appropriate standing committees of the House and Senate as to the advisability of considering changes to the delegated legislative authority to adopt rules in specific circumstances.

JAPC Responsibilities Under Section 120.54, F.S., Related to Agency Rulemaking

At least 21 days before the proposed adoption date, each agency is required to file with the committee a copy of each rule it proposes to adopt; a copy of any material incorporated by reference in the rule; a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule; a copy of any statement of estimated regulatory costs that has been prepared; a statement of the extent to which the proposed rule relates to federal standards or rules on the same subject; and the published notice of rulemaking. The published notice must include a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action; the full text of the proposed rule or amendment and a summary thereof; a reference to the grant of rulemaking authority and a reference to the Florida Statutes or Laws of Florida being implemented or interpreted; a summary of the agency's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared; a statement that any person may provide the agency with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs or a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative within 21 days after publication of the notice; a statement as to whether the proposed rule is expected to require legislative ratification; and the procedure for requesting a public hearing on the proposed rule. **120.54(3)(a)**

If an agency determines that a proposed rule will affect small businesses, the agency is required to send notice of the proposed rule to the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor not less than 28 days prior to adoption. If the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor offers to the agency regulatory alternatives and the agency does not adopt all alternatives offered, the agency is required to file a detailed written statement with the committee explaining the reasons for failure to adopt such alternatives. The agency is required to send a copy of the statement to the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor. **120.54(3)(b)**

The adopting agency is required to file with the committee a notice of no change or technical change in a proposed rule at least 7 days before adoption. When any change is made in a proposed rule, other than a technical change, the adopting agency is required to file with the committee a notice of the change, along with the reasons for such change, at least 21 days prior to adoption. **120.54(3)(d)**

At the time the rule is filed for adoption, the committee is required to certify whether the agency has responded in writing to all material and timely written comments or written inquiries made on behalf of the committee. **120.54(3)(e)4.**

If the committee notifies the agency that an objection to a rule is being considered, the agency may postpone the adoption of the rule to accommodate review of the rule by the committee.

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When an agency postpones adoption for this purpose, the 90-day period for filing the rule is tolled until the committee notifies the agency that it has completed its review. **120.54(3)(e)6.**

Notice of the adoption by an agency of emergency rules, other than those of educational units or units of local government, shall be provided to the committee along with any material incorporated by reference in the rules. **120.54(4)(a)**

The committee is required to review uniform rules of procedure adopted by the Administration Commission. **120.54(5)(a)**

Agencies are empowered to adopt rules substantively identical to federal regulations using an expedited rulemaking process, which requires that the committee receive a copy of the agency's notice of intent to adopt a rule at least 21 days prior to the date of filing for adoption. **120.54(6)**

If a petition to initiate rulemaking by an agency is directed to an unadopted rule and the agency, after holding a public hearing, does not initiate rulemaking or otherwise comply with the requested action, the agency shall file a statement of its reasons with the committee. The committee is required to forward a copy of the statement to the substantive committees of the Legislature with primary oversight jurisdiction of the agency. JAPC or a committee with oversight jurisdiction may hold a hearing directed to the agency statement. The committee holding the hearing may recommend appropriate legislation. **120.54(7)**

JAPC Review of Agency Rules Pursuant to 120.545, F.S.

The committee is required to examine each proposed rule, except for rules exempted by s. 120.81(1)(e) and (2), and its accompanying material, and each emergency rule, and may examine any existing rule to determine whether:

- The rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority pursuant to s. 120.52(8).
- The statutory authority for the rule has been repealed.
- The rule reiterates or paraphrases statutory material.
- The rule is in proper form.
- The notice given prior to adoption was sufficient to give adequate notice of the purpose and effect of the rule.
- The rule is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements.
- The rule is necessary to accomplish the objectives of the specific law implemented.
- The rule is a reasonable implementation of the law as it affects the convenience of the general public or persons particularly affected by the rule.
- The rule could be made less complex or more easily comprehensible to the general public.
- The rule's statement of estimated regulatory costs complies with the requirements of s. 120.541 and whether the rule imposes regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.

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- The rule will require additional appropriations.
- If the rule is an emergency rule, there exists an emergency justifying the rule, the agency is within its statutory authority, and the rule was adopted in compliance with s. 120.54(4). **120.545(1)**

The committee may request from an agency any information reasonably necessary for examination of a rule. The committee is required to consult with legislative standing committees with jurisdiction over the subject matter of rules examined. **120.545(2)**

If the committee votes to object to a rule, it shall certify that fact to the agency along with a statement detailing its objections with particularity, within 5 days after the objection. The committee must notify the House Speaker and Senate President of the objection concurrent with certification to the agency. The agency is required to notify the committee of its intention to comply with the objection or its refusal to do so within 30 days, if headed by an individual, or within 45 days, if headed by a collegial body. If the agency fails to respond to the committee's objection to a rule not yet in effect within the prescribed time limits, the committee is required to notify the Department of State that the agency, by its failure to respond, has elected to withdraw the rule. Failure of the agency to respond to an objection to a rule that is in effect constitutes a refusal to amend or repeal the rule. Failure of the agency to respond to an objection to a statement of estimated regulatory costs constitutes a refusal to prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs. If the agency refuses to meet the committee's objection, the committee is required to file with the Department of State a notice of the objection for publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly. **120.545(2) - (7)**

The committee is authorized to submit to the Senate President and House Speaker a recommendation that legislation be introduced to address the committee's objection in the event that the agency fails to initiate administrative action consistent with the committee's objection within 60 days after the objection, or then fails to proceed in good faith to complete such action. If the committee votes to recommend the introduction of legislation, the committee is required to certify that fact to the agency within 5 days. The committee may request that the agency temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of a proposed rule, pending consideration of proposed legislation during the next regular session of the Legislature. The agency must respond to the certification within 30 days, if headed by an individual, or within 45 days, if headed by a collegial body, by either temporarily suspending the rule or the adoption of a proposed rule, or notifying the committee that it refuses to do so. The agency's failure to respond to the committee certification constitutes a refusal to suspend the rule or to suspend the adoption of the proposed rule. The committee is required to prepare proposed legislation to address the committee's objection in accordance with the rules of the Senate and the House for prefiling and introduction in the next regular legislative session. The proposed legislation shall be presented to the Senate President and House Speaker with the committee recommendation. **120.545(8)**

JAPC Responsibilities Under Miscellaneous Provisions of Chapter 120

The committee is authorized to notify the Department of State and the appropriate agency when a law is repealed that is implemented by an agency rule. **120.536(2)**

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An agency that is required to revise a statement of estimated regulatory costs must provide the statement to the committee at least 21 days before filing the rule for adoption. **120.541(1)(d)**

A person subject to regulation by an agency rule may file a petition with the agency, with a copy to the committee, requesting a variance or waiver from the agency's rule. A copy of the agency's order granting or denying the petition shall be filed with the committee and shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the agency's action. **120.542**

Any form used by an agency in its dealings with the public, along with any accompanying instructions, must be filed with the committee before it is used. **120.55(1)(a)**

When the Department of State is in doubt whether a rule published in the official version of the Florida Administrative Code is still in full force and effect, the department is required to submit to the agency a request for a statement to that effect, and provide a copy to the committee. **120.555**

The Division of Administrative Hearings is required to forward to the committee a copy of each petition seeking an administrative determination of the validity of a proposed or existing rule. A written notice from the chair of the committee stating that the committee will consider an objection to a challenged rule at its next scheduled meeting is evidence of good cause for a continuance of a scheduled hearing on the petition. The division is required to provide a copy of the administrative law judge's final order to the committee. **120.56(1)**

The final order of the administrative law judge on a petition challenging the validity of an agency statement not adopted as a rule pursuant to s. 120.54 is required to be transmitted to the committee by the division. **120.56(4)**

A copy of each petition seeking a declaratory statement by an agency is required to be transmitted to the committee by the agency. **120.565**

The Administration Commission is required to transmit to the committee a copy of a petition seeking an exemption from any requirement of chapter 120, a certified copy of the order granting or denying the petition, and a copy of any alternative procedures prescribed. **120.63**

Not later than February 1 of each year, the Division of Administrative Hearings is required to issue a written report to the committee including: (1) a summary of the extent and effect of agencies' use of administrative law judges, court reporters, and other personnel in proceedings under chapter 120; (2) recommendations for change or improvement in the APA or any agency's practice or policy with respect thereto; (3) recommendations as to those types of cases or disputes which should be conducted under the summary hearing process described in s. 120.574; and (4) a report regarding each agency's compliance with the filing requirement in s. 120.57(1)(m). **120.65(8)**

By October 1st of each year, each agency head and the agency's principal legal advisor, must file a certification with the committee indicating that they have reviewed the agency's regulatory plan and the agency regularly reviews its rules during the identified period to determine if the

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rules remain consistent with the agency's rulemaking authority and laws implemented. **120.74(2)**

Each agency must file a certification with the committee once it has published a notice of rule development and upon filing a deadline extension of regulatory plan certification per the requirements in s.120.74(4) and (5). **120.74(6)**

An agency must deliver a written explanation for failing to comply with the requirements of s. 120.74(2)(a) or s. 120.74(5), within 15 days after written demand from the committee. **120.74(8)**

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Joint Rule Four of the Florida Legislature:

Joint Committees

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Joint Rule Four—Joint Committees

4.1—Standing Joint Committees

(1) The following standing joint committees are established:

(a) Administrative Procedures Committee.

(b) Committee on Public Counsel Oversight.

(c) Legislative Auditing Committee.

(2) No other joint committee shall exist except as agreed to by the presiding officers or by concurrent resolution approved by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(3) Appointments to each standing joint committee shall be made or altered and vacancies shall be filled by the Senate and the House of Representatives in accordance with their respective rules. There shall be appointed to each standing joint committee no fewer than five and no more than seven members from each house.

(4)(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to serve as the chair, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the House of Representatives to serve as the vice chair, for:

1. The Legislative Auditing Committee and the Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, for the period from the Organization Session until noon on August 1 of the calendar year following the general election.

2. The Administrative Procedures Committee for the period from noon on August 1 of the calendar year following the general election until the next general election.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of the House of Representatives to serve as the chair, and the President of the Senate shall appoint a member of the Senate to serve as the vice chair, for:

1. The Legislative Auditing Committee and the Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, for the period from noon on August 1 of the calendar year following the general election until the next general election.

2. The Administrative Procedures Committee for the period from the Organization Session until noon on August 1 of the calendar year following the general election.

(c) A vacancy in an appointed chair or vice chair shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4.2—Procedures in Joint Committees

The following rules shall govern procedures in joint committees other than conference committees:

(1) A quorum for a joint committee shall be a majority of the appointees of each house. No business of any type may be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

(2)(a) Joint committees shall meet only within the dates, times, and locations authorized by both the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(b) Joint committee meetings shall meet at the call of the chair. In the absence of the chair, the vice chair shall assume the duty to convene and preside over meetings and such other duties as provided by law or joint rule. During a meeting properly convened, the presiding chair may temporarily assign the duty to preside at that meeting to another joint committee member until the assignment is relinquished or revoked.

(c) Before any joint committee may hold a meeting, a notice of such meeting shall be provided to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than 4:30 p.m. of the 7th day before the meeting. For purposes of effecting notice to members of the house to which the chair does not belong, notice to the Secretary of the Senate shall be deemed notice to members of the Senate and notice to the Clerk of the House shall be deemed notice to members of the House of Representatives. Noticed meetings may be canceled by the chair with the approval of at least one presiding officer.

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(d) If a majority of its members from each house agree, a joint committee may continue a properly noticed meeting after the expiration of the time called for the meeting. However, a joint committee may not meet beyond the time authorized by the presiding officers without special leave granted by both presiding officers.

(3) The presiding officers shall interpret, apply, and enforce rules governing joint committees by agreement when the rule at issue is a joint rule. Unless otherwise determined or overruled by an agreement of the presiding officers, the chair shall determine all questions of order arising in joint committee meetings, but such determinations may be appealed to the committee during the meeting.

(4) Each question, including any appeal of a ruling of the chair, shall be decided by a majority vote of the members of the joint committee of each house present and voting.

4.3—Powers of Joint Committees

(1) A joint committee may exercise the subpoena powers vested by law in a standing committee of the Legislature. A subpoena issued under this rule must be approved and signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and attested by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

(2) A joint committee may adopt rules of procedure that do not conflict with the Florida Constitution or any law or joint rule, subject to the joint approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) A joint committee may not create subcommittees or workgroups unless authorized by both presiding officers.

4.4—Administration of Joint Committees

(1) Within the monetary limitations of the approved operating budget, the expenses of the members and the salaries and expenses of the staff of each joint committee shall be governed by joint policies adopted under Joint Rule 3.2.

(2) Subject to joint policies adopted under Joint Rule 3.2, the presiding officers shall appoint and remove the staff director and, if needed, a general counsel and any other staff necessary to assist each joint committee. All joint committee staff shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding officers. Upon the initial adoption of these joint rules in a biennium, each joint committee staff director position shall be deemed vacant until an appointment is made.

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4.6—Special Powers and Duties of the Administrative Procedures Committee

The Administrative Procedures Committee shall:

(1) Maintain a continuous review of the statutory authority on which each administrative rule is based and, whenever such authority is eliminated or significantly changed by repeal, amendment, holding by a court of last resort, or other factor, advise the agency concerned of the fact.

(2) Maintain a continuous review of administrative rules and identify and request an agency to repeal any rule or any provision of any rule that reiterates or paraphrases any statute or for which the statutory authority has been repealed.

(3) Review administrative rules and advise the agencies concerned of its findings.

(4) Exercise the duties prescribed by chapter 120, Florida Statutes, concerning the adoption and promulgation of rules.

(5) Generally review agency action pursuant to the operation of chapter 120, Florida Statutes, the Administrative Procedure Act.

(6) Report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at least annually, no later than the first week of the regular session, and recommend needed legislation or other

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appropriate action. Such report shall include the number of objections voted by the committee, the number of suspensions recommended by the committee, the number of administrative determinations filed on the invalidity of a proposed or existing rule, the number of petitions for judicial review filed on the invalidity of a proposed or existing rule, and the outcomes of such actions. Such report shall also include any recommendations provided to the standing committees during the preceding year under subsection (11).

(7) Consult regularly with legislative standing committees that have jurisdiction over the subject areas addressed in agency proposed rules regarding legislative authority for the proposed rules and other matters relating to legislative authority for agency action.

(8) Subject to the approval of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, have standing to seek judicial review, on behalf of the Legislature or the citizens of this state, of the validity or invalidity of any administrative rule to which the committee has voted an objection and that has not been withdrawn, modified, repealed, or amended to meet the objection. Judicial review under this subsection may not be initiated until the Governor and the head of the agency making the rule to which the committee has objected have been notified of the committee's proposed action and have been given a reasonable opportunity, not to exceed 60 days, for consultation with the committee. The committee may expend public funds from its appropriation for the purpose of seeking judicial review.

(9) Maintain a continuous review of the administrative rulemaking process, including a review of agency procedure and of complaints based on such agency procedure.

(10) Establish measurement criteria to evaluate whether agencies are complying with the delegation of legislative authority in adopting and implementing rules.

(11) Maintain a continuous review of statutes that authorize agencies to adopt rules and shall make recommendations to the appropriate standing committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives as to the advisability of considering changes to the delegated legislative authority to adopt rules in specific circumstances.

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Chapter 120, Florida Statutes:

Administrative Procedure Act

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CHAPTER 120

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

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120.50 Exception to application of chapter.—This chapter shall not apply to:

(1) The Legislature.

(2) The courts.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 3, ch. 77-468; s. 1, ch. 78-162.

120.51 Short title.—This chapter may be known and cited as the "Administrative Procedure Act."

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310.

120.515 Declaration of policy.—This chapter provides uniform procedures for the exercise of specified authority. This chapter does not limit or impinge upon the assignment of executive power under Article IV of the State Constitution or the legal authority of an appointing authority to direct and supervise those appointees serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority. For purposes of this chapter, adherence to the direction and supervision of an appointing authority does not constitute delegation or transfer of statutory authority assigned to the appointee.

History.—s. 7, ch. 2012-116.

120.52 Definitions.—As used in this act:

(1) "Agency" means the following officers or governmental entities if acting pursuant to powers other than those derived from the constitution:

(a) The Governor; each state officer and state department, and each departmental unit described in s. 20.04; the Board of Governors of the State University System; the Commission on Ethics; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; a regional water supply authority; a regional planning agency; a multicounty special district, but only if a majority of its governing board is comprised of nonelected persons; educational units; and each entity described in chapters 163, 373, 380, and 582 and s. 186.504.

(b) Each officer and governmental entity in the state having statewide jurisdiction or jurisdiction in more than one county.

(c) Each officer and governmental entity in the state having jurisdiction in one county or less than one county, to the extent they are expressly made subject to this chapter by general or special law or existing judicial decisions.

This definition does not include a municipality or legal entity created solely by a municipality; a legal entity or agency created in whole or in part pursuant to part II of chapter 361; a metropolitan planning organization created pursuant to s. 339.175; a separate legal or administrative entity created pursuant to s. 339.175 of which a metropolitan planning organization is a member; an expressway authority pursuant to chapter 348 or any transportation authority or commission under chapter 343 or chapter 349; or a legal or administrative entity created by an interlocal agreement pursuant to s. 163.01(7), unless any party to such agreement is otherwise an agency as defined in this subsection.

(2) "Agency action" means the whole or part of a rule or order, or the equivalent, or the denial of a petition to adopt a rule or issue an order. The term also includes any denial of a request made under s. 120.54(7).

(3) "Agency head" means the person or collegial body in a department or other governmental unit statutorily responsible for final agency action. An

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agency head appointed by and serving at the pleasure of an appointing authority remains subject to the direction and supervision of the appointing authority, but actions taken by the agency head as authorized by statute are official acts.

(4) "Committee" means the Administrative Procedures Committee.

(5) "Division" means the Division of Administrative Hearings. Any document filed with the division by a party represented by an attorney shall be filed by electronic means through the division's website. Any document filed with the division by a party not represented by an attorney shall, whenever possible, be filed by electronic means through the division's website.

(6) "Educational unit" means a local school district, a community college district, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a state university when the university is acting pursuant to statutory authority derived from the Legislature.

(7) "Final order" means a written final decision which results from a proceeding under s. 120.56, s. 120.565, s. 120.569, s. 120.57, s. 120.573, or s. 120.574 which is not a rule, and which is not excepted from the definition of a rule, and which has been filed with the agency clerk, and includes final agency actions which are affirmative, negative, injunctive, or declaratory in form. A final order includes all materials explicitly adopted in it. The clerk shall indicate the date of filing on the order.

(8) "Invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority" means action that goes beyond the powers, functions, and duties delegated by the Legislature. A proposed or existing rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority if any one of the following applies:

(a) The agency has materially failed to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter;

(b) The agency has exceeded its grant of rulemaking authority, citation to which is required by s. 120.54(3)(a)1.;

(c) The rule enlarges, modifies, or contravenes the specific provisions of law implemented, citation to which is required by s. 120.54(3)(a)1.;

(d) The rule is vague, fails to establish adequate standards for agency decisions, or vests unbridled discretion in the agency;

(e) The rule is arbitrary or capricious. A rule is arbitrary if it is not supported by logic or the necessary facts; a rule is capricious if it is adopted without thought or reason or is irrational; or

(f) The rule imposes regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.

A grant of rulemaking authority is necessary but not sufficient to allow an agency to adopt a rule; a specific law to be implemented is also required. An agency may adopt only rules that implement or interpret the specific powers and duties granted by the enabling statute. No agency shall have authority to adopt a rule only because it is reasonably related to the purpose of the enabling legislation and is not arbitrary and capricious or is within the agency's class of powers and duties, nor shall an agency have the authority to implement statutory provisions setting forth general legislative intent or policy. Statutory language granting rulemaking authority or generally describing the powers and functions of an agency shall be construed to extend no further than implementing or interpreting the specific powers and duties conferred by the enabling statute.

(9) "Law implemented" means the language of the enabling statute being carried out or interpreted by an agency through rulemaking.

(10) "License" means a franchise, permit, certification, registration, charter, or similar form of authorization required by law, but it does not include a license required primarily for revenue purposes when issuance of the license is merely a ministerial act.

(11) "Licensing" means the agency process respecting the issuance, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, or amendment of a license or imposition of terms for the exercise of a license.

(12) "Official reporter" means the publication in which an agency publishes final orders, the index to final orders, and the list of final orders which are listed rather than published.

(13) "Party" means:

(a) Specifically named persons whose substantial interests are being determined in the proceeding.

(b) Any other person who, as a matter of constitutional right, provision of statute, or provision of agency regulation, is entitled to participate in whole or in part in the proceeding, or whose substantial interests will be affected by proposed agency action, and who makes an appearance as a party.

(c) Any other person, including an agency staff member, allowed by the agency to intervene or participate in the proceeding as a party. An agency may by rule authorize limited forms of participation in agency proceedings for persons who are not eligible to become parties.

(d) Any county representative, agency, department, or unit funded and authorized by state statute or county ordinance to represent the interests of the consumers of a county, when the proceeding involves the substantial interests of a significant number of residents of the county and the board of county commissioners has, by resolution, authorized the representative, agency, department, or unit to represent the class of interested persons. The authorizing resolution shall apply to a specific proceeding and to appeals and ancillary proceedings thereto, and it shall not be required to state the names of the persons whose interests are to be represented.

The term "party" does not include a member government of a regional water supply authority or a governmental or quasi-judicial board or commission established by local ordinance or special or general law where the governing membership of such board or commission is shared with, in whole or in part, or appointed by a member government of a regional water supply authority in proceedings under s. 120.569, s. 120.57, or s. 120.68, to the extent that an interlocal agreement under

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ss. 163.01 and 373.713 exists in which the member government has agreed that its substantial interests are not affected by the proceedings or that it is to be bound by alternative dispute resolution in lieu of participating in the proceedings. This exclusion applies only to those particular types of disputes or controversies, if any, identified in an interlocal agreement.

(14) "Person" means any person described in s. 1.01, any unit of government in or outside the state, and any agency described in subsection (1).

(15) "Recommended order" means the official recommendation of an administrative law judge assigned by the division or of any other duly authorized presiding officer, other than an agency head or member of an agency head, for the final disposition of a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

(16) "Rule" means each agency statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy or describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency and includes any form which imposes any requirement or solicits any information not specifically required by statute or by an existing rule. The term also includes the amendment or repeal of a rule. The term does not include:

(a) Internal management memoranda which do not affect either the private interests of any person or any plan or procedure important to the public and which have no application outside the agency issuing the memorandum.

(b) Legal memoranda or opinions issued to an agency by the Attorney General or agency legal opinions prior to their use in connection with an agency action.

(c) The preparation or modification of:

1. Agency budgets.

2. Statements, memoranda, or instructions to state agencies issued by the Chief Financial Officer or Comptroller as chief fiscal officer of the state and relating or pertaining to claims for payment submitted by state agencies to the Chief Financial Officer or Comptroller.

3. Contractual provisions reached as a result of collective bargaining.

4. Memoranda issued by the Executive Office of the Governor relating to information resources management.

(17) "Rulemaking authority" means statutory language that explicitly authorizes or requires an agency to adopt, develop, establish, or otherwise create any statement coming within the definition of the term "rule."

(18) "Small city" means any municipality that has an unincarcerated population of 10,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.

(19) "Small county" means any county that has an unincarcerated population of 75,000 or less according to the most recent decennial census.

(20) "Unadopted rule" means an agency statement that meets the definition of the term "rule," but that has not been adopted pursuant to the requirements of s. 120.54.

(21) "Variance" means a decision by an agency to grant a modification to all or part of the literal requirements of an agency rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Any variance shall conform to the standards for variances outlined in this chapter and in the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5).

(22) "Waiver" means a decision by an agency not to apply all or part of a rule to a person who is subject to the rule. Any waiver shall conform to the standards for waivers outlined in this chapter and in the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5).

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 1, ch. 75-191; s. 1, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 12, ch. 77-290; s. 2, ch. 77-453; s. 1, ch. 78-28; s. 1, ch. 78-425; s. 1, ch. 79-20; s. 55, ch. 79-40; s. 1, ch. 79-299; s. 2, ch. 81-119; s. 1, ch. 81-180; s. 7, ch. 82-180; s. 1, ch. 83-78; s. 2, ch. 83-273; s. 10, ch. 84-170; s. 15, ch. 85-80; s. 1, ch. 85-168; s. 2, ch. 87-385; s. 1, ch. 88-367; s. 1, ch. 89-147; s. 1, ch. 91-46; s. 9, ch. 92-166; s. 50, ch. 92-279; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 3, ch. 96-159; s. 1, ch. 97-176; s. 2, ch. 97-286; s. 1, ch. 98-402; s. 64, ch. 99-245; s. 2, ch. 99-379; s. 895, ch. 2002-387; s. 1, ch. 2003-94; s. 138, ch. 2003-261; s. 7, ch. 2003-286; s. 3, ch. 2007-196; s. 13, ch. 2007-217; s. 2, ch. 2008-104; s. 1, ch. 2009-85; s. 1, ch. 2009-187; s. 10, ch. 2010-5; s. 2, ch. 2010-205; s. 7, ch. 2011-208; s. 8, ch. 2012-116; s. 14, ch. 2013-173.

120.525 Meetings, hearings, and workshops.—

(1) Except in the case of emergency meetings, each agency shall give notice of public meetings, hearings, and workshops by publication in the Florida Administrative Register and on the agency's website not less than 7 days before the event. The notice shall include a statement of the general subject matter to be considered.

(2) An agenda shall be prepared by the agency in time to ensure that a copy of the agenda may be received at least 7 days before the event by any person in the state who requests a copy and who pays the reasonable cost of the copy. The agenda, along with any meeting materials available in electronic form excluding confidential and exempt information, shall be published on the agency's website. The agenda shall contain the items to be considered in order of presentation. After the agenda has been made available, a change shall be made only for good cause, as determined by the person designated to preside, and stated in the record. Notification of such change shall be at the earliest practicable time.

(3) If an agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires immediate action, the agency may hold an emergency public meeting and give notice of such meeting by any procedure that is fair under the circumstances and necessary to protect the public interest, if:

(a) The procedure provides at least the procedural protection given by other statutes, the State Constitution, or the United States Constitution.

(b) The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure.

(c) The agency publishes in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. The agency findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness shall be judicially reviewable.

(4) For purposes of establishing a quorum at meetings of regional planning councils that cover three or more counties, a voting member who appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication that is broadcast publicly at the meeting location may be

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counted toward the quorum requirement if at least one-third of the voting members of the regional planning council are physically present at the meeting location. A member must provide oral, written, or electronic notice of his or her intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication to the regional planning council at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting.

History.—s. 4, ch. 96-159; s. 3, ch. 2009-187; s. 3, ch. 2013-14; s. 1, ch. 2020-122.

120.53 Maintenance of agency final orders.—

(1) In addition to maintaining records contained in s. 119.021(3), each agency shall also electronically transmit a certified text-searchable copy of each agency final order listed in subsection (2) rendered on or after July 1, 2015, to a centralized electronic database of agency final orders maintained by the division. The database must allow users to research and retrieve the full texts of agency final orders by:

(a) The name of the agency that issued the final order.

(b) The date the final order was issued.

(c) The type of final order.

(d) The subject of the final order.

(e) Terms contained in the text of the final order.

(2) The agency final orders that must be electronically transmitted to the centralized electronic database include:

(a) Each final order resulting from a proceeding under s. 120.57 or s. 120.573.

(b) Each final order rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(4) which contains a statement of agency policy that may be the basis of future agency decisions or that may otherwise contain a statement of precedential value.

(c) Each declaratory statement issued by an agency.

(d) Each final order resulting from a proceeding under s. 120.56 or s. 120.574.

(3) Each agency shall maintain a list of all final orders rendered pursuant to s. 120.57(4) that are not required to be electronically transmitted to the centralized electronic database because they do not contain statements of agency policy or statements of precedential value. The list must include the name of the parties to the proceeding and the number assigned to the final order.

(4) Each final order, whether rendered by the agency or the division, that must be electronically transmitted to the centralized electronic database or maintained on a list pursuant to subsection (3) must be electronically transmitted to the database or added to the list within 90 days after the final order is rendered. Each final order that must be electronically transmitted to the database or added to the list must have attached a copy of the complete text of any materials incorporated by reference; however, if the quantity of the materials incorporated makes attachment of the complete text of the materials impractical, the final order may contain a statement of the location of such materials and the manner in which the public may inspect or obtain copies of the materials incorporated by reference.

(5) Nothing in this section relieves an agency from its responsibility for maintaining a subject matter index of final orders rendered before July 1, 2015, and identifying the location of the subject matter index on the agency's website. In addition, an agency may electronically transmit to the centralized electronic database certified copies of all of the final orders that were rendered before July 1, 2015, which were required to be in the subject matter index. The centralized electronic database constitutes the official compilation of administrative final orders rendered on or after July 1, 2015, for each agency.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 2, ch. 75-191; s. 2, ch. 76-131; s. 2, ch. 79-299; s. 1, ch. 81-296; s. 2, ch. 81-309; s. 8, ch. 83-92; s. 34, ch. 83-217; s. 3, ch. 83-273; s. 1, ch. 84-203; s. 77, ch. 85-180; s. 2, ch. 87-100; s. 2, ch. 88-384; s. 44, ch. 90-136; s. 35, ch. 90-302; s. 2, ch. 91-30; s. 79, ch. 91-45; s. 1, ch. 91-191; s. 1, ch. 92-166; s. 143, ch. 92-279; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 757, ch. 95-147; s. 5, ch. 96-159; s. 2, ch. 96-423; s. 2, ch. 97-176; s. 3, ch. 2008-104; s. 2, ch. 2015-155.

120.533 Coordination of the transmittal, indexing, and listing of agency final orders by Department of State.—The Department of State shall:

(1) Coordinate the transmittal, indexing, management, preservation, and availability of agency final orders that must be transmitted, indexed, or listed pursuant to s. 120.53.

(2) Provide guidelines for indexing agency final orders. More than one system for indexing may be approved by the Department of State, including systems or methods in use, or proposed for use, by an agency. More than one system may be approved for use by a single agency as best serves the needs of that agency and the public.

(3) Provide for storage and retrieval systems to be maintained by agencies pursuant to s. 120.53(5) for indexing, and making available agency final orders by subject matter. The Department of State may authorize more than one system, including systems in use by an agency. Storage and retrieval systems that may be used by an agency include, without limitation, a designated reporter or reporters, a microfilming system, an automated system, or any other system considered appropriate by the Department of State.

(4) Provide standards and guidelines for the certification and electronic transmittal of copies of agency final orders to the division, as required under s. 120.53, and, to protect the integrity and authenticity of information publicly accessible through the electronic database, coordinate and provide standards and guidelines to ensure the security of copies of agency final orders transmitted and maintained in the electronic database by the division under s. 120.53(1).

(5) For each agency, determine which final orders must be indexed or transmitted.

(6) Require each agency to report to the department concerning which types or categories of agency orders establish precedent for each agency.

(7) Adopt rules as necessary to administer its responsibilities under this section, which shall be binding on all agencies including the division acting in the capacity of official compiler of administrative final orders under s. 120.53, notwithstanding s. 120.65. The Department of State may provide for an alternative official compiler to manage and operate the division's database and related services if the Administration

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Commission determines that the performance of the division as official compiler is unsatisfactory.

History.—s. 9, ch. 91-30; s. 1, ch. 91-191; s. 7, ch. 96-159; s. 3, ch. 2015-155.

120.536 Rulemaking authority; repeal; challenge.—

(1) A grant of rulemaking authority is necessary but not sufficient to allow an agency to adopt a rule; a specific law to be implemented is also required. An agency may adopt only rules that implement or interpret the specific powers and duties granted by the enabling statute. No agency shall have authority to adopt a rule only because it is reasonably related to the purpose of the enabling legislation and is not arbitrary and capricious or is within the agency's class of powers and duties, nor shall an agency have the authority to implement statutory provisions setting forth general legislative intent or policy. Statutory language granting rulemaking authority or generally describing the powers and functions of an agency shall be construed to extend no further than implementing or interpreting the specific powers and duties conferred by the enabling statute.

(2) Unless otherwise expressly provided by law:

(a) The repeal of one or more provisions of law implemented by a rule that on its face implements only the provision or provisions repealed and no other provision of law nullifies the rule. Whenever notice of the nullification of a rule under this subsection is received from the committee or otherwise, the Department of State shall remove the rule from the Florida Administrative Code as of the effective date of the law effecting the nullification and update the historical notes for the code to show the rule repealed by operation of law.

(b) The repeal of one or more provisions of law implemented by a rule that on its face implements the provision or provisions repealed and one or more other provisions of law nullifies the rule or applicable portion of the rule to the extent that it implements the repealed law. The agency having authority to repeal or amend the rule shall, within 180 days after the effective date of the repealing law, publish a notice of rule development identifying all portions of rules affected by the repealing law, and if no notice is timely published the operation of each rule implementing a repealed provision of law shall be suspended until such notice is published.

(c) The repeal of one or more provisions of law that, other than as provided in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b), causes a rule or portion of a rule to be of uncertain enforceability requires the Department of State to treat the rule as provided by s. 120.555. A rule shall be considered to be of uncertain enforceability under this paragraph if the division notifies the Department of State that a rule or a portion of the rule has been invalidated in a division proceeding based upon a repeal of law, or the committee gives written notification to the Department of State and the agency having power to amend or repeal the rule that a law has been repealed creating doubt about whether the rule is still in full force and effect.

(3) The Administrative Procedures Committee or any substantially affected person may petition an agency to repeal any rule, or portion thereof, because it exceeds the rulemaking authority permitted by this section. Not later than 30 days after the date of filing the petition if the agency is headed by an individual, or not later than 45 days if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall initiate rulemaking proceedings to repeal the rule, or portion thereof, or deny the petition, giving a written statement of its reasons for the denial.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to change the legal status of a rule that has otherwise been judicially or administratively determined to be invalid.

History.—s. 9, ch. 96-159; s. 3, ch. 99-379; s. 15, ch. 2000-151; s. 15, ch. 2005-2; s. 4, ch. 2008-104; s. 1, ch. 2012-31.

120.54 Rulemaking.—

(1) GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL RULES OTHER THAN EMERGENCY RULES.—

(a) Rulemaking is not a matter of agency discretion. Each agency statement defined as a rule by s. 120.52 shall be adopted by the rulemaking procedure provided by this section as soon as feasible and practicable.

1. Rulemaking shall be presumed feasible unless the agency proves that:

a. The agency has not had sufficient time to acquire the knowledge and experience reasonably necessary to address a statement by rulemaking; or

b. Related matters are not sufficiently resolved to enable the agency to address a statement by rulemaking.

2. Rulemaking shall be presumed practicable to the extent necessary to provide fair notice to affected persons of relevant agency procedures and applicable principles, criteria, or standards for agency decisions unless the agency proves that:

a. Detail or precision in the establishment of principles, criteria, or standards for agency decisions is not reasonable under the circumstances; or

b. The particular questions addressed are of such a narrow scope that more specific resolution of the matter is impractical outside of an adjudication to determine the substantial interests of a party based on individual circumstances.

(b) Whenever an act of the Legislature is enacted which requires implementation of the act by rules of an agency within the executive branch of state government, such rules shall be drafted and formally proposed as provided in this section within the times provided in s. 120.74(4) and (5).

(c) No statutory provision shall be delayed in its implementation pending an agency's adoption of implementing rules unless there is an express statutory provision prohibiting its application until the adoption of implementing rules.

(d) In adopting rules, all agencies must, among the alternative approaches to any regulatory objective and to the extent allowed by law, choose the alternative that does not impose regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.

(e) No agency has inherent rulemaking authority, nor has any agency authority to establish penalties for violation of a rule unless the Legislature, when establishing a penalty, specifically provides that the penalty applies to rules.

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(f) An agency may adopt rules authorized by law and necessary to the proper implementation of a statute prior to the effective date of the statute, but the rules may not be effective until the statute upon which they are based is effective. An agency may not adopt retroactive rules, including retroactive rules intended to clarify existing law, unless that power is expressly authorized by statute.

(g) Each rule adopted shall contain only one subject.

(h) In rulemaking proceedings, the agency may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed, and it may provide that materials so recognized be incorporated into the record of the proceeding. Before the record of any proceeding is completed, all parties shall be provided a list of these materials and given a reasonable opportunity to examine them and offer written comments or written rebuttal.

(i)1. A rule may incorporate material by reference but only as the material exists on the date the rule is adopted. For purposes of the rule, changes in the material are not effective unless the rule is amended to incorporate the changes.

2. An agency rule that incorporates by specific reference another rule of that agency automatically incorporates subsequent amendments to the referenced rule unless a contrary intent is clearly indicated in the referencing rule. A notice of amendments to a rule that has been incorporated by specific reference in other rules of that agency must explain the effect of those amendments on the referencing rules.

3. In rules adopted after December 31, 2010, material may not be incorporated by reference unless:

a. The material has been submitted in the prescribed electronic format to the Department of State and the full text of the material can be made available for free public access through an electronic hyperlink from the rule making the reference in the Florida Administrative Code; or

b. The agency has determined that posting the material on the Internet for purposes of public examination and inspection would constitute a violation of federal copyright law, in which case a statement to that effect, along with the address of locations at the Department of State and the agency at which the material is available for public inspection and examination, must be included in the notice required by subparagraph (3)(a)1.

4. A rule may not be amended by reference only. Amendments must set out the amended rule in full in the same manner as required by the State Constitution for laws.

5. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this section, when an adopted rule of the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district is incorporated by reference in the other agency's rule to implement a provision of part IV of chapter 373, subsequent amendments to the rule are not effective as to the incorporating rule unless the agency incorporating by reference notifies the committee and the Department of State of its intent to adopt the subsequent amendment, publishes notice of such intent in the Florida Administrative Register, and files with the Department of State a copy of the amended rule incorporated by reference. Changes in the rule incorporated by reference are effective as to the other agency 20 days after the date of the published notice and filing with the Department of State. The Department of State shall amend the history note of the incorporating rule to show the effective date of such change. Any substantially affected person may, within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent in the Florida Administrative Register, file an objection to rulemaking with the agency. The objection shall specify the portions of the rule incorporated by reference to which the person objects and the reasons for the objection. The agency shall not have the authority under this subparagraph to adopt those portions of the rule specified in such objection. The agency shall publish notice of the objection and of its action in response in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

6. The Department of State may adopt by rule requirements for incorporating materials pursuant to this paragraph.

(j) A rule published in the Florida Administrative Code must be indexed by the Department of State within 90 days after the rule is filed. The Department of State shall by rule establish procedures for indexing rules.

(k) An agency head may delegate the authority to initiate rule development under subsection (2); however, rulemaking responsibilities of an agency head under subparagraph (3)(a)1., subparagraph (3)(e)1., or subparagraph (3)(e)6. may not be delegated or transferred.

(2) RULE DEVELOPMENT; WORKSHOPS; NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING.—

(a) Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, agencies shall provide notice of the development of proposed rules by publication of a notice of rule development in the Florida Administrative Register before providing notice of a proposed rule as required by paragraph (3)(a). The notice of rule development shall indicate the subject area to be addressed by rule development, provide a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed rule, cite the specific legal authority for the proposed rule, and include the preliminary text of the proposed rules, if available, or a statement of how a person may promptly obtain, without cost, a copy of any preliminary draft, if available.

(b) All rules should be drafted in readable language. The language is readable if:

1. It avoids the use of obscure words and unnecessarily long or complicated constructions; and

2. It avoids the use of unnecessary technical or specialized language that is understood only by members of particular trades or professions.

(c) An agency may hold public workshops for purposes of rule development. An agency must hold public workshops, including workshops in various regions of the state or the agency's service area, for purposes of rule development if requested in writing by any affected person, unless the agency head explains in writing why a workshop is unnecessary. The explanation is not final agency action subject to review pursuant

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to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. The failure to provide the explanation when required may be a material error in procedure pursuant to s. 120.56(1)(c). When a workshop or public hearing is held, the agency must ensure that the persons responsible for preparing the proposed rule are available to explain the agency's proposal and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule being developed. The workshop may be facilitated or mediated by a neutral third person, or the agency may employ other types of dispute resolution alternatives for the workshop that are appropriate for rule development. Notice of a rule development workshop shall be by publication in the Florida Administrative Register not less than 14 days prior to the date on which the workshop is scheduled to be held and shall indicate the subject area which will be addressed; the agency contact person; and the place, date, and time of the workshop.

(d)1. An agency may use negotiated rulemaking in developing and adopting rules. The agency should consider the use of negotiated rulemaking when complex rules are being drafted or strong opposition to the rules is anticipated. The agency should consider, but is not limited to considering, whether a balanced committee of interested persons who will negotiate in good faith can be assembled, whether the agency is willing to support the work of the negotiating committee, and whether the agency can use the group consensus as the basis for its proposed rule. Negotiated rulemaking uses a committee of designated representatives to draft a mutually acceptable proposed rule.

2. An agency that chooses to use the negotiated rulemaking process described in this paragraph shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register a notice of negotiated rulemaking that includes a listing of the representative groups that will be invited to participate in the negotiated rulemaking process. Any person who believes that his or her interest is not adequately represented may apply to participate within 30 days after publication of the notice. All meetings of the negotiating committee shall be noticed and open to the public pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The negotiating committee shall be chaired by a neutral facilitator or mediator.

3. The agency's decision to use negotiated rulemaking, its selection of the representative groups, and approval or denial of an application to participate in the negotiated rulemaking process are not agency action. Nothing in this subparagraph is intended to affect the rights of an affected person to challenge a proposed rule developed under this paragraph in accordance with s. 120.56(2).

(3) ADOPTION PROCEDURES.—

(a) *Notices.*—

1. Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, an agency, upon approval of the agency head, shall give notice of its intended action, setting forth a short, plain explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed action; the full text of the proposed rule or amendment and a summary thereof; a reference to the grant of rulemaking authority pursuant to which the rule is adopted; and a reference to the section or subsection of the Florida Statutes or the Laws of Florida being implemented or interpreted. The notice must include a summary of the agency's statement of the estimated regulatory costs, if one has been prepared, based on the factors set forth in s. 120.541(2); a statement that any person who wishes to provide the agency with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by s. 120.541(1), must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of the notice; and a statement as to whether, based on the statement of the estimated regulatory costs or other information expressly relied upon and described by the agency if no statement of regulatory costs is required, the proposed rule is expected to require legislative ratification pursuant to s. 120.541(3). The notice must state the procedure for requesting a public hearing on the proposed rule. Except when the intended action is the repeal of a rule, the notice must include a reference both to the date on which and to the place where the notice of rule development that is required by subsection (2) appeared.

2. The notice shall be published in the Florida Administrative Register not less than 28 days prior to the intended action. The proposed rule shall be available for inspection and copying by the public at the time of the publication of notice.

3. The notice shall be mailed to all persons named in the proposed rule and to all persons who, at least 14 days prior to such mailing, have made requests of the agency for advance notice of its proceedings. The agency shall also give such notice as is prescribed by rule to those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed.

4. The adopting agency shall file with the committee, at least 21 days prior to the proposed adoption date, a copy of each rule it proposes to adopt; a copy of any material incorporated by reference in the rule; a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rule; a copy of any statement of estimated regulatory costs that has been prepared pursuant to s. 120.541; a statement of the extent to which the proposed rule relates to federal standards or rules on the same subject; and the notice required by subparagraph 1.

(b) *Special matters to be considered in rule adoption.*—

1. Statement of estimated regulatory costs.—Before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule other than an emergency rule, an agency is encouraged to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs of the proposed rule, as provided by s. 120.541. However, an agency must prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs of the proposed rule, as provided by s. 120.541, if:

a. The proposed rule will have an adverse impact on small business; or

b. The proposed rule is likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of $200,000 in the aggregate in this state within 1 year after the implementation of the rule.

2. Small businesses, small counties, and small cities.—

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a. Each agency, before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, shall consider the impact of the rule on small businesses as defined by s. 288.703 and the impact of the rule on small counties or small cities as defined by s. 120.52. Whenever practicable, an agency shall tier its rules to reduce disproportionate impacts on small businesses, small counties, or small cities to avoid regulating small businesses, small counties, or small cities that do not contribute significantly to the problem the rule is designed to address. An agency may define "small business" to include businesses employing more than 200 persons, may define "small county" to include those with populations of more than 75,000, and may define "small city" to include those with populations of more than 10,000, if it finds that such a definition is necessary to adapt a rule to the needs and problems of small businesses, small counties, or small cities. The agency shall consider each of the following methods for reducing the impact of the proposed rule on small businesses, small counties, and small cities, or any combination of these entities:

(I) Establishing less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rule.

(II) Establishing less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rule for compliance or reporting requirements.

(III) Consolidating or simplifying the rule's compliance or reporting requirements.

(IV) Establishing performance standards or best management practices to replace design or operational standards in the rule.

(V) Exempting small businesses, small counties, or small cities from any or all requirements of the rule.

b.(I) If the agency determines that the proposed action will affect small businesses as defined by the agency as provided in sub-subparagraph a., the agency shall send written notice of the rule to the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor at least 28 days before the intended action.

(II) Each agency shall adopt those regulatory alternatives offered by the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor and provided to the agency no later than 21 days after the rules ombudsman's receipt of the written notice of the rule which it finds are feasible and consistent with the stated objectives of the proposed rule and which would reduce the impact on small businesses. When regulatory alternatives are offered by the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor, the 90-day period for filing the rule in subparagraph (e)2. is extended for a period of 21 days.

(III) If an agency does not adopt all alternatives offered pursuant to this sub-subparagraph, it shall, before rule adoption or amendment and pursuant to subparagraph (d)1., file a detailed written statement with the committee explaining the reasons for failure to adopt such alternatives. Within 3 working days after the filing of such notice, the agency shall send a copy of such notice to the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor.

(c) *Hearings.*—

1. If the intended action concerns any rule other than one relating exclusively to procedure or practice, the agency shall, on the request of any affected person received within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice of intended agency action, give affected persons an opportunity to present evidence and argument on all issues under consideration. The agency may schedule a public hearing on the rule and, if requested by any affected person, shall schedule a public hearing on the rule. When a public hearing is held, the agency must ensure that staff are available to explain the agency's proposal and to respond to questions or comments regarding the rule. If the agency head is a board or other collegial body created under s. 20.165(4) or s. 20.43(3)(g), and one or more requested public hearings is scheduled, the board or other collegial body shall conduct at least one of the public hearings itself and may not delegate this responsibility without the consent of those persons requesting the public hearing. Any material pertinent to the issues under consideration submitted to the agency within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice or submitted to the agency between the date of publication of the notice and the end of the final public hearing shall be considered by the agency and made a part of the record of the rulemaking proceeding.

2. Rulemaking proceedings shall be governed solely by the provisions of this section unless a person timely asserts that the person's substantial interests will be affected in the proceeding and affirmatively demonstrates to the agency that the proceeding does not provide adequate opportunity to protect those interests. If the agency determines that the rulemaking proceeding is not adequate to protect the person's interests, it shall suspend the rulemaking proceeding and convene a separate proceeding under the provisions of ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Similarly situated persons may be requested to join and participate in the separate proceeding. Upon conclusion of the separate proceeding, the rulemaking proceeding shall be resumed.

(d) *Modification or withdrawal of proposed rules.*—

1. After the final public hearing on the proposed rule, or after the time for requesting a hearing has expired, if the rule has not been changed from the rule as previously filed with the committee, or contains only technical changes, the adopting agency shall file a notice to that effect with the committee at least 7 days prior to filing the rule for adoption. Any change, other than a technical change that does not affect the substance of the rule, must be supported by the record of public hearings held on the rule, must be in response to written material submitted to the agency within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice of intended agency action or submitted to the agency between the date of publication of the notice and the end of the final public hearing, or must be in response to a proposed objection by the committee. In addition, when any change is made in a proposed rule, other than a technical change, the adopting agency shall provide a copy of a notice of change by certified mail or actual delivery to any person who requests it in writing no later than 21 days after the notice required in paragraph (a). The agency shall file the notice of change with the committee, along with the reasons for the change, and provide the notice of change to persons requesting it, at least 21 days prior to filing the rule for adoption. The

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notice of change shall be published in the Florida Administrative Register at least 21 days prior to filing the rule for adoption. This subparagraph does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to subsection (4).

2. After the notice required by paragraph (a) and prior to adoption, the agency may withdraw the rule in whole or in part.

3. After adoption and before the rule becomes effective, a rule may be modified or withdrawn only in the following circumstances:

a. When the committee objects to the rule;

b. When a final order, which is not subject to further appeal, is entered in a rule challenge brought pursuant to s. 120.56 after the date of adoption but before the rule becomes effective pursuant to subparagraph (e)6.;

c. If the rule requires ratification, when more than 90 days have passed since the rule was filed for adoption without the Legislature ratifying the rule, in which case the rule may be withdrawn but may not be modified; or

d. When the committee notifies the agency that an objection to the rule is being considered, in which case the rule may be modified to extend the effective date by not more than 60 days.

4. The agency shall give notice of its decision to withdraw or modify a rule in the first available issue of the publication in which the original notice of rulemaking was published, shall notify those persons described in subparagraph (a)3. in accordance with the requirements of that subparagraph, and shall notify the Department of State if the rule is required to be filed with the Department of State.

5. After a rule has become effective, it may be repealed or amended only through the rulemaking procedures specified in this chapter.

(e) *Filing for final adoption; effective date.*—

1. If the adopting agency is required to publish its rules in the Florida Administrative Code, the agency, upon approval of the agency head, shall file with the Department of State three certified copies of the rule it proposes to adopt; one copy of any material incorporated by reference in the rule, certified by the agency; a summary of the rule; a summary of any hearings held on the rule; and a detailed written statement of the facts and circumstances justifying the rule. Agencies not required to publish their rules in the Florida Administrative Code shall file one certified copy of the proposed rule, and the other material required by this subparagraph, in the office of the agency head, and such rules shall be open to the public.

2. A rule may not be filed for adoption less than 28 days or more than 90 days after the notice required by paragraph (a), until 21 days after the notice of change required by paragraph (d), until 14 days after the final public hearing, until 21 days after a statement of estimated regulatory costs required under s. 120.541 has been provided to all persons who submitted a lower cost regulatory alternative and made available to the public, or until the administrative law judge has rendered a decision under s. 120.56(2), whichever applies. When a required notice of change is published prior to the expiration of the time to file the rule for adoption, the period during which a rule must be filed for adoption is extended to 45 days after the date of publication. If notice of a public hearing is published prior to the expiration of the time to file the rule for adoption, the period during which a rule must be filed for adoption is extended to 45 days after adjournment of the final hearing on the rule, 21 days after receipt of all material authorized to be submitted at the hearing, or 21 days after receipt of the transcript, if one is made, whichever is latest. The term "public hearing" includes any public meeting held by any agency at which the rule is considered. If a petition for an administrative determination under s. 120.56(2) is filed, the period during which a rule must be filed for adoption is extended to 60 days after the administrative law judge files the final order with the clerk or until 60 days after subsequent judicial review is complete.

3. At the time a rule is filed, the agency shall certify that the time limitations prescribed by this paragraph have been complied with, that all statutory rulemaking requirements have been met, and that there is no administrative determination pending on the rule.

4. At the time a rule is filed, the committee shall certify whether the agency has responded in writing to all material and timely written comments or written inquiries made on behalf of the committee. The department shall reject any rule that is not filed within the prescribed time limits; that does not comply with all statutory rulemaking requirements and rules of the department; upon which an agency has not responded in writing to all material and timely written inquiries or written comments; upon which an administrative determination is pending; or which does not include a statement of estimated regulatory costs, if required.

5. If a rule has not been adopted within the time limits imposed by this paragraph or has not been adopted in compliance with all statutory rulemaking requirements, the agency proposing the rule shall withdraw the rule and give notice of its action in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

6. The proposed rule shall be adopted on being filed with the Department of State and become effective 20 days after being filed, on a later date specified in the notice required by subparagraph (a)1., on a date required by statute, or upon ratification by the Legislature pursuant to s. 120.541(3). Rules not required to be filed with the Department of State shall become effective when adopted by the agency head, on a later date specified by rule or statute, or upon ratification by the Legislature pursuant to s. 120.541(3). If the committee notifies an agency that an objection to a rule is being considered, the agency may postpone the adoption of the rule to accommodate review of the rule by the committee. When an agency postpones adoption of a rule to accommodate review by the committee, the 90-day period for filing the rule is tolled until the committee notifies the agency that it has completed its review of the rule.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "administrative determination" does not include subsequent judicial review.

(4) EMERGENCY RULES.—

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(a) If an agency finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action, the agency may adopt any rule necessitated by the immediate danger. The agency may adopt a rule by any procedure which is fair under the circumstances if:

1. The procedure provides at least the procedural protection given by other statutes, the State Constitution, or the United States Constitution.

2. The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure.

3. The agency publishes in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. In any event, notice of emergency rules, other than those of educational units or units of government with jurisdiction in only one or a part of one county, including the full text of the rules, shall be published in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register and provided to the committee along with any material incorporated by reference in the rules. The agency's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness shall be judicially reviewable.

(b) Rules pertaining to the public health, safety, or welfare shall include rules pertaining to perishable agricultural commodities or rules pertaining to the interpretation and implementation of the requirements of chapters 97-102 and chapter 105 of the Election Code.

(c) An emergency rule adopted under this subsection shall not be effective for a period longer than 90 days and shall not be renewable, except when the agency has initiated rulemaking to adopt rules addressing the subject of the emergency rule and either:

1. A challenge to the proposed rules has been filed and remains pending; or

2. The proposed rules are awaiting ratification by the Legislature pursuant to s. 120.541(3).

Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the agency from adopting a rule or rules identical to the emergency rule through the rulemaking procedures specified in subsection (3).

(d) Subject to applicable constitutional and statutory provisions, an emergency rule becomes effective immediately on filing, or on a date less than 20 days thereafter if specified in the rule, if the adopting agency finds that such effective date is necessary because of immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(5) UNIFORM RULES.—

(a)1. By July 1, 1997, the Administration Commission shall adopt one or more sets of uniform rules of procedure which shall be reviewed by the committee and filed with the Department of State. Agencies must comply with the uniform rules by July 1, 1998. The uniform rules shall establish procedures that comply with the requirements of this chapter. On filing with the department, the uniform rules shall be the rules of procedure for each agency subject to this chapter unless the Administration Commission grants an exception to the agency under this subsection.

2. An agency may seek exceptions to the uniform rules of procedure by filing a petition with the Administration Commission. The Administration Commission shall approve exceptions to the extent necessary to implement other statutes, to the extent necessary to conform to any requirement imposed as a condition precedent to receipt of federal funds or to permit persons in this state to receive tax benefits under federal law, or as required for the most efficient operation of the agency as determined by the Administration Commission. The reasons for the exceptions shall be published in the Florida Administrative Register.

3. Agency rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules shall not be filed with the department unless the Administration Commission has approved the exceptions. Each agency that adopts rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules shall publish a separate chapter in the Florida Administrative Code that delineates clearly the provisions of the agency's rules that provide exceptions to the uniform rules and specifies each alternative chosen from among those authorized by the uniform rules. Each chapter shall be organized in the same manner as the uniform rules.

(b) The uniform rules of procedure adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Uniform rules for the scheduling of public meetings, hearings, and workshops.

2. Uniform rules for use by each state agency that provide procedures for conducting public meetings, hearings, and workshops, and for taking evidence, testimony, and argument at such public meetings, hearings, and workshops, in person and by means of communications media technology. The rules shall provide that all evidence, testimony, and argument presented shall be afforded equal consideration, regardless of the method of communication. If a public meeting, hearing, or workshop is to be conducted by means of communications media technology, or if attendance may be provided by such means, the notice shall so state. The notice for public meetings, hearings, and workshops utilizing communications media technology shall state how persons interested in attending may do so and shall name locations, if any, where communications media technology facilities will be available. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to diminish the right to inspect public records under chapter 119. Limiting points of access to public meetings, hearings, and workshops subject to the provisions of s. 286.011 to places not normally open to the public shall be presumed to violate the right of access of the public, and any official action taken under such circumstances is void and of no effect. Other laws relating to public meetings, hearings, and workshops, including penal and remedial provisions, shall apply to public meetings, hearings, and workshops conducted by means of communications media technology, and shall be liberally construed in their application to such public meetings, hearings, and workshops. As used in this subparagraph, "communications media technology"

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means the electronic transmission of printed matter, audio, full-motion video, freeze-frame video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available.

3. Uniform rules of procedure for the filing of notice of protests and formal written protests. The Administration Commission may prescribe the form and substantive provisions of a required bond.

4. Uniform rules of procedure for the filing of petitions for administrative hearings pursuant to s. 120.569 or s. 120.57. Such rules shall require the petition to include:

a. The identification of the petitioner, including the petitioner's e-mail address, if any, for the transmittal of subsequent documents by electronic means.

b. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency's action or proposed action.

c. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the action or proposed action.

d. A statement of all material facts disputed by the petitioner or a statement that there are no disputed facts.

e. A statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including a statement of the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action.

f. A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.

g. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the proposed action.

5. Uniform rules for the filing of request for administrative hearing by a respondent in agency enforcement and disciplinary actions. Such rules shall require a request to include:

a. The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the party making the request and the name, address, and telephone number of the party's counsel or qualified representative upon whom service of pleadings and other papers shall be made;

b. A statement that the respondent is requesting an administrative hearing and disputes the material facts alleged by the petitioner, in which case the respondent shall identify those material facts that are in dispute, or that the respondent is requesting an administrative hearing and does not dispute the material facts alleged by the petitioner; and

c. A reference by file number to the administrative complaint that the party has received from the agency and the date on which the agency pleading was received.

The agency may provide an election-of-rights form for the respondent's use in requesting a hearing, so long as any form provided by the agency calls for the information in sub-subparagraphs a. through c. and does not impose any additional requirements on a respondent in order to request a hearing, unless such requirements are specifically authorized by law.

6. Uniform rules of procedure for the filing and prompt disposition of petitions for declaratory statements. The rules shall also describe the contents of the notices that must be published in the Florida Administrative Register under s. 120.565, including any applicable time limit for the filing of petitions to intervene or petitions for administrative hearing by persons whose substantial interests may be affected.

7. Provision of a method by which each agency head shall provide a description of the agency's organization and general course of its operations. The rules shall require that the statement concerning the agency's organization and operations be published on the agency's website.

8. Uniform rules establishing procedures for granting or denying petitions for variances and waivers pursuant to s. 120.542.

(6) ADOPTION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS.—Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this section, in the pursuance of state implementation, operation, or enforcement of federal programs, an agency is empowered to adopt rules substantively identical to regulations adopted pursuant to federal law, in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The agency shall publish notice of intent to adopt a rule pursuant to this subsection in the Florida Administrative Register at least 21 days prior to filing the rule with the Department of State. The agency shall provide a copy of the notice of intent to adopt a rule to the committee at least 21 days prior to the date of filing with the Department of State. Prior to filing the rule with the Department of State, the agency shall consider any written comments received within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt a rule. The rule shall be adopted upon filing with the Department of State. Substantive changes from the rules as noticed shall require republishing of notice as required in this subsection.

(b) Any rule adopted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective upon the date designated by the agency in the notice of intent to adopt a rule; however, no such rule shall become effective earlier than the effective date of the substantively identical federal regulation.

(c) Any substantially affected person may, within 14 days after the date of publication of the notice of intent to adopt a rule, file an objection to rulemaking with the agency. The objection shall specify the portions of the proposed rule to which the person objects and the specific reasons for the objection. The agency shall not proceed pursuant to this subsection to adopt those portions of the proposed rule specified in an objection, unless the agency deems the objection to be frivolous, but may proceed pursuant to subsection (3). An objection to a proposed rule, which rule in no material respect differs from the requirements of the federal regulation upon which it is based, is deemed to be frivolous.

(d) Whenever any federal regulation adopted as an agency rule pursuant to this subsection is declared invalid or is withdrawn, revoked, repealed, remanded, or

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suspended, the agency shall, within 60 days thereafter, publish a notice of repeal of the substantively identical agency rule in the Florida Administrative Register. Such repeal is effective upon publication of the notice. Whenever any federal regulation adopted as an agency rule pursuant to this subsection is substantially amended, the agency may adopt the amended regulation as a rule. If the amended regulation is not adopted as a rule within 180 days after the effective date of the amended regulation, the original rule is deemed repealed and the agency shall publish a notice of repeal of the original agency rule in the next available Florida Administrative Register.

(e) Whenever all or part of any rule proposed for adoption by the agency is substantively identical to a regulation adopted pursuant to federal law, such rule shall be written in a manner so that the rule specifically references the regulation whenever possible.

(7) PETITION TO INITIATE RULEMAKING.—

(a) Any person regulated by an agency or having substantial interest in an agency rule may petition an agency to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule or to provide the minimum public information required by this chapter. The petition shall specify the proposed rule and action requested. Not later than 30 calendar days following the date of filing a petition, the agency shall initiate rulemaking proceedings under this chapter, otherwise comply with the requested action, or deny the petition with a written statement of its reasons for the denial.

(b) If the petition filed under this subsection is directed to an unadopted rule, the agency shall, not later than 30 days following the date of filing a petition, initiate rulemaking, or provide notice in the Florida Administrative Register that the agency will hold a public hearing on the petition within 30 days after publication of the notice. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the comments of the public directed to the agency rule which has not been adopted by the rulemaking procedures or requirements of this chapter, its scope and application, and to consider whether the public interest is served adequately by the application of the rule on a case-by-case basis, as contrasted with its adoption by the rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter.

(c) If the agency does not initiate rulemaking or otherwise comply with the requested action within 30 days after the public hearing provided for in paragraph (b), the agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register a statement of its reasons for not initiating rulemaking or otherwise complying with the requested action and of any changes it will make in the scope or application of the unadopted rule. The agency shall file the statement with the committee. The committee shall forward a copy of the statement to the substantive committee with primary oversight jurisdiction of the agency in each house of the Legislature. The committee or the committee with primary oversight jurisdiction may hold a hearing directed to the statement of the agency. The committee holding the hearing may recommend to the Legislature the introduction of legislation making the rule a statutory standard or limiting or otherwise modifying the authority of the agency.

(d) If the agency initiates rulemaking after the public hearing provided for in paragraph (b), the agency shall publish a notice of rule development within 30 days after the hearing and file a notice of proposed rule within 180 days after the notice of rule development unless, before the 180th day, the agency publishes in the Florida Administrative Register a statement explaining its reasons for not having filed the notice. If rulemaking is initiated under this paragraph, the agency may not rely on the unadopted rule unless the agency publishes in the Florida Administrative Register a statement explaining why rulemaking under paragraph (1)(a) is not feasible or practicable until the conclusion of the rulemaking proceeding.

(8) RULEMAKING RECORD.—In all rulemaking proceedings the agency shall compile a rulemaking record. The record shall include, if applicable, copies of:

(a) All notices given for the proposed rule.

(b) Any statement of estimated regulatory costs for the rule.

(c) A written summary of hearings on the proposed rule.

(d) The written comments and responses to written comments as required by this section and s. 120.541.

(e) All notices and findings made under subsection (4).

(f) All materials filed by the agency with the committee under subsection (3).

(g) All materials filed with the Department of State under subsection (3).

(h) All written inquiries from standing committees of the Legislature concerning the rule.

Each state agency shall retain the record of rulemaking as long as the rule is in effect. When a rule is no longer in effect, the record may be destroyed pursuant to the records-retention schedule developed under s. 257.36(6).

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 3, ch. 75-191; s. 3, ch. 76-131; ss. 1, 2, ch. 76-276; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 13, ch. 77-290; s. 3, ch. 77-453; s. 2, ch. 78-28; s. 2, ch. 78-425; s. 7, ch. 79-3; s. 3, ch. 79-299; s. 69, ch. 79-400; s. 5, ch. 80-391; s. 1, ch. 81-309; s. 2, ch. 83-351; s. 1, ch. 84-173; s. 2, ch. 84-203; s. 7, ch. 85-104; s. 1, ch. 86-30; s. 3, ch. 87-385; s. 36, ch. 90-302; ss. 2, 4, 7, ch. 92-166; s. 63, ch. 93-187; s. 758, ch. 95-147; s. 6, ch. 95-295; s. 10, ch. 96-159; s. 6, ch. 96-320; s. 9, ch. 96-370; s. 3, ch. 97-176; s. 3, ch. 98-200; s. 4, ch. 99-379; s. 9, ch. 2001-75; s. 2, ch. 2003-94; s. 50, ch. 2005-278; s. 3, ch. 2006-82; ss. 5, 6, ch. 2008-104; s. 7, ch. 2008-149; s. 4, ch. 2009-187; ss. 1, 5, ch. 2010-279; HJR 9-A, 2010 Special Session A; s. 49, ch. 2011-142; s. 8, ch. 2011-208; s. 1, ch. 2011-225; s. 2, ch. 2012-27; s. 1, ch. 2012-63; s. 4, ch. 2013-14; s. 13, ch. 2013-15; s. 1, ch. 2015-162; s. 1, ch. 2016-116.

120.541 Statement of estimated regulatory costs.—

(1)(a) Within 21 days after publication of the notice required under s. 120.54(3)(a), a substantially affected person may submit to an agency a good faith written proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to a proposed rule which substantially accomplishes the objectives of the law being implemented. The proposal may include the alternative of not adopting any rule if the proposal explains how the lower costs and objectives of the law will be achieved by not adopting any rule. If such a proposal is submitted, the 90-day period for filing the rule is extended 21 days. Upon the submission of the lower cost regulatory alternative, the agency shall prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs as provided in subsection (2), or shall revise its prior statement of estimated regulatory costs, and either

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adopt the alternative or provide a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule.

(b) If a proposed rule will have an adverse impact on small business or if the proposed rule is likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs in excess of $200,000 in the aggregate within 1 year after the implementation of the rule, the agency shall prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs as required by s. 120.54(3)(b).

(c) The agency shall revise a statement of estimated regulatory costs if any change to the rule made under s. 120.54(3)(d) increases the regulatory costs of the rule.

(d) At least 21 days before filing the rule for adoption, an agency that is required to revise a statement of estimated regulatory costs shall provide the statement to the person who submitted the lower cost regulatory alternative and to the committee and shall provide notice on the agency's website that it is available to the public.

(e) Notwithstanding s. 120.56(1)(c), the failure of the agency to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs or to respond to a written lower cost regulatory alternative as provided in this subsection is a material failure to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter.

(f) An agency's failure to prepare a statement of estimated regulatory costs or to respond to a written lower cost regulatory alternative may not be raised in a proceeding challenging the validity of a rule pursuant to s. 120.52(8)(a) unless:

1. Raised in a petition filed no later than 1 year after the effective date of the rule; and

2. Raised by a person whose substantial interests are affected by the rule's regulatory costs.

(g) A rule that is challenged pursuant to s. 120.52(8)(f) may not be declared invalid unless:

1. The issue is raised in an administrative proceeding within 1 year after the effective date of the rule;

2. The challenge is to the agency's rejection of a lower cost regulatory alternative offered under paragraph (a) or s. 120.54(3)(b)2.b.; and

3. The substantial interests of the person challenging the rule are materially affected by the rejection.

(2) A statement of estimated regulatory costs shall include:

(a) An economic analysis showing whether the rule directly or indirectly:

1. Is likely to have an adverse impact on economic growth, private sector job creation or employment, or private sector investment in excess of $1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule;

2. Is likely to have an adverse impact on business competitiveness, including the ability of persons doing business in the state to compete with persons doing business in other states or domestic markets, productivity, or innovation in excess of $1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule; or

3. Is likely to increase regulatory costs, including any transactional costs, in excess of $1 million in the aggregate within 5 years after the implementation of the rule.

(b) A good faith estimate of the number of individuals and entities likely to be required to comply with the rule, together with a general description of the types of individuals likely to be affected by the rule.

(c) A good faith estimate of the cost to the agency, and to any other state and local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues.

(d) A good faith estimate of the transactional costs likely to be incurred by individuals and entities, including local government entities, required to comply with the requirements of the rule. As used in this section, "transactional costs" are direct costs that are readily ascertainable based upon standard business practices, and include filing fees, the cost of obtaining a license, the cost of equipment required to be installed or used or procedures required to be employed in complying with the rule, additional operating costs incurred, the cost of monitoring and reporting, and any other costs necessary to comply with the rule.

(e) An analysis of the impact on small businesses as defined by s. 288.703, and an analysis of the impact on small counties and small cities as defined in s. 120.52. The impact analysis for small businesses must include the basis for the agency's decision not to implement alternatives that would reduce adverse impacts on small businesses.

(f) Any additional information that the agency determines may be useful.

(g) In the statement or revised statement, whichever applies, a description of any regulatory alternatives submitted under paragraph (1)(a) and a statement adopting the alternative or a statement of the reasons for rejecting the alternative in favor of the proposed rule.

(3) If the adverse impact or regulatory costs of the rule exceed any of the criteria established in paragraph (2)(a), the rule shall be submitted to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than 30 days prior to the next regular legislative session, and the rule may not take effect until it is ratified by the Legislature.

[1](4) Subsection (3) does not apply to the adoption of:

(a) Federal standards pursuant to s. 120.54(6).

(b) Triennial updates of and amendments to the Florida Building Code which are expressly authorized by s. 553.73.

(c) Triennial updates of and amendments to the Florida Fire Prevention Code which are expressly authorized by s. 633.202.

(5) For purposes of subsections (2) and (3), adverse impacts and regulatory costs likely to occur within 5 years after implementation of the rule include adverse impacts and regulatory costs estimated to occur within 5 years after the effective date of the rule. However, if any provision of the rule is not fully implemented upon the effective date of the rule, the adverse impacts and regulatory costs associated with such provision must be adjusted to include any additional adverse impacts and

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regulatory costs estimated to occur within 5 years after implementation of such provision.

History.—s. 11, ch. 96-159; s. 4, ch. 97-176; ss. 2, 5, ch. 2010-279; HJR 9-A, 2010 Special Session A; s. 1, ch. 2011-222; s. 2, ch. 2011-225; s. 92, ch. 2013-183; s. 1, ch. 2016-232.

[1]**Note.**—As amended by s. 92, ch. 2013-183, which amended subsection (4) as amended by s. 1, ch. 2011-222. Section 2, ch. 2011-225, also amended subsection (4), and the language of that version conflicted with the version by s. 1, ch. 2011-222. As amended by s. 2, ch. 2011-225, subsection (4) reads:

(4) This section does not apply to the adoption of emergency rules pursuant to s. 120.54(4) or the adoption of federal standards pursuant to s. 120.54(6).

120.542 Variances and waivers.—

(1) Strict application of uniformly applicable rule requirements can lead to unreasonable, unfair, and unintended results in particular instances. The Legislature finds that it is appropriate in such cases to adopt a procedure for agencies to provide relief to persons subject to regulation. A public employee is not a person subject to regulation under this section for the purpose of petitioning for a variance or waiver to a rule that affects that public employee in his or her capacity as a public employee. Agencies are authorized to grant variances and waivers to requirements of their rules consistent with this section and with rules adopted under the authority of this section. An agency may limit the duration of any grant of a variance or waiver or otherwise impose conditions on the grant only to the extent necessary for the purpose of the underlying statute to be achieved. This section does not authorize agencies to grant variances or waivers to statutes or to rules required by the Federal Government for the agency's implementation or retention of any federally approved or delegated program, except as allowed by the program or when the variance or waiver is also approved by the appropriate agency of the Federal Government. This section is supplemental to, and does not abrogate, the variance and waiver provisions in any other statute.

(2) Variances and waivers shall be granted when the person subject to the rule demonstrates that the purpose of the underlying statute will be or has been achieved by other means by the person and when application of a rule would create a substantial hardship or would violate principles of fairness. For purposes of this section, "substantial hardship" means a demonstrated economic, technological, legal, or other type of hardship to the person requesting the variance or waiver. For purposes of this section, "principles of fairness" are violated when the literal application of a rule affects a particular person in a manner significantly different from the way it affects other similarly situated persons who are subject to the rule.

(3) The Governor and Cabinet, sitting as the Administration Commission, shall adopt uniform rules of procedure pursuant to the requirements of s. 120.54(5) establishing procedures for granting or denying petitions for variances and waivers. The uniform rules shall include procedures for the granting, denying, or revoking of emergency and temporary variances and waivers. Such provisions may provide for expedited timeframes, waiver of or limited public notice, and limitations on comments on the petition in the case of such temporary or emergency variances and waivers.

(4) Agencies shall advise persons of the remedies available through this section and shall provide copies of this section, the uniform rules on variances and waivers, and, if requested, the underlying statute, to persons who inquire about the possibility of relief from rule requirements.

(5) A person who is subject to regulation by an agency rule may file a petition with that agency, with a copy to the committee, requesting a variance or waiver from the agency's rule. In addition to any requirements mandated by the uniform rules, each petition shall specify:

(a) The rule from which a variance or waiver is requested.

(b) The type of action requested.

(c) The specific facts that would justify a waiver or variance for the petitioner.

(d) The reason why the variance or the waiver requested would serve the purposes of the underlying statute.

(6) Within 15 days after receipt of a petition for variance or waiver, an agency shall provide notice of the petition to the Department of State, which shall publish notice of the petition in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register. The notice shall contain the name of the petitioner, the date the petition was filed, the rule number and nature of the rule from which variance or waiver is sought, and an explanation of how a copy of the petition can be obtained. The uniform rules shall provide a means for interested persons to provide comments on the petition.

(7) Except for requests for emergency variances or waivers, within 30 days after receipt of a petition for a variance or waiver, an agency shall review the petition and request submittal of all additional information that the agency is permitted by this section to require. Within 30 days after receipt of such additional information, the agency shall review it and may request only that information needed to clarify the additional information or to answer new questions raised by or directly related to the additional information. If the petitioner asserts that any request for additional information is not authorized by law or by rule of the affected agency, the agency shall proceed, at the petitioner's written request, to process the petition.

(8) An agency shall grant or deny a petition for variance or waiver within 90 days after receipt of the original petition, the last item of timely requested additional material, or the petitioner's written request to finish processing the petition. A petition not granted or denied within 90 days after receipt of a completed petition is deemed approved. A copy of the order granting or denying the petition shall be filed with the committee and shall contain a statement of the relevant facts and reasons supporting the agency's action. The agency shall provide notice of the disposition of the petition to the Department of State, which shall publish the notice in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register. The notice shall contain the name of the petitioner, the date the petition was filed, the rule number and nature of the rule from which the waiver or variance is sought, a reference to the place and date of publication of the notice of the petition, the date of the order denying or approving the variance or waiver, the general basis for the agency decision, and

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an explanation of how a copy of the order can be obtained. The agency's decision to grant or deny the petition shall be supported by competent substantial evidence and is subject to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Any proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 in regard to a variance or waiver shall be limited to the agency action on the request for the variance or waiver, except that a proceeding in regard to a variance or waiver may be consolidated with any other proceeding authorized by this chapter.

(9) Each agency shall maintain a record of the type and disposition of each petition, including temporary or emergency variances and waivers, filed pursuant to this section.

History.—s. 12, ch. 96-159; s. 5, ch. 97-176; s. 37, ch. 2010-102; s. 5, ch. 2013-14.

120.545 Committee review of agency rules.—

(1) As a legislative check on legislatively created authority, the committee shall examine each proposed rule, except for those proposed rules exempted by s. 120.81(1)(e) and (2), and its accompanying material, and each emergency rule, and may examine any existing rule, for the purpose of determining whether:

(a) The rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.

(b) The statutory authority for the rule has been repealed.

(c) The rule reiterates or paraphrases statutory material.

(d) The rule is in proper form.

(e) The notice given prior to its adoption was sufficient to give adequate notice of the purpose and effect of the rule.

(f) The rule is consistent with expressed legislative intent pertaining to the specific provisions of law which the rule implements.

(g) The rule is necessary to accomplish the apparent or expressed objectives of the specific provision of law which the rule implements.

(h) The rule is a reasonable implementation of the law as it affects the convenience of the general public or persons particularly affected by the rule.

(i) The rule could be made less complex or more easily comprehensible to the general public.

(j) The rule's statement of estimated regulatory costs complies with the requirements of s. 120.541 and whether the rule does not impose regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city which could be reduced by the adoption of less costly alternatives that substantially accomplish the statutory objectives.

(k) The rule will require additional appropriations.

(l) If the rule is an emergency rule, there exists an emergency justifying the adoption of such rule, the agency is within its statutory authority, and the rule was adopted in compliance with the requirements and limitations of s. 120.54(4).

(2) The committee may request from an agency such information as is reasonably necessary for examination of a rule as required by subsection (1). The committee shall consult with legislative standing committees having jurisdiction over the subject areas. If the committee objects to a rule, the committee shall, within 5 days after the objection, certify that fact to the agency whose rule has been examined and include with the certification a statement detailing its objections with particularity. The committee shall notify the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate of any objection to an agency rule concurrent with certification of that fact to the agency. Such notice shall include a copy of the rule and the statement detailing the committee's objections to the rule.

(3) Within 30 days after receipt of the objection, if the agency is headed by an individual, or within 45 days after receipt of the objection, if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall:

(a) If the rule is not yet in effect:

1. File notice pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(d) of only such modifications as are necessary to address the committee's objection;

2. File notice pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(d) of withdrawal of the rule; or

3. Notify the committee in writing that it refuses to modify or withdraw the rule.

(b) If the rule is in effect:

1. File notice pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(a), without prior notice of rule development, to amend the rule to address the committee's objection;

2. File notice pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(a) to repeal the rule; or

3. Notify the committee in writing that the agency refuses to amend or repeal the rule.

(c) If the objection is to the statement of estimated regulatory costs:

1. Prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs, give notice of the availability of the corrected statement in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register, and file a copy of the corrected statement with the committee; or

2. Notify the committee that it refuses to prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs.

(4) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to a rule that is not yet in effect within the time prescribed in subsection (3) constitutes withdrawal of the rule in its entirety. In this event, the committee shall notify the Department of State that the agency, by its failure to respond to a committee objection, has elected to withdraw the rule. Upon receipt of the committee's notice, the Department of State shall publish a notice to that effect in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register. Upon publication of the notice, the rule shall be stricken from the files of the Department of State and the files of the agency.

(5) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to a rule that is in effect within the time prescribed in subsection (3) constitutes a refusal to amend or repeal the rule.

(6) Failure of the agency to respond to a committee objection to a statement of estimated regulatory costs within the time prescribed in subsection (3) constitutes a refusal to prepare a corrected statement of estimated regulatory costs.

(7) If the committee objects to a rule and the agency refuses to modify, amend, withdraw, or repeal the rule, the committee shall file with the Department of State a notice of the objection, detailing with particularity the committee's objection to the rule. The Department of

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State shall publish this notice in the Florida Administrative Register. If the rule is published in the Florida Administrative Code, a reference to the committee's objection and to the issue of the Florida Administrative Register in which the full text thereof appears shall be recorded in a history note.

(8)(a) If the committee objects to a rule, or portion of a rule, and the agency fails to initiate administrative action to modify, amend, withdraw, or repeal the rule consistent with the objection within 60 days after the objection, or thereafter fails to proceed in good faith to complete such action, the committee may submit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a recommendation that legislation be introduced to address the committee's objection.

(b)1. If the committee votes to recommend the introduction of legislation to address the committee's objection, the committee shall, within 5 days after this determination, certify that fact to the agency whose rule or proposed rule has been examined. The committee may request that the agency temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule, pending consideration of proposed legislation during the next regular session of the Legislature.

2. Within 30 days after receipt of the certification, if the agency is headed by an individual, or within 45 days after receipt of the certification, if the agency is headed by a collegial body, the agency shall:

a. Temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule; or

b. Notify the committee in writing that the agency refuses to temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule.

3. If the agency elects to temporarily suspend the rule or suspend the adoption of the proposed rule, the agency shall give notice of the suspension in the Florida Administrative Register. The rule or the rule adoption process shall be suspended upon publication of the notice. An agency may not base any agency action on a suspended rule or suspended proposed rule, or portion of such rule, prior to expiration of the suspension. A suspended rule or suspended proposed rule, or portion of such rule, continues to be subject to administrative determination and judicial review as provided by law.

4. Failure of an agency to respond to committee certification within the time prescribed by subparagraph 2. constitutes a refusal to suspend the rule or to suspend the adoption of the proposed rule.

(c) The committee shall prepare proposed legislation to address the committee's objection in accordance with the rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives for prefiling and introduction in the next regular session of the Legislature. The proposed legislation shall be presented to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives with the committee recommendation.

(d) If proposed legislation addressing the committee's objection fails to become law, any temporary agency suspension shall expire.

History.—s. 4, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 6, ch. 80-391; s. 3, ch. 81-309; s. 4, ch. 87-385; s. 8, ch. 92-166; s. 20, ch. 95-280; s. 14, ch. 96-159; s. 16, ch. 2000-151; s. 18, ch. 2008-4; s. 7, ch. 2008-104; s. 6, ch. 2013-14.

120.55 Publication.—

(1) The Department of State shall:

(a)1. Through a continuous revision and publication system, compile and publish electronically, on a website managed by the department, the "Florida Administrative Code." The Florida Administrative Code shall contain all rules adopted by each agency, citing the grant of rulemaking authority and the specific law implemented pursuant to which each rule was adopted, all history notes as authorized in s. 120.545(7), complete indexes to all rules contained in the code, and any other material required or authorized by law or deemed useful by the department. The electronic code shall display each rule chapter currently in effect in browse mode and allow full text search of the code and each rule chapter. The department may contract with a publishing firm for a printed publication; however, the department shall retain responsibility for the code as provided in this section. The electronic publication shall be the official compilation of the administrative rules of this state. The Department of State shall retain the copyright over the Florida Administrative Code.

2. Rules general in form but applicable to only one school district, community college district, or county, or a part thereof, or state university rules relating to internal personnel or business and finance shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code. Exclusion from publication in the Florida Administrative Code shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of such rules.

3. At the beginning of the section of the code dealing with an agency that files copies of its rules with the department, the department shall publish the address and telephone number of the executive offices of each agency, the manner by which the agency indexes its rules, a listing of all rules of that agency excluded from publication in the code, and a statement as to where those rules may be inspected.

4. Forms shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code; but any form which an agency uses in its dealings with the public, along with any accompanying instructions, shall be filed with the committee before it is used. Any form or instruction which meets the definition of "rule" provided in s. 120.52 shall be incorporated by reference into the appropriate rule. The reference shall specifically state that the form is being incorporated by reference and shall include the number, title, and effective date of the form and an explanation of how the form may be obtained. Each form created by an agency which is incorporated by reference in a rule notice of which is given under s. 120.54(3)(a) after December 31, 2007, must clearly display the number, title, and effective date of the form and the number of the rule in which the form is incorporated.

5. The department shall allow adopted rules and material incorporated by reference to be filed in electronic form as prescribed by department rule. When a rule is filed for adoption with incorporated material in electronic form, the department's publication of the Florida Administrative Code on its website must contain a hyperlink from the incorporating reference in the rule directly to that material. The department may not allow hyperlinks from rules in the Florida

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Administrative Code to any material other than that filed with and maintained by the department, but may allow hyperlinks to incorporated material maintained by the department from the adopting agency's website or other sites.

(b) Electronically publish on a website managed by the department a continuous revision and publication entitled the "Florida Administrative Register," which shall serve as the official publication and must contain:

1. All notices required by s. 120.54(2) and (3)(a), showing the text of all rules proposed for consideration.
2. All notices of public meetings, hearings, and workshops conducted in accordance with s. 120.525, including a statement of the manner in which a copy of the agenda may be obtained.
3. A notice of each request for authorization to amend or repeal an existing uniform rule or for the adoption of new uniform rules.
4. Notice of petitions for declaratory statements or administrative determinations.
5. A summary of each objection to any rule filed by the Administrative Procedures Committee.
6. A list of rules filed for adoption in the previous 7 days.
7. A list of all rules filed for adoption pending legislative ratification under s. 120.541(3). A rule shall be removed from the list once notice of ratification or withdrawal of the rule is received.
8. Any other material required or authorized by law or deemed useful by the department.

The department may contract with a publishing firm for a printed publication of the Florida Administrative Register and make copies available on an annual subscription basis.

(c) Prescribe by rule the style and form required for rules, notices, and other materials submitted for filing.

(d) Charge each agency using the Florida Administrative Register a space rate to cover the costs related to the Florida Administrative Register and the Florida Administrative Code.

(e) Maintain a permanent record of all notices published in the Florida Administrative Register.

(2) The Florida Administrative Register website must allow users to:

(a) Search for notices by type, publication date, rule number, word, subject, and agency.

(b) Search a database that makes available all notices published on the website for a period of at least 5 years.

(c) Subscribe to an automated e-mail notification of selected notices to be sent out before or concurrently with publication of the electronic Florida Administrative Register. Such notification must include in the text of the e-mail a summary of the content of each notice.

(d) View agency forms and other materials submitted to the department in electronic form and incorporated by reference in proposed rules.

(e) Comment on proposed rules.

(3) Publication of material required by paragraph (1)(b) on the Florida Administrative Register website does not preclude publication of such material on an agency's website or by other means.

(4) Each agency shall provide copies of its rules upon request, with citations to the grant of rulemaking authority and the specific law implemented for each rule.

(5) Each agency that provides an e-mail notification service to inform licensees or other registered recipients of notices shall use that service to notify recipients of each notice required under s. 120.54(2) and (3) and provide Internet links to the appropriate rule page on the Secretary of State's website or Internet links to an agency website that contains the proposed rule or final rule.

(6) Any publication of a proposed rule promulgated by an agency, whether published in the Florida Administrative Register or elsewhere, shall include, along with the rule, the name of the person or persons originating such rule, the name of the agency head who approved the rule, and the date upon which the rule was approved.

(7) Access to the Florida Administrative Register website and its contents, including the e-mail notification service, shall be free for the public.

(8)(a) All fees and moneys collected by the Department of State under this chapter shall be deposited in the Records Management Trust Fund for the purpose of paying for costs incurred by the department in carrying out this chapter.

(b) The unencumbered balance in the Records Management Trust Fund for fees collected pursuant to this chapter may not exceed $300,000 at the beginning of each fiscal year, and any excess shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund.

(9) The failure to comply with this section may not be raised in a proceeding challenging the validity of a rule pursuant to s. 120.52(8)(a).

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 1, ch. 75-107; s. 4, ch. 75-191; s. 5, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 4, ch. 77-453; s. 3, ch. 78-425; s. 4, ch. 79-299; s. 7, ch. 80-391; s. 4, ch. 81-309; s. 1, ch. 82-19; s. 1, ch. 82-47; s. 3, ch. 83-351; s. 3, ch. 84-203; s. 17, ch. 87-224; s. 1, ch. 87-322; s. 20, ch. 91-45; s. 15, ch. 96-159; s. 896, ch. 2002-387; s. 5, ch. 2004-235; s. 14, ch. 2004-335; s. 4, ch. 2006-82; ss. 8, 9, ch. 2008-104; ss. 11, 12, ch. 2010-5; s. 2, ch. 2012-63; s. 2, ch. 2016-116.

120.555 Summary removal of published rules no longer in force and effect.—When, as part of the continuous revision system authorized in s. 120.55(1)(a)1. or as otherwise provided by law, the Department of State is in doubt whether a rule published in the official version of the Florida Administrative Code is still in full force and effect, the procedure in this section shall be employed.

(1) The Department of State shall submit to the head of the agency with authority to repeal or amend the rule, if any, or if no such agency can be identified, to the Governor, a written request for a statement as to whether the rule is still in full force and effect. A copy of the request shall be promptly delivered to the committee and to the Attorney General. The Department of State shall publish a notice of the request together with a copy of the request in the Florida Administrative Register next available after delivery of the request to the head of the agency or the Governor.

(2) No later than 90 days after the date the notice required in subsection (1) is published, the agency or the Governor, notified pursuant to subsection (1), shall file a written response with the Department of State stating whether the rule is in full force and effect and

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under the jurisdiction of an agency with full authority to amend or repeal the rule. Failure to respond timely under this subsection constitutes an acknowledgment by the agency or the Governor that the rule is no longer in effect and is subject to summary repeal under this section.

(3) The Department of State shall publish a notice of the agency's or Governor's timely response or the acknowledgment determined under subsection (2) in the Florida Administrative Register next available after receipt of the response or the expiration of the response period, whichever occurs first.

(4) If the response states that the rule is no longer in effect, or if no response is filed timely with the Department of State, the notice required in subsection (3) shall also give notice of the following:

(a) Based on the agency's or Governor's written response or the acknowledgment determined under subsection (2), the rule will be repealed summarily pursuant to this section and removed from the Florida Administrative Code.

(b) Any objection to the summary repeal under this section must be filed as a petition challenging a proposed rule under s. 120.56 and must be filed no later than 21 days after the date the notice is published in the Florida Administrative Register.

(c) For purposes only of challenging a summary repeal under this section, the agency with current authority to repeal the rule under s. 120.54 shall be named as the respondent in the petition and shall be the proper party in interest. In such circumstances, the Department of State shall not be named as a party in a petition filed under paragraph (b) and this paragraph.

(d) If no agency currently has authority to repeal the rule under s. 120.54, the Department of State shall be named as the respondent in a petition filed under paragraph (b) and this paragraph. The Attorney General shall represent the Department of State in all proceedings under this paragraph.

(5) Upon the expiration of the 21-day period to file an objection to a notice of summary repeal published pursuant to subsection (4), if no timely objection is filed, or, if a timely objection is filed, on the date a decision finding the rule is no longer in effect becomes final, the Department of State shall update the Florida Administrative Code to remove the rule and shall provide historical notes identifying the manner in which the rule ceased to have effect, including the summary repeal pursuant to this section.

History.—s. 2, ch. 2012-31; s. 7, ch. 2013-14.

120.56 Challenges to rules.—

(1) GENERAL PROCEDURES.—

(a) Any person substantially affected by a rule or a proposed rule may seek an administrative determination of the invalidity of the rule on the ground that the rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.

(b) The petition challenging the validity of a proposed or adopted rule under this section must state:

1. The particular provisions alleged to be invalid and a statement of the facts or grounds for the alleged invalidity.

2. Facts sufficient to show that the petitioner is substantially affected by the challenged adopted rule or would be substantially affected by the proposed rule.

(c) The petition shall be filed by electronic means with the division which shall, immediately upon filing, forward by electronic means copies to the agency whose rule is challenged, the Department of State, and the committee. Within 10 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with paragraph (b), assign an administrative law judge who shall conduct a hearing within 30 days thereafter, unless the petition is withdrawn or a continuance is granted by agreement of the parties or for good cause shown. Evidence of good cause includes, but is not limited to, written notice of an agency's decision to modify or withdraw the proposed rule or a written notice from the chair of the committee stating that the committee will consider an objection to the rule at its next scheduled meeting. The failure of an agency to follow the applicable rulemaking procedures or requirements set forth in this chapter shall be presumed to be material; however, the agency may rebut this presumption by showing that the substantial interests of the petitioner and the fairness of the proceedings have not been impaired.

(d) Within 30 days after the hearing, the administrative law judge shall render a decision and state the reasons for his or her decision in writing. The division shall forthwith transmit by electronic means copies of the administrative law judge's decision to the agency, the Department of State, and the committee.

(e) Hearings held under this section shall be de novo in nature. The standard of proof shall be the preponderance of the evidence. Hearings shall be conducted in the same manner as provided by ss. 120.569 and 120.57, except that the administrative law judge's order shall be final agency action. The petitioner and the agency whose rule is challenged shall be adverse parties. Other substantially affected persons may join the proceedings as intervenors on appropriate terms which shall not unduly delay the proceedings. Failure to proceed under this section does not constitute failure to exhaust administrative remedies.

(2) CHALLENGING PROPOSED RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—

(a) A petition alleging the invalidity of a proposed rule shall be filed within 21 days after the date of publication of the notice required by s. 120.54(3)(a); within 10 days after the final public hearing is held on the proposed rule as provided by s. 120.54(3)(e)2.; within 20 days after the statement of estimated regulatory costs or revised statement of estimated regulatory costs, if applicable, has been prepared and made available as provided in s. 120.541(1)(d); or within 20 days after the date of publication of the notice required by s. 120.54(3)(d). The petitioner has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the petitioner would be substantially affected by the proposed rule. The agency then has the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed rule is not an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as to the objections raised. A person who is not substantially affected by the proposed rule as

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initially noticed, but who is substantially affected by the rule as a result of a change, may challenge any provision of the resulting proposed rule.

(b) The administrative law judge may declare the proposed rule wholly or partly invalid. Unless the decision of the administrative law judge is reversed on appeal, the proposed rule or provision of a proposed rule declared invalid shall not be adopted. After a petition for administrative determination has been filed, the agency may proceed with all other steps in the rulemaking process, including the holding of a factfinding hearing. In the event part of a proposed rule is declared invalid, the adopting agency may, in its sole discretion, withdraw the proposed rule in its entirety. The agency whose proposed rule has been declared invalid in whole or part shall give notice of the decision in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

(c) When any substantially affected person seeks determination of the invalidity of a proposed rule pursuant to this section, the proposed rule is not presumed to be valid or invalid.

(3) CHALLENGING RULES IN EFFECT; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—

(a) A petition alleging the invalidity of an existing rule may be filed at any time during which the rule is in effect. The petitioner has the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the existing rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as to the objections raised.

(b) The administrative law judge may declare all or part of a rule invalid. The rule or part thereof declared invalid shall become void when the time for filing an appeal expires. The agency whose rule has been declared invalid in whole or part shall give notice of the decision in the Florida Administrative Register in the first available issue after the rule has become void.

(4) CHALLENGING AGENCY STATEMENTS DEFINED AS UNADOPTED RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—

(a) Any person substantially affected by an agency statement that is an unadopted rule may seek an administrative determination that the statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a). The petition shall include the text of the statement or a description of the statement and shall state facts sufficient to show that the statement constitutes an unadopted rule.

(b) The administrative law judge may extend the hearing date beyond 30 days after assignment of the case for good cause. Upon notification to the administrative law judge provided before the final hearing that the agency has published a notice of rulemaking under s. 120.54(3), such notice shall automatically operate as a stay of proceedings pending adoption of the statement as a rule. The administrative law judge may vacate the stay for good cause shown. A stay of proceedings pending rulemaking shall remain in effect so long as the agency is proceeding expeditiously and in good faith to adopt the statement as a rule.

(c) If a hearing is held and the petitioner proves the allegations of the petition, the agency shall have the burden of proving that rulemaking is not feasible or not practicable under s. 120.54(1)(a).

(d) The administrative law judge may determine whether all or part of a statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a). The decision of the administrative law judge shall constitute a final order. The division shall transmit a copy of the final order to the Department of State and the committee. The Department of State shall publish notice of the final order in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register.

(e) If an administrative law judge enters a final order that all or part of an unadopted rule violates s. 120.54(1)(a), the agency must immediately discontinue all reliance upon the unadopted rule or any substantially similar statement as a basis for agency action.

(f) If proposed rules addressing the challenged unadopted rule are determined to be an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority as defined in s. 120.52(8)(b)-(f), the agency must immediately discontinue reliance upon the unadopted rule and any substantially similar statement until rules addressing the subject are properly adopted, and the administrative law judge shall enter a final order to that effect.

(g) All proceedings to determine a violation of s. 120.54(1)(a) shall be brought pursuant to this subsection. A proceeding pursuant to this subsection may be consolidated with a proceeding under subsection (3) or under any other section of this chapter. This paragraph does not prevent a party whose substantial interests have been determined by an agency action from bringing a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1)(e).

(5) CHALLENGING EMERGENCY RULES; SPECIAL PROVISIONS.—Challenges to the validity of an emergency rule shall be subject to the following time schedules in lieu of those established by paragraphs (1)(c) and (d). Within 7 days after receiving the petition, the division director shall, if the petition complies with paragraph (1)(b), assign an administrative law judge, who shall conduct a hearing within 14 days, unless the petition is withdrawn. The administrative law judge shall render a decision within 14 days after the hearing.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 5, ch. 75-191; s. 6, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 4, ch. 78-425; s. 759, ch. 95-147; s. 16, ch. 96-159; s. 6, ch. 97-176; s. 5, ch. 99-379; s. 3, ch. 2003-94; s. 5, ch. 2006-82; ss. 10, 11, ch. 2008-104; ss. 3, 5, ch. 2010-279; HJR 9-A, 2010 Special Session A; s. 10, ch. 2011-208; s. 3, ch. 2011-225; s. 8, ch. 2013-14; s. 3, ch. 2016-116.

120.565 Declaratory statement by agencies.—

(1) Any substantially affected person may seek a declaratory statement regarding an agency's opinion as to the applicability of a statutory provision, or of any rule or order of the agency, as it applies to the petitioner's particular set of circumstances.

(2) The petition seeking a declaratory statement shall state with particularity the petitioner's set of circumstances and shall specify the statutory provision, rule, or order that the petitioner believes may apply to the set of circumstances.

(3) The agency shall give notice of the filing of each petition in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative Register and transmit copies of each petition to the committee. The agency shall issue a declaratory statement or deny the petition within 90 days after the filing of the petition. The declaratory statement or denial of the petition shall be noticed in the next available issue of the Florida Administrative

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Register. Agency disposition of petitions shall be final agency action.

History.—s. 6, ch. 75-191; s. 7, ch. 76-131; s. 5, ch. 78-425; s. 5, ch. 79-299; s. 760, ch. 95-147; s. 17, ch. 96-159; s. 9, ch. 2013-14.

120.569 Decisions which affect substantial interests.—

(1) The provisions of this section apply in all proceedings in which the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency, unless the parties are proceeding under s. 120.573 or s. 120.574. Unless waived by all parties, s. 120.57(1) applies whenever the proceeding involves a disputed issue of material fact. Unless otherwise agreed, s. 120.57(2) applies in all other cases. If a disputed issue of material fact arises during a proceeding under s. 120.57(2), then, unless waived by all parties, the proceeding under s. 120.57(2) shall be terminated and a proceeding under s. 120.57(1) shall be conducted. Parties shall be notified of any order, including a final order. Unless waived, a copy of the order shall be delivered or mailed to each party or the party's attorney of record at the address of record. Each notice shall inform the recipient of any administrative hearing or judicial review that is available under this section, s. 120.57, or s. 120.68; shall indicate the procedure which must be followed to obtain the hearing or judicial review; and shall state the time limits which apply.

(2)(a) Except for any proceeding conducted as prescribed in s. 120.56, a petition or request for a hearing under this section shall be filed with the agency. If the agency requests an administrative law judge from the division, it shall so notify the division by electronic means through the division's website within 15 days after receipt of the petition or request. A request for a hearing shall be granted or denied within 15 days after receipt. On the request of any agency, the division shall assign an administrative law judge with due regard to the expertise required for the particular matter. The referring agency shall take no further action with respect to a proceeding under s. 120.57(1), except as a party litigant, as long as the division has jurisdiction over the proceeding under s. 120.57(1). Any party may request the disqualification of the administrative law judge by filing an affidavit with the division prior to the taking of evidence at a hearing, stating the grounds with particularity.

(b) All parties shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing after reasonable notice of not less than 14 days; however, the 14-day notice requirement may be waived with the consent of all parties. The notice shall include:

1. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing.

2. A statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing is to be held.

(c) Unless otherwise provided by law, a petition or request for hearing shall include those items required by the uniform rules adopted pursuant to s. 120.54(5)(b). Upon the receipt of a petition or request for hearing, the agency shall carefully review the petition to determine if it contains all of the required information. A petition shall be dismissed if it is not in substantial compliance with these requirements or it has been untimely filed. Dismissal of a petition shall, at least once, be without prejudice to petitioner's filing a timely amended petition curing the defect, unless it conclusively appears from the face of the petition that the defect cannot be cured. The agency shall promptly give written notice to all parties of the action taken on the petition, shall state with particularity its reasons if the petition is not granted, and shall state the deadline for filing an amended petition if applicable. This paragraph does not eliminate the availability of equitable tolling as a defense to the untimely filing of a petition.

(d) The agency may refer a petition to the division for the assignment of an administrative law judge only if the petition is in substantial compliance with the requirements of paragraph (c).

(e) All pleadings, motions, or other papers filed in the proceeding must be signed by the party, the party's attorney, or the party's qualified representative. The signature constitutes a certificate that the person has read the pleading, motion, or other paper and that, based upon reasonable inquiry, it is not interposed for any improper purposes, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay, or for frivolous purpose or needless increase in the cost of litigation. If a pleading, motion, or other paper is signed in violation of these requirements, the presiding officer shall impose upon the person who signed it, the represented party, or both, an appropriate sanction, which may include an order to pay the other party or parties the amount of reasonable expenses incurred because of the filing of the pleading, motion, or other paper, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

(f) The presiding officer has the power to swear witnesses and take their testimony under oath, to issue subpoenas, and to effect discovery on the written request of any party by any means available to the courts and in the manner provided in the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, including the imposition of sanctions, except contempt. However, no presiding officer has the authority to issue any subpoena or order directing discovery to any member or employee of the Legislature when the subpoena or order commands the production of documents or materials or compels testimony relating to the legislative duties of the member or employee. Any subpoena or order directing discovery directed to a member or an employee of the Legislature shall show on its face that the testimony sought does not relate to legislative duties.

(g) Irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded, but all other evidence of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs shall be admissible, whether or not such evidence would be admissible in a trial in the courts of Florida. Any part of the evidence may be received in written form, and all testimony of parties and witnesses shall be made under oath.

(h) Documentary evidence may be received in the form of a copy or excerpt. Upon request, parties shall be given an opportunity to compare the copy with the original, if available.

(i) When official recognition is requested, the parties shall be notified and given an opportunity to examine and contest the material.

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(j) A party shall be permitted to conduct cross-examination when testimony is taken or documents are made a part of the record.

(k)1. Any person subject to a subpoena may, before compliance and on timely petition, request the presiding officer having jurisdiction of the dispute to invalidate the subpoena on the ground that it was not lawfully issued, is unreasonably broad in scope, or requires the production of irrelevant material.

2. A party may seek enforcement of a subpoena, order directing discovery, or order imposing sanctions issued under the authority of this chapter by filing a petition for enforcement in the circuit court of the judicial circuit in which the person failing to comply with the subpoena or order resides. A failure to comply with an order of the court shall result in a finding of contempt of court. However, no person shall be in contempt while a subpoena is being challenged under subparagraph 1. The court may award to the prevailing party all or part of the costs and attorney's fees incurred in obtaining the court order whenever the court determines that such an award should be granted under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

3. Any public employee subpoenaed to appear at an agency proceeding shall be entitled to per diem and travel expenses at the same rate as that provided for state employees under s. 112.061 if travel away from such public employee's headquarters is required. All other witnesses appearing pursuant to a subpoena shall be paid such fees and mileage for their attendance as is provided in civil actions in circuit courts of this state. In the case of a public employee, such expenses shall be processed and paid in the manner provided for agency employee travel expense reimbursement, and in the case of a witness who is not a public employee, payment of such fees and expenses shall accompany the subpoena.

(l) Unless the time period is waived or extended with the consent of all parties, the final order in a proceeding which affects substantial interests must be in writing and include findings of fact, if any, and conclusions of law separately stated, and it must be rendered within 90 days:

1. After the hearing is concluded, if conducted by the agency;

2. After a recommended order is submitted to the agency and mailed to all parties, if the hearing is conducted by an administrative law judge; or

3. After the agency has received the written and oral material it has authorized to be submitted, if there has been no hearing.

(m) Findings of fact, if set forth in a manner which is no more than mere tracking of the statutory language, must be accompanied by a concise and explicit statement of the underlying facts of record which support the findings.

(n) If an agency head finds that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires an immediate final order, it shall recite with particularity the facts underlying such finding in the final order, which shall be appealable or enjoinable from the date rendered.

(o) On the request of any party, the administrative law judge shall enter an initial scheduling order to facilitate the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of the proceeding. The initial scheduling order shall establish a discovery period, including a deadline by which all discovery shall be completed, and the date by which the parties shall identify expert witnesses and their opinions. The initial scheduling order also may require the parties to meet and file a joint report by a date certain.

(p) For any proceeding arising under chapter 373, chapter 378, or chapter 403, if a nonapplicant petitions as a third party to challenge an agency's issuance of a license, permit, or conceptual approval, the order of presentation in the proceeding is for the permit applicant to present a prima facie case demonstrating entitlement to the license, permit, or conceptual approval, followed by the agency. This demonstration may be made by entering into evidence the application and relevant material submitted to the agency in support of the application, and the agency's staff report or notice of intent to approve the permit, license, or conceptual approval. Subsequent to the presentation of the applicant's prima facie case and any direct evidence submitted by the agency, the petitioner initiating the action challenging the issuance of the license, permit, or conceptual approval has the burden of ultimate persuasion and has the burden of going forward to prove the case in opposition to the license, permit, or conceptual approval through the presentation of competent and substantial evidence. The permit applicant and agency may on rebuttal present any evidence relevant to demonstrating that the application meets the conditions for issuance. Notwithstanding subsection (1), this paragraph applies to proceedings under s. 120.574.

History.—s. 18, ch. 96-159; s. 7, ch. 97-176; s. 4, ch. 98-200; s. 4, ch. 2003-94; s. 6, ch. 2006-82; s. 14, ch. 2008-104; s. 11, ch. 2011-208; s. 10, ch. 2011-225.

120.57 Additional procedures for particular cases.—

(1) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO HEARINGS INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT.—

(a) Except as provided in ss. 120.80 and 120.81, an administrative law judge assigned by the division shall conduct all hearings under this subsection, except for hearings before agency heads or a member thereof. If the administrative law judge assigned to a hearing becomes unavailable, the division shall assign another administrative law judge who shall use any existing record and receive any additional evidence or argument, if any, which the new administrative law judge finds necessary.

(b) All parties shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, to submit proposed findings of facts and orders, to file exceptions to the presiding officer's recommended order, and to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative. When appropriate, the general public may be given an opportunity to present oral or written communications. If the agency proposes to consider such material, then all parties shall be given

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an opportunity to cross-examine or challenge or rebut the material.

(c) Hearsay evidence may be used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence, but it shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in civil actions.

(d) Notwithstanding s. 120.569(2)(g), similar fact evidence of other violations, wrongs, or acts is admissible when relevant to prove a material fact in issue, such as proof of motive, opportunity, intent, preparation, plan, knowledge, identity, or absence of mistake or accident, but it is inadmissible when the evidence is relevant solely to prove bad character or propensity. When the state in an administrative proceeding intends to offer evidence of other acts or offenses under this paragraph, the state shall furnish to the party whose substantial interests are being determined and whose other acts or offenses will be the subject of such evidence, no fewer than 10 days before commencement of the proceeding, a written statement of the acts or offenses it intends to offer, describing them and the evidence the state intends to offer with particularity. Notice is not required for evidence of acts or offenses which is used for impeachment or on rebuttal.

(e)1. An agency or an administrative law judge may not base agency action that determines the substantial interests of a party on an unadopted rule or a rule that is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority. This subparagraph does not preclude application of valid adopted rules and applicable provisions of law to the facts.

2. In a matter initiated as a result of agency action proposing to determine the substantial interests of a party, the party's timely petition for hearing may challenge the proposed agency action based on a rule that is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority or based on an alleged unadopted rule. For challenges brought under this subparagraph:

a. The challenge may be pled as a defense using the procedures set forth in s. 120.56(1)(b).

b. Section 120.56(3)(a) applies to a challenge alleging that a rule is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.

c. Section 120.56(4)(c) applies to a challenge alleging an unadopted rule.

d. This subparagraph does not preclude the consolidation of any proceeding under s. 120.56 with any proceeding under this paragraph.

3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., if an agency demonstrates that the statute being implemented directs it to adopt rules, that the agency has not had time to adopt those rules because the requirement was so recently enacted, and that the agency has initiated rulemaking and is proceeding expeditiously and in good faith to adopt the required rules, then the agency's action may be based upon those unadopted rules if the administrative law judge determines that rulemaking is neither feasible nor practicable and the unadopted rules would not constitute an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority if adopted as rules. An unadopted rule shall not be presumed valid. The agency must demonstrate that the unadopted rule:

a. Is within the powers, functions, and duties delegated by the Legislature or, if the agency is operating pursuant to authority vested in the agency by the State Constitution, is within that authority;

b. Does not enlarge, modify, or contravene the specific provisions of law implemented;

c. Is not vague, establishes adequate standards for agency decisions, or does not vest unbridled discretion in the agency;

d. Is not arbitrary or capricious. A rule is arbitrary if it is not supported by logic or the necessary facts; a rule is capricious if it is adopted without thought or reason or is irrational;

e. Is not being applied to the substantially affected party without due notice; and

f. Does not impose excessive regulatory costs on the regulated person, county, or city.

4. The recommended and final orders in any proceeding shall be governed by paragraphs (k) and (l), except that the administrative law judge's determination regarding an unadopted rule under subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. shall not be rejected by the agency unless the agency first determines from a review of the complete record, and states with particularity in the order, that such determination is clearly erroneous or does not comply with essential requirements of law. In any proceeding for review under s. 120.68, if the court finds that the agency's rejection of the determination regarding the unadopted rule does not comport with this subparagraph, the agency action shall be set aside and the court shall award to the prevailing party the reasonable costs and a reasonable attorney fee for the initial proceeding and the proceeding for review.

5. A petitioner may pursue a separate, collateral challenge under s. 120.56 even if an adequate remedy exists through a proceeding under this section. The administrative law judge may consolidate the proceedings.

(f) The record in a case governed by this subsection shall consist only of:

1. All notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings.

2. Evidence admitted.

3. Those matters officially recognized.

4. Proffers of proof and objections and rulings thereon.

5. Proposed findings and exceptions.

6. Any decision, opinion, order, or report by the presiding officer.

7. All staff memoranda or data submitted to the presiding officer during the hearing or prior to its disposition, after notice of the submission to all parties, except communications by advisory staff as permitted under s. 120.66(1), if such communications are public records.

8. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication.

9. The official transcript.

(g) The agency shall accurately and completely preserve all testimony in the proceeding, and, on the request of any party, it shall make a full or partial transcript available at no more than actual cost.

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(h) Any party to a proceeding in which an administrative law judge has final order authority may move for a summary final order when there is no genuine issue as to any material fact. A summary final order shall be rendered if the administrative law judge determines from the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with affidavits, if any, that no genuine issue as to any material fact exists and that the moving party is entitled as a matter of law to the entry of a final order. A summary final order shall consist of findings of fact, if any, conclusions of law, a disposition or penalty, if applicable, and any other information required by law to be contained in the final order.

(i) When, in any proceeding conducted pursuant to this subsection, a dispute of material fact no longer exists, any party may move the administrative law judge to relinquish jurisdiction to the agency. An order relinquishing jurisdiction shall be rendered if the administrative law judge determines from the pleadings, depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file, together with supporting and opposing affidavits, if any, that no genuine issue as to any material fact exists. If the administrative law judge enters an order relinquishing jurisdiction, the agency may promptly conduct a proceeding pursuant to subsection (2), if appropriate, but the parties may not raise any issues of disputed fact that could have been raised before the administrative law judge. An order entered by an administrative law judge relinquishing jurisdiction to the agency based upon a determination that no genuine dispute of material fact exists, need not contain findings of fact, conclusions of law, or a recommended disposition or penalty.

(j) Findings of fact shall be based upon a preponderance of the evidence, except in penal or licensure disciplinary proceedings or except as otherwise provided by statute, and shall be based exclusively on the evidence of record and on matters officially recognized.

(k) The presiding officer shall complete and submit to the agency and all parties a recommended order consisting of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended disposition or penalty, if applicable, and any other information required by law to be contained in the final order. All proceedings conducted under this subsection shall be de novo. The agency shall allow each party 15 days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. The final order shall include an explicit ruling on each exception, but an agency need not rule on an exception that does not clearly identify the disputed portion of the recommended order by page number or paragraph, that does not identify the legal basis for the exception, or that does not include appropriate and specific citations to the record.

(l) The agency may adopt the recommended order as the final order of the agency. The agency in its final order may reject or modify the conclusions of law over which it has substantive jurisdiction and interpretation of administrative rules over which it has substantive jurisdiction. When rejecting or modifying such conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule, the agency must state with particularity its reasons for rejecting or modifying such conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule and must make a finding that its substituted conclusion of law or interpretation of administrative rule is as or more reasonable than that which was rejected or modified. Rejection or modification of conclusions of law may not form the basis for rejection or modification of findings of fact. The agency may not reject or modify the findings of fact unless the agency first determines from a review of the entire record, and states with particularity in the order, that the findings of fact were not based upon competent substantial evidence or that the proceedings on which the findings were based did not comply with essential requirements of law. The agency may accept the recommended penalty in a recommended order, but may not reduce or increase it without a review of the complete record and without stating with particularity its reasons therefor in the order, by citing to the record in justifying the action.

(m) If a recommended order is submitted to an agency, the agency shall provide a copy of its final order and any exceptions to the division within 15 days after the order is filed with the agency clerk.

(n) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when statutes or rules impose conflicting time requirements for the scheduling of expedited hearings or issuance of recommended or final orders, the director of the division shall have the authority to set the proceedings for the orderly operation of this chapter.

(2) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO HEARINGS NOT INVOLVING DISPUTED ISSUES OF MATERIAL FACT.—In any case to which subsection (1) does not apply:

(a) The agency shall:

1. Give reasonable notice to affected persons of the action of the agency, whether proposed or already taken, or of its decision to refuse action, together with a summary of the factual, legal, and policy grounds therefor.

2. Give parties or their counsel the option, at a convenient time and place, to present to the agency or hearing officer written or oral evidence in opposition to the action of the agency or to its refusal to act, or a written statement challenging the grounds upon which the agency has chosen to justify its action or inaction.

3. If the objections of the parties are overruled, provide a written explanation within 7 days.

(b) An agency may not base agency action that determines the substantial interests of a party on an unadopted rule or a rule that is an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority.

(c) The record shall only consist of:

1. The notice and summary of grounds.

2. Evidence received.

3. All written statements submitted.

4. Any decision overruling objections.

5. All matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication.

6. The official transcript.

7. Any decision, opinion, order, or report by the presiding officer.

(3) ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO PROTESTS TO CONTRACT SOLICITATION OR AWARD.—Agencies subject to this chapter shall use

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the uniform rules of procedure, which provide procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contract solicitation or award process. Such rules shall at least provide that:

(a) The agency shall provide notice of a decision or intended decision concerning a solicitation, contract award, or exceptional purchase by electronic posting. This notice shall contain the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes."

(b) Any person who is adversely affected by the agency decision or intended decision shall file with the agency a notice of protest in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision. With respect to a protest of the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in a solicitation, including any provisions governing the methods for ranking bids, proposals, or replies, awarding contracts, reserving rights of further negotiation, or modifying or amending any contract, the notice of protest shall be filed in writing within 72 hours after the posting of the solicitation. The formal written protest shall be filed within 10 days after the date the notice of protest is filed. Failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under this chapter. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays shall be excluded in the computation of the 72-hour time periods provided by this paragraph.

(c) Upon receipt of the formal written protest that has been timely filed, the agency shall stop the solicitation or contract award process until the subject of the protest is resolved by final agency action, unless the agency head sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the solicitation or contract award process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

(d)1. The agency shall provide an opportunity to resolve the protest by mutual agreement between the parties within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, after receipt of a formal written protest.

2. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, after receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is no disputed issue of material fact, an informal proceeding shall be conducted pursuant to subsection (2) and applicable agency rules before a person whose qualifications have been prescribed by rules of the agency.

3. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within 7 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, after receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is a disputed issue of material fact, the agency shall refer the protest to the division by electronic means through the division's website for proceedings under subsection (1).

(e) Upon receipt of a formal written protest referred pursuant to this subsection, the director of the division shall expedite the hearing and assign an administrative law judge who shall commence a hearing within 30 days after the receipt of the formal written protest by the division and enter a recommended order within 30 days after the hearing or within 30 days after receipt of the hearing transcript by the administrative law judge, whichever is later. Each party shall be allowed 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the recommended order. A final order shall be entered by the agency within 30 days of the entry of a recommended order. The provisions of this paragraph may be waived upon stipulation by all parties.

(f) In a protest to an invitation to bid or request for proposals procurement, no submissions made after the bid or proposal opening which amend or supplement the bid or proposal shall be considered. In a protest to an invitation to negotiate procurement, no submissions made after the agency announces its intent to award a contract, reject all replies, or withdraw the solicitation which amend or supplement the reply shall be considered. Unless otherwise provided by statute, the burden of proof shall rest with the party protesting the proposed agency action. In a competitive-procurement protest, other than a rejection of all bids, proposals, or replies, the administrative law judge shall conduct a de novo proceeding to determine whether the agency's proposed action is contrary to the agency's governing statutes, the agency's rules or policies, or the solicitation specifications. The standard of proof for such proceedings shall be whether the proposed agency action was clearly erroneous, contrary to competition, arbitrary, or capricious. In any bid-protest proceeding contesting an intended agency action to reject all bids, proposals, or replies, the standard of review by an administrative law judge shall be whether the agency's intended action is illegal, arbitrary, dishonest, or fraudulent.

(g) For purposes of this subsection, the definitions in s. 287.012 apply.

(4) INFORMAL DISPOSITION.—Unless precluded by law, informal disposition may be made of any proceeding by stipulation, agreed settlement, or consent order.

(5) APPLICABILITY.—This section does not apply to agency investigations preliminary to agency action.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 7, ch. 75-191; s. 8, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 5, ch. 77-453; ss. 6, 11, ch. 78-95; s. 6, ch. 78-425; s. 8, ch. 79-7; s. 7, ch. 80-95; s. 4, ch. 80-289; s. 57, ch. 81-259; s. 2, ch. 83-78; s. 9, ch. 83-216; s. 2, ch. 84-173; s. 4, ch. 84-203; ss. 1, 2, ch. 86-108; s. 44, ch. 87-6; ss. 1, 2, ch. 87-54; s. 5, ch. 87-385; s. 1, ch. 90-283; s. 4, ch. 91-30; s. 1, ch. 91-191; s. 22, ch. 92-315; s. 7, ch. 94-218; s. 1420, ch. 95-147; s. 1, ch. 95-328; s. 19, ch. 96-159; s. 1, ch. 96-423; s. 8, ch. 97-176; s. 5, ch. 98-200; s. 3, ch. 98-279; s. 47, ch. 99-2; s. 6, ch. 99-379; s. 2, ch. 2002-207; s. 5, ch. 2003-94; s. 7, ch. 2006-82; s. 12, ch. 2008-104; s. 12, ch. 2011-208; s. 4, ch. 2016-116.

120.573 Mediation of disputes.—Each announcement of an agency action that affects substantial interests shall advise whether mediation of the administrative dispute for the type of agency action announced is available and that choosing mediation does not affect the right to an administrative hearing. If the agency and all parties to the administrative action agree to mediation, in writing, within 10 days after the time period stated in the announcement for election of

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an administrative remedy under ss. 120.569 and 120.57, the time limitations imposed by ss. 120.569 and 120.57 shall be tolled to allow the agency and parties to mediate the administrative dispute. The mediation shall be concluded within 60 days of such agreement unless otherwise agreed by the parties. The mediation agreement shall include provisions for mediator selection, the allocation of costs and fees associated with mediation, and the mediating parties' understanding regarding the confidentiality of discussions and documents introduced during mediation. If mediation results in settlement of the administrative dispute, the agency shall enter a final order incorporating the agreement of the parties. If mediation terminates without settlement of the dispute, the agency shall notify the parties in writing that the administrative hearing processes under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 are resumed.

History.—s. 20, ch. 96-159; s. 9, ch. 97-176.

120.574 Summary hearing.—

(1)(a) Within 5 business days following the division's receipt of a petition or request for hearing, the division shall issue and serve on all original parties an initial order that assigns the case to a specific administrative law judge and provides general information regarding practice and procedure before the division. The initial order shall also contain a statement advising the addressees that a summary hearing is available upon the agreement of all parties under subsection (2) and briefly describing the expedited time sequences, limited discovery, and final order provisions of the summary procedure.

(b) Within 15 days after service of the initial order, any party may file with the division a motion for summary hearing in accordance with subsection (2). If all original parties agree, in writing, to the summary proceeding, the proceeding shall be conducted within 30 days of the agreement, in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2).

(c) Intervenors in the proceeding shall be governed by the decision of the original parties regarding whether the case will proceed in accordance with the summary hearing process and shall not have standing to challenge that decision.

(d) If a motion for summary hearing is not filed within 15 days after service of the division's initial order, the matter shall proceed in accordance with ss. 120.569 and 120.57.

(2) In any case to which this subsection is applicable, the following procedures apply:

(a) Motions shall be limited to the following:

1. A motion in opposition to the petition.

2. A motion requesting discovery beyond the informal exchange of documents and witness lists described in paragraph (b). Upon a showing of necessity, additional discovery may be permitted in the discretion of the administrative law judge, but only if it can be completed not later than 5 days prior to the final hearing.

3. A motion for continuance of the final hearing date.

4. A motion requesting a prehearing conference, or the administrative law judge may require a prehearing conference, for the purpose of identifying: the legal and factual issues to be considered at the final hearing; the names and addresses of witnesses who may be called to testify at the final hearing; documentary evidence that will be offered at the final hearing; the range of penalties that may be imposed upon final hearing; and any other matter that the administrative law judge determines would expedite resolution of the proceeding. The prehearing conference may be held by telephone conference call.

5. During or after any preliminary hearing or conference, any party or the administrative law judge may suggest that the case is no longer appropriate for summary disposition. Following any argument requested by the parties, the administrative law judge may enter an order referring the case back to the formal adjudicatory process described in s. 120.57(1), in which event the parties shall proceed accordingly.

(b) Not later than 5 days prior to the final hearing, the parties shall furnish to each other copies of documentary evidence and lists of witnesses who may testify at the final hearing.

(c) All parties shall have an opportunity to respond, to present evidence and argument on all issues involved, to conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence, and to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative.

(d) The record in a case governed by this subsection shall consist only of:

1. All notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings.

2. Evidence received.

3. A statement of matters officially recognized.

4. Proffers of proof and objections and rulings thereon.

5. Matters placed on the record after an ex parte communication.

6. The written decision of the administrative law judge presiding at the final hearing.

7. The official transcript of the final hearing.

(e) The agency shall accurately and completely preserve all testimony in the proceeding and, upon request by any party, shall make a full or partial transcript available at no more than actual cost.

(f) The decision of the administrative law judge shall be rendered within 30 days after the conclusion of the final hearing or the filing of the transcript thereof, whichever is later. The administrative law judge's decision, which shall be final agency action subject to judicial review under s. 120.68, shall include the following:

1. Findings of fact based exclusively on the evidence of record and matters officially recognized.

2. Conclusions of law.

3. Imposition of a fine or penalty, if applicable.

4. Any other information required by law or rule to be contained in a final order.

History.—s. 21, ch. 96-159; s. 10, ch. 97-176; s. 11, ch. 2000-158; s. 10, ch. 2000-336.

120.595 Attorney's fees.—

(1) CHALLENGES TO AGENCY ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.57(1).—

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(a) The provisions of this subsection are supplemental to, and do not abrogate, other provisions allowing the award of fees or costs in administrative proceedings.

(b) The final order in a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1) shall award reasonable costs and a reasonable attorney's fee to the prevailing party only where the nonprevailing adverse party has been determined by the administrative law judge to have participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose.

(c) In proceedings pursuant to s. 120.57(1), and upon motion, the administrative law judge shall determine whether any party participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose as defined by this subsection. In making such determination, the administrative law judge shall consider whether the nonprevailing adverse party has participated in two or more other such proceedings involving the same prevailing party and the same project as an adverse party and in which such two or more proceedings the nonprevailing adverse party did not establish either the factual or legal merits of its position, and shall consider whether the factual or legal position asserted in the instant proceeding would have been cognizable in the previous proceedings. In such event, it shall be rebuttably presumed that the nonprevailing adverse party participated in the pending proceeding for an improper purpose.

(d) In any proceeding in which the administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceeding for an improper purpose, the recommended order shall so designate and shall determine the award of costs and attorney's fees.

(e) For the purpose of this subsection:

1. "Improper purpose" means participation in a proceeding pursuant to s. 120.57(1) primarily to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or for frivolous purpose or to needlessly increase the cost of litigation, licensing, or securing the approval of an activity.

2. "Costs" has the same meaning as the costs allowed in civil actions in this state as provided in chapter 57.

3. "Nonprevailing adverse party" means a party that has failed to have substantially changed the outcome of the proposed or final agency action which is the subject of a proceeding. In the event that a proceeding results in any substantial modification or condition intended to resolve the matters raised in a party's petition, it shall be determined that the party having raised the issue addressed is not a nonprevailing adverse party. The recommended order shall state whether the change is substantial for purposes of this subsection. In no event shall the term "nonprevailing party" or "prevailing party" be deemed to include any party that has intervened in a previously existing proceeding to support the position of an agency.

(2) CHALLENGES TO PROPOSED AGENCY RULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.56(2).—If the appellate court or administrative law judge declares a proposed rule or portion of a proposed rule invalid pursuant to s. 120.56(2), a judgment or order shall be rendered against the agency for reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees, unless the agency demonstrates that its actions were substantially justified or special circumstances exist which would make the award unjust. An agency's actions are "substantially justified" if there was a reasonable basis in law and fact at the time the actions were taken by the agency. If the agency prevails in the proceedings, the appellate court or administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees against a party if the appellate court or administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceedings for an improper purpose as defined by paragraph (1)(e). No award of attorney's fees as provided by this subsection shall exceed $50,000.

(3) CHALLENGES TO EXISTING AGENCY RULES PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.56(3) AND (5). If the appellate court or administrative law judge declares a rule or portion of a rule invalid pursuant to s. 120.56(3) or (5), a judgment or order shall be rendered against the agency for reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees, unless the agency demonstrates that its actions were substantially justified or special circumstances exist which would make the award unjust. An agency's actions are "substantially justified" if there was a reasonable basis in law and fact at the time the actions were taken by the agency. If the agency prevails in the proceedings, the appellate court or administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees against a party if the appellate court or administrative law judge determines that a party participated in the proceedings for an improper purpose as defined by paragraph (1)(e). No award of attorney's fees as provided by this subsection shall exceed $50,000.

(4) CHALLENGES TO AGENCY ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.56(4).—

(a) If the appellate court or administrative law judge determines that all or part of an agency statement violates s. 120.54(1)(a), or that the agency must immediately discontinue reliance on the statement and any substantially similar statement pursuant to s. 120.56(4)(f), a judgment or order shall be entered against the agency for reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees, unless the agency demonstrates that the statement is required by the Federal Government to implement or retain a delegated or approved program or to meet a condition to receipt of federal funds.

(b) Upon notification to the administrative law judge provided before the final hearing that the agency has published a notice of rulemaking under s. 120.54(3)(a), such notice shall automatically operate as a stay of proceedings pending rulemaking. The administrative law judge may vacate the stay for good cause shown. A stay of proceedings under this paragraph remains in effect so long as the agency is proceeding expeditiously and in good faith to adopt the statement as a rule. The administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and reasonable attorney's fees accrued by the petitioner prior to the date the notice was published, unless the agency proves to the administrative law judge that it did not know and should not have known that the statement was an unadopted rule. Attorneys' fees and costs under this paragraph and paragraph (a) shall be awarded only upon a finding that the agency received notice that the statement may constitute an unadopted

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rule at least 30 days before a petition under s. 120.56(4) was filed and that the agency failed to publish the required notice of rulemaking pursuant to s. 120.54(3) that addresses the statement within that 30-day period. Notice to the agency may be satisfied by its receipt of a copy of the s. 120.56(4) petition, a notice or other paper containing substantially the same information, or a petition filed pursuant to s. 120.54(7). An award of attorney's fees as provided by this paragraph may not exceed $50,000.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 284, an award shall be paid from the budget entity of the secretary, executive director, or equivalent administrative officer of the agency, and the agency shall not be entitled to payment of an award or reimbursement for payment of an award under any provision of law.

(d) If the agency prevails in the proceedings, the appellate court or administrative law judge shall award reasonable costs and attorney's fees against a party if the appellate court or administrative law judge determines that the party participated in the proceedings for an improper purpose as defined in paragraph (1)(e) or that the party or the party's attorney knew or should have known that a claim was not supported by the material facts necessary to establish the claim or would not be supported by the application of then-existing law to those material facts.

(5) APPEALS.—When there is an appeal, the court in its discretion may award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs to the prevailing party if the court finds that the appeal was frivolous, meritless, or an abuse of the appellate process, or that the agency action which precipitated the appeal was a gross abuse of the agency's discretion. Upon review of agency action that precipitates an appeal, if the court finds that the agency improperly rejected or modified findings of fact in a recommended order, the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs to a prevailing appellant for the administrative proceeding and the appellate proceeding.

(6) OTHER SECTIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Other provisions, including ss. 57.105 and 57.111, authorize the award of attorney's fees and costs in administrative proceedings. Nothing in this section shall affect the availability of attorney's fees and costs as provided in those sections.

History.—s. 25, ch. 96-159; s. 11, ch. 97-176; s. 48, ch. 99-2; s. 6, ch. 2003-94; s. 13, ch. 2008-104; s. 3, ch. 2017-3.

120.60 Licensing.—

(1) Upon receipt of a license application, an agency shall examine the application and, within 30 days after such receipt, notify the applicant of any apparent errors or omissions and request any additional information the agency is permitted by law to require. An agency may not deny a license for failure to correct an error or omission or to supply additional information unless the agency timely notified the applicant within this 30-day period. The agency may establish by rule the time period for submitting any additional information requested by the agency. For good cause shown, the agency shall grant a request for an extension of time for submitting the additional information. If the applicant believes the agency's request for additional information is not authorized by law or rule, the agency, at the applicant's request, shall proceed to process the application. An application is complete upon receipt of all requested information and correction of any error or omission for which the applicant was timely notified or when the time for such notification has expired. An application for a license must be approved or denied within 90 days after receipt of a completed application unless a shorter period of time for agency action is provided by law. The 90-day time period is tolled by the initiation of a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Any application for a license which is not approved or denied within the 90-day or shorter time period, within 15 days after conclusion of a public hearing held on the application, or within 45 days after a recommended order is submitted to the agency and the parties, whichever action and timeframe is latest and applicable, is considered approved unless the recommended order recommends that the agency deny the license. Subject to the satisfactory completion of an examination if required as a prerequisite to licensure, any license that is considered approved shall be issued and may include such reasonable conditions as are authorized by law. Any applicant for licensure seeking to claim licensure by default under this subsection shall notify the agency clerk of the licensing agency, in writing, of the intent to rely upon the default license provision of this subsection, and may not take any action based upon the default license until after receipt of such notice by the agency clerk.

(2) If an applicant seeks a license for an activity that is exempt from licensure, the agency shall notify the applicant and return any tendered application fee within 30 days after receipt of the original application.

(3) Each applicant shall be given written notice, personally or by mail, that the agency intends to grant or deny, or has granted or denied, the application for license. The notice must state with particularity the grounds or basis for the issuance or denial of the license, except when issuance is a ministerial act. Unless waived, a copy of the notice shall be delivered or mailed to each party's attorney of record and to each person who has made a written request for notice of agency action. Each notice must inform the recipient of the basis for the agency decision, inform the recipient of any administrative hearing pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 or judicial review pursuant to s. 120.68 which may be available, indicate the procedure that must be followed, and state the applicable time limits. The issuing agency shall certify the date the notice was mailed or delivered, and the notice and the certification must be filed with the agency clerk.

(4) When a licensee has made timely and sufficient application for the renewal of a license which does not automatically expire by statute, the existing license shall not expire until the application for renewal has been finally acted upon by the agency or, in case the application is denied or the terms of the license are limited, until the last day for seeking review of the agency order or a later date fixed by order of the reviewing court.

(5) No revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of any license is lawful unless, prior to the entry

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of a final order, the agency has served, by personal service or certified mail, an administrative complaint which affords reasonable notice to the licensee of facts or conduct which warrant the intended action and unless the licensee has been given an adequate opportunity to request a proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. When personal service cannot be made and the certified mail notice is returned undelivered, the agency shall cause a short, plain notice to the licensee to be published once each week for 4 consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the county of the licensee's last known address as it appears on the records of the agency. If no newspaper is published in that county, the notice may be published in a newspaper of general circulation in that county.

(6) If the agency finds that immediate serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency suspension, restriction, or limitation of a license, the agency may take such action by any procedure that is fair under the circumstances if:

(a) The procedure provides at least the same procedural protection as is given by other statutes, the State Constitution, or the United States Constitution;

(b) The agency takes only that action necessary to protect the public interest under the emergency procedure; and

(c) The agency states in writing at the time of, or prior to, its action the specific facts and reasons for finding an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare and its reasons for concluding that the procedure used is fair under the circumstances. The agency's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness are judicially reviewable. Summary suspension, restriction, or limitation may be ordered, but a suspension or revocation proceeding pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57 shall also be promptly instituted and acted upon.

(7) No agency shall include as a condition of approval of any license any provision that is based upon a statement, policy, or guideline of another agency unless the statement, policy, or guideline is within the jurisdiction of the other agency. The other agency shall identify for the licensing agency the specific legal authority for each such statement, policy, or guideline. The licensing agency must provide the licensee with an opportunity to challenge the condition as invalid. If the licensing agency bases a condition of approval or denial of the license upon the statement, policy, or guideline of the other agency, any party to an administrative proceeding that arises from the approval with conditions or denial of the license may require the other agency to join as a party in determining the validity of the condition.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 10, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; ss. 6, 9, ch. 77-453; s. 57, ch. 78-95; s. 8, ch. 78-425; s. 1, ch. 79-142; s. 6, ch. 79-299; s. 2, ch. 81-180; s. 6, ch. 84-203; s. 2, ch. 84-265; s. 1, ch. 85-82; s. 14, ch. 90-51; s. 762, ch. 95-147; s. 26, ch. 96-159; s. 326, ch. 96-410; s. 12, ch. 97-176; s. 7, ch. 2003-94; ss. 4, 5, ch. 2010-279; HJR 9-A, 2010 Special Session A; s. 10, ch. 2012-212.

120.62 Agency investigations.—

(1) Every person who responds to a request or demand by any agency or representative thereof for written data or an oral statement shall be entitled to a transcript or recording of his or her oral statement at no more than cost.

(2) Any person compelled to appear, or who appears voluntarily, before any presiding officer or agency in an investigation or in any agency proceeding has the right, at his or her own expense, to be accompanied, represented, and advised by counsel or by other qualified representatives.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 763, ch. 95-147; s. 28, ch. 96-159.

120.63 Exemption from act.—

(1) Upon application of any agency, the Administration Commission may exempt any process or proceeding governed by this act from one or more requirements of this act:

(a) When the agency head has certified that the requirement would conflict with any provision of federal law or rules with which the agency must comply;

(b) In order to permit persons in the state to receive tax benefits or federal funds under any federal law; or

(c) When the commission has found that conformity with the requirements of the part or parts of this act for which exemption is sought would be so inconvenient or impractical as to defeat the purpose of the agency proceeding involved or the purpose of this act and would not be in the public interest in light of the nature of the intended action and the enabling act or other laws affecting the agency.

(2) The commission may not exempt an agency from any requirement of this act pursuant to this section until it establishes alternative procedures to achieve the agency's purpose which shall be consistent, insofar as possible, with the intent and purpose of the act.

(a) Prior to the granting of any exemption authorized by this section, the commission shall hold a public hearing after notice given as provided in s. 120.525. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the commission, through the Executive Office of the Governor, shall issue an order specifically granting or denying the exemption and specifying any processes or proceedings exempted and the extent of the exemption; transmit to the committee and to the Department of State a copy of the petition, a certified copy of the order granting or denying the petition, and a copy of any alternative procedures prescribed; and give notice of the petition and the commission's response in the Florida Administrative Register.

(b) An exemption and any alternative procedure prescribed shall terminate 90 days following adjournment sine die of the then-current or next regular legislative session after issuance of the exemption order, or upon the effective date of any subsequent legislation incorporating the exemption or any partial exemption related thereto, whichever is earlier. The exemption granted by the commission shall be renewable upon the same or similar facts not more than once. Such renewal shall terminate as would an original exemption.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 11, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-53; s. 8, ch. 77-453; s. 87, ch. 79-190; s. 7, ch. 79-299; s. 70, ch. 79-400; s. 58, ch. 81-259; s. 29, ch. 96-159; s. 10, ch. 2013-14.

120.65 Administrative law judges.—

(1) The Division of Administrative Hearings within the Department of Management Services shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the

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Administration Commission and confirmed by the Senate. The director, who shall also serve as the chief administrative law judge, and any deputy chief administrative law judge must possess the same minimum qualifications as the administrative law judges employed by the division. The Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims must possess the minimum qualifications established in s. 440.45(2) and shall report to the director. The division shall be a separate budget entity, and the director shall be its agency head for all purposes. The Department of Management Services shall provide administrative support and service to the division to the extent requested by the director. The division shall not be subject to control, supervision, or direction by the Department of Management Services in any manner, including, but not limited to, personnel, purchasing, transactions involving real or personal property, and budgetary matters.

(2) The director has the right to appeal actions by the Executive Office of the Governor that affect amendments to the division's approved operating budget or any personnel actions pursuant to chapter 216 to the Administration Commission, which shall decide such issue by majority vote. The appropriations committees may advise the Administration Commission on the issue. If the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives object in writing to the effects of the appeal, the appeal may be affirmed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the commission members present.

(3) Each state agency as defined in chapter 216 and each political subdivision shall make its facilities available, at a time convenient to the provider, for use by the division in conducting proceedings pursuant to this chapter.

(4) The division shall employ administrative law judges to conduct hearings required by this chapter or other law. Any person employed by the division as an administrative law judge must have been a member of The Florida Bar in good standing for the preceding 5 years.

(5) If the division cannot furnish a division administrative law judge promptly in response to an agency request, the director shall designate in writing a qualified full-time employee of an agency other than the requesting agency to conduct the hearing. The director shall have the discretion to designate such a hearing officer who is located in that part of the state where the parties and witnesses reside.

(6) The division is authorized to provide administrative law judges on a contract basis to any governmental entity to conduct any hearing not covered by this section.

(7) Rules promulgated by the division may authorize any reasonable sanctions except contempt for violation of the rules of the division or failure to comply with a reasonable order issued by an administrative law judge, which is not under judicial review.

(8) Not later than February 1 of each year, the division shall issue a written report to the Administrative Procedures Committee and the Administration Commission, including at least the following information:

(a) A summary of the extent and effect of agencies' utilization of administrative law judges, court reporters, and other personnel in proceedings under this chapter.

(b) Recommendations for change or improvement in the Administrative Procedure Act or any agency's practice or policy with respect thereto.

(c) Recommendations as to those types of cases or disputes which should be conducted under the summary hearing process described in s. 120.574.

(d) A report regarding each agency's compliance with the filing requirement in s. 120.57(1)(m).

(9) The division shall be reimbursed for administrative law judge services and travel expenses by the following entities: water management districts, regional planning councils, school districts, community colleges, the Division of Florida Colleges, state universities, the Board of Governors of the State University System, the State Board of Education, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Commission for Independent Education. These entities shall contract with the division to establish a contract rate for services and provisions for reimbursement of administrative law judge travel expenses and video teleconferencing expenses attributable to hearings conducted on behalf of these entities. The contract rate must be based on a total-cost-recovery methodology.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 9, ch. 75-191; s. 14, ch. 76-131; s. 9, ch. 78-425; s. 46, ch. 79-190; s. 1, ch. 86-297; s. 46, ch. 87-6; s. 25, ch. 87-101; s. 54, ch. 88-1; s. 30, ch. 88-277; s. 51, ch. 92-279; s. 23, ch. 92-315; s. 55, ch. 92-326; s. 764, ch. 95-147; s. 31, ch. 96-159; s. 13, ch. 97-176; s. 38, ch. 2000-371; s. 4, ch. 2001-91; s. 1, ch. 2004-247; s. 8, ch. 2006-82; s. 14, ch. 2007-217; s. 8, ch. 2009-228; s. 8, ch. 2013-18.

120.651 Designation of two administrative law judges to preside over actions involving department or boards.—The Division of Administrative Hearings shall designate at least two administrative law judges who shall specifically preside over actions involving the Department of Health or boards within the Department of Health. Each designated administrative law judge must be a member of The Florida Bar in good standing and must have legal, managerial, or clinical experience in issues related to health care or have attained board certification in health care law from The Florida Bar.

History.—s. 32, ch. 2003-416.

120.655 Withholding funds to pay for administrative law judge services to school boards.—If a district school board fails to make a timely payment for the services provided by an administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings as provided annually in the General Appropriations Act, the Commissioner of Education shall withhold, from any general revenue funds the district is eligible to receive, an amount sufficient to pay for the administrative law judge's services. The commissioner shall transfer the amount withheld to the Division of Administrative Hearings in payment of such services.

History.—s. 1, ch. 92-121; s. 32, ch. 96-159.

120.66 Ex parte communications.—

(1) In any proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57, no ex parte communication relative to the merits, threat, or offer of reward shall be made to the

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agency head, after the agency head has received a recommended order, or to the presiding officer by:

(a) An agency head or member of the agency or any other public employee or official engaged in prosecution or advocacy in connection with the matter under consideration or a factually related matter.

(b) A party to the proceeding, the party's authorized representative or counsel, or any person who, directly or indirectly, would have a substantial interest in the proposed agency action.

Nothing in this subsection shall apply to advisory staff members who do not testify on behalf of the agency in the proceeding or to any rulemaking proceedings under s. 120.54.

(2) A presiding officer, including an agency head or designee, who is involved in the decisional process and who receives an ex parte communication in violation of subsection (1) shall place on the record of the pending matter all written communications received, all written responses to such communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received and all oral responses made, and shall also advise all parties that such matters have been placed on the record. Any party desiring to rebut the ex parte communication shall be allowed to do so, if such party requests the opportunity for rebuttal within 10 days after notice of such communication. The presiding officer may, if necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication, withdraw from the proceeding, in which case the entity that appointed the presiding officer shall assign a successor.

(3) Any person who makes an ex parte communication prohibited by subsection (1), and any presiding officer, including an agency head or designee, who fails to place in the record any such communication, is in violation of this act and may be assessed a civil penalty not to exceed $500 or be subjected to other disciplinary action.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 10, ch. 75-191; s. 12, ch. 76-131; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 10, ch. 78-425; s. 765, ch. 95-147; s. 33, ch. 96-159; s. 14, ch. 97-176.

120.665 Disqualification of agency personnel.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 112.3143, any individual serving alone or with others as an agency head may be disqualified from serving in an agency proceeding for bias, prejudice, or interest when any party to the agency proceeding shows just cause by a suggestion filed within a reasonable period of time prior to the agency proceeding. If the disqualified individual was appointed, the appointing power may appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified. If the individual is an elected official, the Governor may appoint a substitute to serve in the matter from which the individual is disqualified. However, if a quorum remains after the individual is disqualified, it shall not be necessary to appoint a substitute.

(2) Any agency action taken by a duly appointed substitute for a disqualified individual shall be as conclusive and effective as if agency action had been taken by the agency as it was constituted prior to any substitution.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 12, ch. 78-425; s. 2, ch. 83-329; s. 767, ch. 95-147; s. 34, ch. 96-159; s. 18, ch. 2013-36.

Note.—Former s. 120.71.

120.68 Judicial review.—

(1)(a) A party who is adversely affected by final agency action is entitled to judicial review.

(b) A preliminary, procedural, or intermediate order of the agency or of an administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings is immediately reviewable if review of the final agency decision would not provide an adequate remedy.

(2)(a) Judicial review shall be sought in the appellate district where the agency maintains its headquarters or where a party resides or as otherwise provided by law. All proceedings shall be instituted by filing a notice of appeal or petition for review in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure within 30 days after the rendition of the order being appealed. If the appeal is of an order rendered in a proceeding initiated under s. 120.56, the agency whose rule is being challenged shall transmit a copy of the notice of appeal to the committee.

(b) When proceedings under this chapter are consolidated for final hearing and the parties to the consolidated proceeding seek review of final or interlocutory orders in more than one district court of appeal, the courts of appeal are authorized to transfer and consolidate the review proceedings. The court may transfer such appellate proceedings on its own motion, upon motion of a party to one of the appellate proceedings, or by stipulation of the parties to the appellate proceedings. In determining whether to transfer a proceeding, the court may consider such factors as the interrelationship of the parties and the proceedings, the desirability of avoiding inconsistent results in related matters, judicial economy, and the burden on the parties of reproducing the record for use in multiple appellate courts.

(3) The filing of the petition does not itself stay enforcement of the agency decision, but if the agency decision has the effect of suspending or revoking a license, supersedeas shall be granted as a matter of right upon such conditions as are reasonable, unless the court, upon petition of the agency, determines that a supersedeas would constitute a probable danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the state. The agency also may grant a stay upon appropriate terms, but, whether or not the action has the effect of suspending or revoking a license, a petition to the agency for a stay is not a prerequisite to a petition to the court for supersedeas. In any event the court shall specify the conditions, if any, upon which the stay or supersedeas is granted.

(4) Judicial review of any agency action shall be confined to the record transmitted and any additions made thereto in accordance with paragraph (7)(a).

(5) The record for judicial review shall be compiled in accordance with the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

(6)(a) The reviewing court's decision may be mandatory, prohibitory, or declaratory in form, and it shall

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provide whatever relief is appropriate irrespective of the original form of the petition. The court may:

1. Order agency action required by law; order agency exercise of discretion when required by law; set aside agency action; remand the case for further agency proceedings; or decide the rights, privileges, obligations, requirements, or procedures at issue between the parties; and

2. Order such ancillary relief as the court finds necessary to redress the effects of official action wrongfully taken or withheld.

(b) If the court sets aside agency action or remands the case to the agency for further proceedings, it may make such interlocutory order as the court finds necessary to preserve the interests of any party and the public pending further proceedings or agency action.

(7) The court shall remand a case to the agency for further proceedings consistent with the court's decision or set aside agency action, as appropriate, when it finds that:

(a) There has been no hearing prior to agency action and the reviewing court finds that the validity of the action depends upon disputed facts;

(b) The agency's action depends on any finding of fact that is not supported by competent, substantial evidence in the record of a hearing conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57; however, the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the agency as to the weight of the evidence on any disputed finding of fact;

(c) The fairness of the proceedings or the correctness of the action may have been impaired by a material error in procedure or a failure to follow prescribed procedure;

(d) The agency has erroneously interpreted a provision of law and a correct interpretation compels a particular action; or

(e) The agency's exercise of discretion was:

1. Outside the range of discretion delegated to the agency by law;

2. Inconsistent with agency rule;

3. Inconsistent with officially stated agency policy or a prior agency practice, if deviation therefrom is not explained by the agency; or

4. Otherwise in violation of a constitutional or statutory provision;

but the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the agency on an issue of discretion.

(8) Unless the court finds a ground for setting aside, modifying, remanding, or ordering agency action or ancillary relief under a specified provision of this section, it shall affirm the agency's action.

(9) A petition challenging an agency rule as an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority shall not be instituted pursuant to this section, except to review an order entered pursuant to a proceeding under s. 120.56 or s. 120.57(1)(e)1. or (2)(b) or an agency's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness prerequisite to the adoption of an emergency rule pursuant to s. 120.54(4), unless the sole issue presented by the petition is the constitutionality of a rule and there are no disputed issues of fact.

(10) If an administrative law judge's final order depends on any fact found by the administrative law judge, the court shall not substitute its judgment for that of the administrative law judge as to the weight of the evidence on any disputed finding of fact. The court shall, however, set aside the final order of the administrative law judge or remand the case to the administrative law judge, if it finds that the final order depends on any finding of fact that is not supported by competent substantial evidence in the record of the proceeding.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 13, ch. 76-131; s. 38, ch. 77-104; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 11, ch. 78-425; s. 4, ch. 84-173; s. 7, ch. 87-385; s. 36, ch. 90-302; s. 6, ch. 91-30; s. 1, ch. 91-191; s. 10, ch. 92-166; s. 35, ch. 96-159; s. 15, ch. 97-176; s. 8, ch. 2003-94; s. 5, ch. 2016-116.

120.69 Enforcement of agency action.—

(1) Except as otherwise provided by statute:

(a) Any agency may seek enforcement of an action by filing a petition for enforcement, as provided in this section, in the circuit court where the subject matter of the enforcement is located.

(b) A petition for enforcement of any agency action may be filed by any substantially interested person who is a resident of the state. However, no such action may be commenced:

1. Prior to 60 days after the petitioner has given notice of the violation of the agency action to the head of the agency concerned, the Attorney General, and any alleged violator of the agency action.

2. If an agency has filed, and is diligently prosecuting, a petition for enforcement.

(c) A petition for enforcement filed by a nongovernmental person shall be in the name of the State of Florida on the relation of the petitioner, and the doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall apply.

(d) In an action brought under paragraph (b), the agency whose action is sought to be enforced, if not a party, may intervene as a matter of right.

(2) A petition for enforcement may request declaratory relief; temporary or permanent equitable relief; any fine, forfeiture, penalty, or other remedy provided by statute; any combination of the foregoing; or, in the absence of any other specific statutory authority, a fine not to exceed $1,000.

(3) After the court has rendered judgment on a petition for enforcement, no other petition shall be filed or adjudicated against the same agency action, on the basis of the same transaction or occurrence, unless expressly authorized on remand. The doctrines of res judicata and collateral estoppel shall apply, and the court shall make such orders as are necessary to avoid multiplicity of actions.

(4) In all enforcement proceedings:

(a) If enforcement depends on any facts other than those appearing in the record, the court may ascertain such facts under procedures set forth in s. 120.68(7)(a).

(b) If one or more petitions for enforcement and a petition for review involving the same agency action are pending at the same time, the court considering the review petition may order all such actions transferred to and consolidated in one court. Each party shall be under an affirmative duty to notify the court when it becomes aware of multiple proceedings.

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(c) Should any party willfully fail to comply with an order of the court, the court shall punish that party in accordance with the law applicable to contempt committed by a person in the trial of any other action.

(5) In any enforcement proceeding the respondent may assert as a defense the invalidity of any relevant statute, the inapplicability of the administrative determination to respondent, compliance by the respondent, the inappropriateness of the remedy sought by the agency, or any combination of the foregoing. In addition, if the petition for enforcement is filed during the time within which the respondent could petition for judicial review of the agency action, the respondent may assert the invalidity of the agency action.

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, upon receipt of evidence that an alleged violation of an agency's action presents an imminent and substantial threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, the agency may bring suit for immediate temporary relief in an appropriate circuit court, and the granting of such temporary relief shall not have res judicata or collateral estoppel effect as to further relief sought under a petition for enforcement relating to the same violation.

(7) In any final order on a petition for enforcement the court may award to the prevailing party all or part of the costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees and expert witness fees, whenever the court determines that such an award is appropriate.

History.—s. 1, ch. 74-310; s. 766, ch. 95-147; s. 36, ch. 96-159.

120.695 Notice of noncompliance; designation of minor violation of rules.—

(1) It is the policy of the state that the purpose of regulation is to protect the public by attaining compliance with the policies established by the Legislature. Fines and other penalties may be provided in order to assure compliance; however, the collection of fines and the imposition of penalties are intended to be secondary to the primary goal of attaining compliance with an agency's rules. It is the intent of the Legislature that an agency charged with enforcing rules shall issue a notice of noncompliance as its first response to a minor violation of a rule in any instance in which it is reasonable to assume that the violator was unaware of the rule or unclear as to how to comply with it.

(2)(a) Each agency shall issue a notice of noncompliance as a first response to a minor violation of a rule. A "notice of noncompliance" is a notification by the agency charged with enforcing the rule issued to the person or business subject to the rule. A notice of noncompliance may not be accompanied with a fine or other disciplinary penalty. It must identify the specific rule that is being violated, provide information on how to comply with the rule, and specify a reasonable time for the violator to comply with the rule. A rule is agency action that regulates a business, occupation, or profession, or regulates a person operating a business, occupation, or profession, and that, if not complied with, may result in a disciplinary penalty.

(b) Each agency shall review all of its rules and designate those for which a violation would be a minor violation and for which a notice of noncompliance must be the first enforcement action taken against a person or business subject to regulation. A violation of a rule is a minor violation if it does not result in economic or physical harm to a person or adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare or create a significant threat of such harm.

(c)1. No later than June 30, 2017, and after such date within 3 months after any request of the rules ombudsman in the Executive Office of the Governor, each agency shall review its rules and certify to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the committee, and the rules ombudsman those rules that have been designated as rules the violation of which would be a minor violation under paragraph (b), consistent with the legislative intent stated in subsection (1).

2. Beginning July 1, 2017, each agency shall:

a. Publish all rules that the agency has designated as rules the violation of which would be a minor violation, either as a complete list on the agency's website or by incorporation of the designations in the agency's disciplinary guidelines adopted as a rule.

b. Ensure that all investigative and enforcement personnel are knowledgeable about the agency's designations under this section.

3. For each rule filed for adoption, the agency head shall certify whether any part of the rule is designated as a rule the violation of which would be a minor violation and shall update the listing required by sub-subparagraph 2.a.

(d) The Governor or the Governor and Cabinet, as appropriate, may evaluate the review and designation effects of each agency subject to the direction and supervision of such authority and may direct a different designation than that applied by such agency.

(e) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(1)(a), this section does not apply to:

1. The Department of Corrections;
2. Educational units;
3. The regulation of law enforcement personnel; or
4. The regulation of teachers.

(f) Designation pursuant to this section is not subject to challenge under this chapter.

History.—s. 1, ch. 95-402; s. 6, ch. 2016-116.

120.72 Legislative intent; references to chapter 120 or portions thereof.—Unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference in any section of the Florida Statutes to chapter 120 or to any section or sections or portion of a section of chapter 120 includes, and shall be understood as including, all subsequent amendments to chapter 120 or to the referenced section or sections or portions of a section.

History.—s. 3, ch. 74-310; s. 1, ch. 76-207; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 57, ch. 78-95; s. 13, ch. 78-425; s. 38, ch. 96-159.

120.73 Circuit court proceedings; declaratory judgments.—Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to repeal any provision of the Florida Statutes which grants the right to a proceeding in the circuit court in lieu of an administrative hearing or to divest the circuit courts of jurisdiction to render declaratory judgments under the provisions of chapter 86.

History.—s. 11, ch. 75-191; s. 14, ch. 78-425.

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120.74 Agency annual rulemaking and regulatory plans; reports.—

(1) REGULATORY PLAN.—By October 1 of each year, each agency shall prepare a regulatory plan.

(a) The plan must include a listing of each law enacted or amended during the previous 12 months which creates or modifies the duties or authority of the agency. If the Governor or the Attorney General provides a letter to the committee stating that a law affects all or most agencies, the agency may exclude the law from its plan. For each law listed by an agency under this paragraph, the plan must state:

1. Whether the agency must adopt rules to implement the law.

2. If rulemaking is necessary to implement the law:

a. Whether a notice of rule development has been published and, if so, the citation to such notice in the Florida Administrative Register.

b. The date by which the agency expects to publish the notice of proposed rule under s. 120.54(3)(a).

3. If rulemaking is not necessary to implement the law, a concise written explanation of the reasons why the law may be implemented without rulemaking.

(b) The plan must also include a listing of each law not otherwise listed pursuant to paragraph (a) which the agency expects to implement by rulemaking before the following July 1, except emergency rulemaking. For each law listed under this paragraph, the plan must state whether the rulemaking is intended to simplify, clarify, increase efficiency, improve coordination with other agencies, reduce regulatory costs, or delete obsolete, unnecessary, or redundant rules.

(c) The plan must include any desired update to the prior year's regulatory plan or supplement published pursuant to subsection (7). If, in a prior year, a law was identified under this paragraph or under subparagraph (a)1. as a law requiring rulemaking to implement but a notice of proposed rule has not been published:

1. The agency shall identify and again list such law, noting the applicable notice of rule development by citation to the Florida Administrative Register; or

2. If the agency has subsequently determined that rulemaking is not necessary to implement the law, the agency shall identify such law, reference the citation to the applicable notice of rule development in the Florida Administrative Register, and provide a concise written explanation of the reason why the law may be implemented without rulemaking.

(d) The plan must include a certification executed on behalf of the agency by both the agency head, or, if the agency head is a collegial body, the presiding officer; and the individual acting as principal legal advisor to the agency head. The certification must:

1. Verify that the persons executing the certification have reviewed the plan.

2. Verify that the agency regularly reviews all of its rules and identify the period during which all rules have most recently been reviewed to determine if the rules remain consistent with the agency's rulemaking authority and the laws implemented.

(2) PUBLICATION AND DELIVERY TO THE COMMITTEE.—

(a) By October 1 of each year, each agency shall:

1. Publish its regulatory plan on its website or on another state website established for publication of administrative law records. A clearly labeled hyperlink to the current plan must be included on the agency's primary website homepage.

2. Electronically deliver to the committee a copy of the certification required in paragraph (1)(d).

3. Publish in the Florida Administrative Register a notice identifying the date of publication of the agency's regulatory plan. The notice must include a hyperlink or website address providing direct access to the published plan.

(b) To satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a), a board established under s. 20.165(4), and any other board or commission receiving administrative support from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, may coordinate with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and a board established under s. 20.43(3)(g) may coordinate with the Department of Health, for inclusion of the board's or commission's plan and notice of publication in the coordinating department's plan and notice and for the delivery of the required documentation to the committee.

(c) A regulatory plan prepared under subsection (1) and any regulatory plan published under this chapter before July 1, 2014, shall be maintained at an active website for 10 years after the date of initial publication on the agency's website or another state website.

(3) DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF BOARD PLAN.—By October 15 of each year:

(a) For each board established under s. 20.165(4) and any other board or commission receiving administrative support from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall file with the committee a certification that the department has reviewed each board's and commission's regulatory plan. A certification may relate to more than one board or commission.

(b) For each board established under s. 20.43(3)(g), the Department of Health shall file with the committee a certification that the department has reviewed the board's regulatory plan. A certification may relate to more than one board.

(4) DEADLINE FOR RULE DEVELOPMENT.—By November 1 of each year, each agency shall publish a notice of rule development under s. 120.54(2) for each law identified in the agency's regulatory plan pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)1. for which rulemaking is necessary to implement but for which the agency did not report the publication of a notice of rule development under subparagraph (1)(a)2.

(5) DEADLINE TO PUBLISH PROPOSED RULE. For each law for which implementing rulemaking is necessary as identified in the agency's plan pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)1. or subparagraph (1)(c)1., the agency shall publish a notice of proposed rule pursuant to s. 120.54(3)(a) by April 1 of the year following the deadline for the regulatory plan. This deadline may be extended if the agency publishes a notice of extension in the Florida Administrative Register identifying each rulemaking proceeding for which an extension is being

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noticed by citation to the applicable notice of rule development as published in the Florida Administrative Register. The agency shall include a concise statement in the notice of extension identifying any issues that are causing the delay in rulemaking. An extension shall expire on October 1 after the April 1 deadline, provided that the regulatory plan due on October 1 may further extend the rulemaking proceeding by identification pursuant to subparagraph (1)(c)1. or conclude the rulemaking proceeding by identification pursuant to subparagraph (1)(c)2. A published regulatory plan may be corrected at any time to accomplish the purpose of extending or concluding an affected rulemaking proceeding and is deemed corrected as of the October 1 due date. Upon publication of a correction, the agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register a notice of the date of the correction identifying the affected rulemaking proceeding by applicable citation to the Florida Administrative Register.

(6) CERTIFICATIONS.—Each agency shall file a certification with the committee upon compliance with subsection (4) and upon filing a notice under subsection (5) of either a deadline extension or a regulatory plan correction. A certification may relate to more than one notice or contemporaneous act. The date or dates of compliance shall be noted in each certification.

(7) SUPPLEMENTING THE REGULATORY PLAN. After publication of the regulatory plan, the agency shall supplement the plan within 30 days after a bill becomes a law if the law is enacted before the next regular session of the Legislature and the law substantively modifies the agency's specifically delegated legal duties, unless the law affects all or most state agencies as identified by letter to the committee from the Governor or the Attorney General. The supplement must include the information required in paragraph (1)(a) and shall be published as required in subsection (2), but no certification or delivery to the committee is required. The agency shall publish in the Florida Administrative Register notice of publication of the supplement, and include a hyperlink on its website or web address for direct access to the published supplement. For each law reported in the supplement, if rulemaking is necessary to implement the law, the agency shall publish a notice of rule development by the later of the date provided in subsection (4) or 60 days after the bill becomes a law, and a notice of proposed rule shall be published by the later of the date provided in subsection (5) or 120 days after the bill becomes a law. The proposed rule deadline may be extended to the following October 1 by notice as provided in subsection (5). If such proposed rule has not been filed by October 1, a law included in a supplement shall also be included in the next annual plan pursuant to subsection (1).

(8) FAILURE TO COMPLY.—If an agency fails to comply with a requirement of paragraph (2)(a) or subsection (5), within 15 days after written demand from the committee or from the chair of any other legislative committee, the agency shall deliver a written explanation of the reasons for noncompliance to the committee, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chair of any legislative committee requesting the explanation of the reasons for noncompliance.

(9) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.—This section does not apply to educational units.

History.—s. 46, ch. 96-399; s. 16, ch. 97-176; s. 9, ch. 2006-82; s. 15, ch. 2008-104; s. 8, ch. 2008-149; s. 4, ch. 2011-225; s. 20, ch. 2014-17; s. 2, ch. 2014-39; s. 2, ch. 2015-162.

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

(1) DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.

(a) *Division as a party.*—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), a hearing in which the division is a party may not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division. An attorney assigned by the Administration Commission shall be the hearing officer.

(b) *Workers' compensation.*—Notwithstanding s. 120.52(1), a judge of compensation claims, in adjudicating matters under chapter 440, is not an agency or part of an agency for purposes of this chapter.

(2) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES.—

(a) Marketing orders under chapter 527, chapter 573, or chapter 601 are not rules.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings held by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services pursuant to chapter 601 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

(3) OFFICE OF FINANCIAL REGULATION.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), in proceedings for the issuance, denial, renewal, or amendment of a license or approval of a merger pursuant to title XXXVIII:

1.a. The Office of Financial Regulation of the Financial Services Commission shall have published in the Florida Administrative Register notice of the application within 21 days after receipt.

b. Within 21 days after publication of notice, any person may request a hearing. Failure to request a hearing within 21 days after notice constitutes a waiver of any right to a hearing. The Office of Financial Regulation or an applicant may request a hearing at any time prior to the issuance of a final order. Hearings shall be conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57, except that the Financial Services Commission shall by rule provide for participation by the general public.

2. Should a hearing be requested as provided by sub-subparagraph 1.b., the applicant or licensee shall publish at its own cost a notice of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the application. The Financial Services Commission may by rule specify the format and size of the notice.

3. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), and except as provided in subparagraph 4., an application for license for a new bank, new trust company, new credit union, new savings and loan association, or new licensed family trust company must be approved or denied within 180 days after receipt of the original application or receipt of the timely requested additional information or correction of errors or omissions. An application for such a license or for acquisition of such control which is not approved or denied within the 180-day period or within 30 days after conclusion of a public hearing on the application, whichever is later, shall be deemed approved subject to the satisfactory completion of

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conditions required by statute as a prerequisite to license and approval of insurance of accounts for a new bank, a new savings and loan association, a new credit union, or a new licensed family trust company by the appropriate insurer.

4. In the case of an application for license to establish a new bank, trust company, or capital stock savings association in which a foreign national proposes to own or control 10 percent or more of any class of voting securities, and in the case of an application by a foreign national for approval to acquire control of a bank, trust company, or capital stock savings association, the Office of Financial Regulation shall request that a public hearing be conducted pursuant to ss. 120.569 and 120.57. Notice of such hearing shall be published by the applicant as provided in subparagraph 2. The failure of such foreign national to appear personally at the hearing shall be grounds for denial of the application. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1) and subparagraph 3., every application involving a foreign national shall be approved or denied within 1 year after receipt of the original application or any timely requested additional information or the correction of any errors or omissions, or within 30 days after the conclusion of the public hearing on the application, whichever is later.

(b) In any application for a license or merger pursuant to title XXXVIII which is referred by the agency to the division for hearing, the administrative law judge shall complete and submit to the agency and to all parties a written report consisting of findings of fact and rulings on evidentiary matters. The agency shall allow each party at least 10 days in which to submit written exceptions to the report.

(4) DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.—

(a) *Business regulation.*—The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering is exempt from the hearing and notice requirements of ss. 120.569 and 120.57(1)(a), but only for stewards, judges, and boards of judges when the hearing is to be held for the purpose of the imposition of fines or suspensions as provided by rules of the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering, but not for revocations, and only upon violations of subparagraphs 1.-6. The Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering shall adopt rules establishing alternative procedures, including a hearing upon reasonable notice, for the following violations:

1. Horse riding, harness riding, greyhound interference, and jai alai game actions in violation of chapter 550.

2. Application and usage of drugs and medication to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.

3. Maintaining or possessing any device which could be used for the injection or other infusion of a prohibited drug to horses, greyhounds, and jai alai players in violation of chapter 550.

4. Suspensions under reciprocity agreements between the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering and regulatory agencies of other states.

5. Assault or other crimes of violence on premises licensed for pari-mutuel wagering.

6. Prearranging the outcome of any race or game.

(b) *Professional regulation.*—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), formal hearings may not be conducted by the Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation or a board or member of a board within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined by chapter 455.

(5) FLORIDA LAND AND WATER ADJUDICATORY COMMISSION.—Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.57(1)(a), when the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission receives a notice of appeal pursuant to s. 380.07, the commission shall notify the division within 60 days after receipt of the notice of appeal if the commission elects to request the assignment of an administrative law judge.

(6) DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Law enforcement policies and procedures of the Department of Law Enforcement which relate to the following are not rules as defined by this chapter:

(a) The collection, management, and dissemination of active criminal intelligence information and active criminal investigative information; management of criminal investigations; and management of undercover investigations and the selection, assignment, and fictitious identity of undercover personnel.

(b) The recruitment, management, identity, and remuneration of confidential informants or sources.

(c) Surveillance techniques, the selection of surveillance personnel, and electronic surveillance, including court-ordered and consensual interceptions of communication conducted pursuant to chapter 934.

(d) The safety and release of hostages.

(e) The provision of security and protection to public figures.

(f) The protection of witnesses.

(7) DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings conducted within the Department of Children and Families in the execution of those social and economic programs administered by the former Division of Family Services of the former Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services prior to the reorganization effected by chapter 75-48, Laws of Florida, need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

(8) DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES.—

(a) *Driver licenses.*—

1. Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings regarding driver licensing pursuant to chapter 322 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

2. Notwithstanding s. 120.60(5), cancellation, suspension, or revocation of a driver license shall be by personal delivery to the licensee or by first-class mail as provided in s. 322.251.

(b) *Wrecker operators.*—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings held by the Division of the Florida Highway Patrol of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to deny, suspend, or remove a wrecker operator from participating in the wrecker rotation system established by s. 321.051 need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned

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by the division. These hearings shall be held by a hearing officer appointed by the director of the Division of the Florida Highway Patrol.

(9) OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION.—Notwithstanding s. 120.60(1), every application for a certificate of authority as required by s. 624.401 shall be approved or denied within 180 days after receipt of the original application. Any application for a certificate of authority which is not approved or denied within the 180-day period, or within 30 days after conclusion of a public hearing held on the application, shall be deemed approved, subject to the satisfactory completion of conditions required by statute as a prerequisite to licensure.

(10) DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.54, the rulemaking provisions of this chapter do not apply to reemployment assistance appeals referees.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(5), the uniform rules of procedure do not apply to appeal proceedings conducted under chapter 443 by the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, special deputies, or reemployment assistance appeals referees.

(c) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings under chapter 443 may not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division, but instead shall be conducted by the Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission in reemployment assistance appeals, reemployment assistance appeals referees, and the Department of Economic Opportunity or its special deputies under s. 443.141.

(11) NATIONAL GUARD.—Notwithstanding s. 120.52(16), the enlistment, organization, administration, equipment, maintenance, training, and discipline of the militia, National Guard, organized militia, and unorganized militia, as provided by s. 2, Art. X of the State Constitution, are not rules as defined by this chapter.

(12) PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RELATIONS COMMISSION.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings within the jurisdiction of the Public Employees Relations Commission need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division.

(b) Section 120.60 does not apply to certification of employee organizations pursuant to s. 447.307.

(13) FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

(a) Agency statements that relate to cost-recovery clauses, factors, or mechanisms implemented pursuant to chapter 366, relating to public utilities, are exempt from the provisions of s. 120.54(1)(a).

(b) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, a hearing on an objection to proposed action of the Florida Public Service Commission may only address the issues in dispute. Issues in the proposed action which are not in dispute are deemed stipulated.

(c) The Florida Public Service Commission is exempt from the time limitations in s. 120.60(1) when issuing a license.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, in implementing the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, the Public Service Commission is authorized to employ procedures consistent with that act.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, s. 350.128, or s. 364.381, appellate jurisdiction for Public Service Commission decisions that implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, shall be consistent with the provisions of that act.

(f) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, all public utilities and companies regulated by the Public Service Commission shall be entitled to proceed under the interim rate provisions of chapter 364 or the procedures for interim rates contained in chapter 74-195, Laws of Florida, or as otherwise provided by law.

(14) DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.—

(a) *Assessments.*—An assessment of tax, penalty, or interest by the Department of Revenue is not a final order as defined by this chapter. Assessments by the Department of Revenue shall be deemed final as provided in the statutes and rules governing the assessment and collection of taxes.

(b) *Taxpayer contest proceedings.*—

1. In any administrative proceeding brought pursuant to this chapter as authorized by s. 72.011(1), the taxpayer shall be designated the "petitioner" and the Department of Revenue shall be designated the "respondent," except that for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund under chapter 207, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall be designated the "respondent," and for actions contesting an assessment or denial of refund under chapters 210, 550, 561, 562, 563, 564, and 565, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall be designated the "respondent."

2. In any such administrative proceeding, the applicable department's burden of proof, except as otherwise specifically provided by general law, shall be limited to a showing that an assessment has been made against the taxpayer and the factual and legal grounds upon which the applicable department made the assessment.

3.a. Prior to filing a petition under this chapter, the taxpayer shall pay to the applicable department the amount of taxes, penalties, and accrued interest assessed by that department which are not being contested by the taxpayer. Failure to pay the uncontested amount shall result in the dismissal of the action and imposition of an additional penalty of 25 percent of the amount taxed.

b. The requirements of s. 72.011(2) and (3)(a) are jurisdictional for any action under this chapter to contest an assessment or denial of refund by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

4. Except as provided in s. 220.719, further collection and enforcement of the contested amount of an assessment for nonpayment or underpayment of any tax, interest, or penalty shall be stayed beginning on the date a petition is filed. Upon entry of a final order, an agency may resume collection and enforcement action.

5. The prevailing party, in a proceeding under ss. 120.569 and 120.57 authorized by s. 72.011(1), may recover all legal costs incurred in such proceeding,

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including reasonable attorney's fees, if the losing party fails to raise a justiciable issue of law or fact in its petition or response.

6. Upon review pursuant to s. 120.68 of final agency action concerning an assessment of tax, penalty, or interest with respect to a tax imposed under chapter 212, or the denial of a refund of any tax imposed under chapter 212, if the court finds that the Department of Revenue improperly rejected or modified a conclusion of law, the court may award reasonable attorney's fees and reasonable costs of the appeal to the prevailing appellant.

(c) *Proceedings to establish paternity or paternity and child support; orders to appear for genetic testing; proceedings for administrative support orders.*—In proceedings to establish paternity or paternity and child support pursuant to s. 409.256 and proceedings for the establishment of administrative support orders pursuant to s. 409.2563, final orders in cases referred by the Department of Revenue to the Division of Administrative Hearings shall be entered by the division's administrative law judge and transmitted to the Department of Revenue for filing and rendering. The Department of Revenue has the right to seek judicial review under s. 120.68 of a final order entered by an administrative law judge. The Department of Revenue or the person ordered to appear for genetic testing may seek immediate judicial review under s. 120.68 of an order issued by an administrative law judge pursuant to s. 409.256(5)(b). Final orders that adjudicate paternity or paternity and child support pursuant to s. 409.256 and administrative support orders rendered pursuant to s. 409.2563 may be enforced pursuant to s. 120.69 or, alternatively, by any method prescribed by law for the enforcement of judicial support orders, except contempt. Hearings held by the Division of Administrative Hearings pursuant to ss. 409.256, 409.2563, and 409.25635 shall be held in the judicial circuit where the person receiving services under Title IV-D resides or, if the person receiving services under Title IV-D does not reside in this state, in the judicial circuit where the respondent resides. If the department and the respondent agree, the hearing may be held in another location. If ordered by the administrative law judge, the hearing may be conducted telephonically or by videoconference.

(15) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), formal hearings may not be conducted by the State Surgeon General, the Secretary of Health Care Administration, or a board or member of a board within the Department of Health or the Agency for Health Care Administration for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined by chapter 456. Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings conducted within the Department of Health in execution of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; Child Care Food Program; Children's Medical Services Program; the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program; and the exemption from disqualification reviews for certified nurse assistants program need not be conducted by an administrative law judge assigned by the division. The Department of Health may contract with the Department of Children and Families for a hearing officer in these matters.

(16) FLORIDA BUILDING COMMISSION.—

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 120.542, the Florida Building Commission may not accept a petition for waiver or variance and may not grant any waiver or variance from the requirements of the Florida Building Code.

(b) The Florida Building Commission shall adopt within the Florida Building Code criteria and procedures for alternative means of compliance with the code or local amendments thereto, for enforcement by local governments, local enforcement districts, or other entities authorized by law to enforce the Florida Building Code. Appeals from the denial of the use of alternative means shall be heard by the local board, if one exists, and may be appealed to the Florida Building Commission.

(c) Notwithstanding ss. 120.565, 120.569, and 120.57, the Florida Building Commission and hearing officer panels appointed by the commission in accordance with s. 553.775(3)(c)1. may conduct proceedings to review decisions of local building code officials in accordance with s. 553.775(3)(c).

(d) Section 120.541(3) does not apply to the adoption of amendments and the triennial update to the Florida Building Code expressly authorized by s. 553.73.

(17) STATE FIRE MARSHAL.—Section 120.541(3) does not apply to the adoption of amendments and the triennial update to the Florida Fire Prevention Code expressly authorized by s. 633.202.

(18) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.—Sections 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541 do not apply to the adjustment of tolls pursuant to s. 338.165(3).

History.—s. 41, ch. 96-159; s. 13, ch. 98-166; s. 10, ch. 99-8; s. 4, ch. 99-397; s. 1, ch. 2000-141; s. 17, ch. 2000-151; s. 2, ch. 2000-160; s. 11, ch. 2000-304; s. 4, ch. 2000-305; ss. 2, 11, ch. 2000-312; s. 4, ch. 2000-355; s. 3, ch. 2000-367; s. 18, ch. 2001-158; s. 2, ch. 2001-279; s. 8, ch. 2002-173; s. 1, ch. 2002-239; s. 3, ch. 2003-36; s. 139, ch. 2003-261; s. 1, ch. 2004-52; s. 7, ch. 2004-334; ss. 12, 13, ch. 2005-39; s. 1, ch. 2005-96; s. 13, ch. 2005-147; s. 1, ch. 2005-209; s. 5, ch. 2006-45; s. 9, ch. 2008-6; s. 16, ch. 2008-104; s. 5, ch. 2009-187; s. 1, ch. 2011-64; s. 50, ch. 2011-142; s. 8, ch. 2011-225; s. 43, ch. 2012-30; s. 12, ch. 2013-14; s. 120, ch. 2013-183; s. 32, ch. 2014-19; s. 37, ch. 2014-97.

120.81 Exceptions and special requirements; general areas.—

(1) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.536(1) and the flush left provisions of s. 120.52(8), district school boards may adopt rules to implement their general powers under s. 1001.41.

(b) The preparation or modification of curricula by an educational unit is not a rule as defined by this chapter.

(c) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(16), any tests, test scoring criteria, or testing procedures relating to student assessment which are developed or administered by the Department of Education pursuant to s. 1003.4282, s. 1008.22, or s. 1008.25, or any other statewide educational tests required by law, are not rules.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, educational units shall not be required to include the full text of the rule or rule amendment in notices relating to rules and need not publish these or

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other notices in the Florida Administrative Register, but notice shall be made:

1. By publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected area;

2. By mail to all persons who have made requests of the educational unit for advance notice of its proceedings and to organizations representing persons affected by the proposed rule; and

3. By posting in appropriate places so that those particular classes of persons to whom the intended action is directed may be duly notified.

(e) Educational units, other than the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, shall not be required to make filings with the committee of the documents required to be filed by s. 120.54 or s. 120.55(1)(a)4.

(f) Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), hearings which involve student disciplinary suspensions or expulsions may be conducted by educational units.

(g) Sections 120.569 and 120.57 do not apply to any proceeding in which the substantial interests of a student are determined by a state university or a community college.

(h) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, in a hearing involving a student disciplinary suspension or expulsion conducted by an educational unit, the 14-day notice of hearing requirement may be waived by the agency head or the hearing officer without the consent of parties.

(i) For purposes of s. 120.68, a district school board whose decision is reviewed under the provisions of s. 1012.33 and whose final action is modified by a superior administrative decision shall be a party entitled to judicial review of the final action.

(j) Notwithstanding s. 120.525(2), the agenda for a special meeting of a district school board under authority of s. 1001.372(1) shall be prepared upon the calling of the meeting, but not less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

(k) Students are not persons subject to regulation for the purposes of petitioning for a variance or waiver to rules of educational units under s. 120.542.

(l) Sections 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541 do not apply to the adoption of rules pursuant to s. 1012.22, s. 1012.27, s. 1012.335, s. 1012.34, or s. 1012.795.

(2) LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.—

(a) Local units of government with jurisdiction in only one county or part thereof shall not be required to make filings with the committee of the documents required to be filed by s. 120.54.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, units of government with jurisdiction in only one county or part thereof need not publish required notices in the Florida Administrative Register, but shall publish these notices in the manner required by their enabling acts for notice of rulemaking or notice of meeting. Notices relating to rules are not required to include the full text of the rule or rule amendment.

(3) PRISONERS AND PAROLEES.—

(a) Notwithstanding s. 120.52(13), prisoners, as defined by s. 944.02, shall not be considered parties in any proceedings other than those under s. 120.54(3)(c) or (7), and may not seek judicial review under s. 120.68 of any other agency action. Prisoners are not eligible to seek an administrative determination of an agency statement under s. 120.56(4). Parolees shall not be considered parties for purposes of agency action or judicial review when the proceedings relate to the rescission or revocation of parole.

(b) Notwithstanding s. 120.54(3)(c), prisoners, as defined by s. 944.02, may be limited by the Department of Corrections to an opportunity to present evidence and argument on issues under consideration by submission of written statements concerning intended action on any department rule.

(c) Notwithstanding ss. 120.569 and 120.57, in a preliminary hearing for revocation of parole, no less than 7 days' notice of hearing shall be given.

(4) REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS.—Notwithstanding s. 120.569(2)(g), in a proceeding against a licensed professional or in a proceeding for licensure of an applicant for professional licensure which involves allegations of sexual misconduct:

(a) The testimony of the victim of the sexual misconduct need not be corroborated.

(b) Specific instances of prior consensual sexual activity between the victim of the sexual misconduct and any person other than the offender is inadmissible, unless:

1. It is first established to the administrative law judge in a proceeding in camera that the victim of the sexual misconduct is mistaken as to the identity of the perpetrator of the sexual misconduct; or

2. If consent by the victim of the sexual misconduct is at issue and it is first established to the administrative law judge in a proceeding in camera that such evidence tends to establish a pattern of conduct or behavior on the part of such victim which is so similar to the conduct or behavior in the case that it is relevant to the issue of consent.

(c) Reputation evidence relating to the prior sexual conduct of a victim of sexual misconduct is inadmissible.

(5) HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATION.—Agency action which has the effect of altering established hunting or fishing seasons, or altering established annual harvest limits for saltwater fishing if the procedure for altering such harvest limits is set out by rule of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, is not a rule as defined by this chapter, provided such action is adequately noticed in the area affected through publishing in a newspaper of general circulation or through notice by broadcasting by electronic media.

(6) RISK IMPACT STATEMENT.—The Department of Environmental Protection shall prepare a risk impact statement for any rule that is proposed for approval by the Environmental Regulation Commission and that establishes or changes standards or criteria based on impacts to or effects upon human health. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall prepare a risk impact statement for any rule that is proposed for adoption that establishes standards or criteria based on impacts to or effects upon human health.

(a) This subsection does not apply to rules adopted pursuant to federally delegated or mandated programs where such rules are identical or substantially identical

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to the federal regulations or laws being adopted or implemented by the Department of Environmental Protection or Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as applicable. However, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall identify any risk analysis information available to them from the Federal Government that has formed the basis of such a rule.

(b) This subsection does not apply to emergency rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

(c) The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall prepare and publish notice of the availability of a clear and concise risk impact statement for all applicable rules. The risk impact statement must explain the risk to the public health addressed by the rule and shall identify and summarize the source of the scientific information used in evaluating that risk.

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to create a new cause of action or basis for challenging a rule nor diminish any existing cause of action or basis for challenging a rule.

History.—s. 42, ch. 96-159; s. 17, ch. 97-176; s. 49, ch. 99-2; s. 65, ch. 99-245; s. 7, ch. 99-379; s. 28, ch. 99-398; s. 4, ch. 2000-214; s. 897, ch. 2002-387; s. 17, ch. 2008-104; s. 4, ch. 2010-78; s. 9, ch. 2011-225; s. 13, ch. 2013-14; s. 37, ch. 2013-35; s. 21, ch. 2014-17; s. 3, ch. 2014-39; s. 24, ch. 2014-184.

120.82 Keep Our Graduates Working Act.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Keep Our Graduates Working Act of 2020."

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this act is to ensure that Floridians who graduate from an accredited college or university can maintain their occupational licenses, as defined in subsection (3), and remain in the workforce while they attempt to pay off their student loan debt.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Default" means the failure to repay a student loan according to the terms agreed to in the promissory note.

(b) "Delinquency" means the failure to make a student loan payment when it is due.

(c) "License" means any professional license, certificate, registration, or permit granted by the applicable state authority.

(d) "State authority" means any department, board, or agency with the authority to grant a license to any person in this state.

(e) "Student loan" means a federal-guaranteed or state-guaranteed loan for the purposes of postsecondary education.

(4) STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT; DELINQUENCY. A state authority may not deny a license, refuse to renew a license, or suspend or revoke a license that it has issued to a person who is in default on or delinquent in the payment of his or her student loans solely on the basis of such default or delinquency.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2020-125.

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The Joint Administrative Procedures Committee will meet on Thursday, January 14, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., in Room 102, House Office Building, Reed Hall. Attached are copies of the Committee reference material. The meeting agenda and backup material will be provided prior to the meeting.

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Subject: KILL HB 1

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear ‘mob intimidation’ language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the ‘intent’ of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; “bad apples.” This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American’s freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent.We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be ‘on alert’.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:59 AM EST
To: Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Leaving Florida

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Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 4:51 PM EST
Subject: Legislature Presentation
Attachment(s): "FDOT Presentation for Legislators.pdf"

Dear Elected Official,

Attached is the presentation from today's meeting. We hope this meeting was informative and will assist you with any questions you may have. If I can be of further assistance, you may contact me at 863-519-2201 or l.nandam@dot.state.fl.us.

Best wishes and the Department looks forward to working with you.

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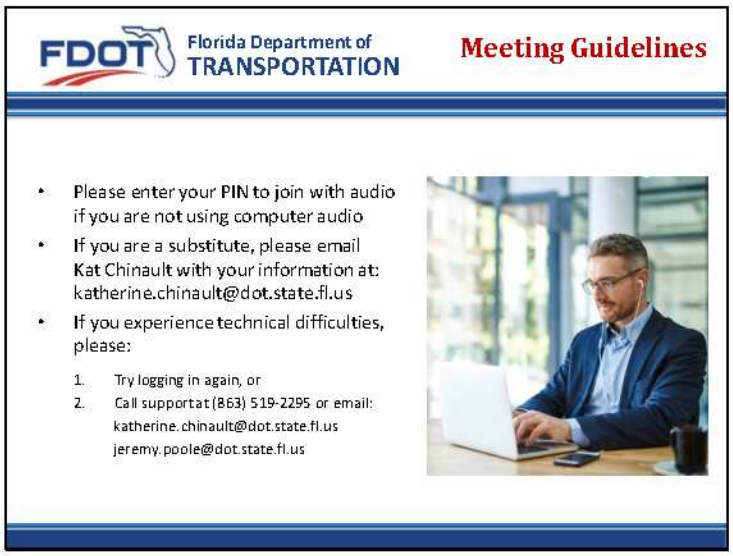

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- And now I'd Like to introduce Wayne Gaither, our Director of the Southwest Area Office, to walk you through how FDOT and District One work hard every day to innovate and exceed the expectations of all Floridians.

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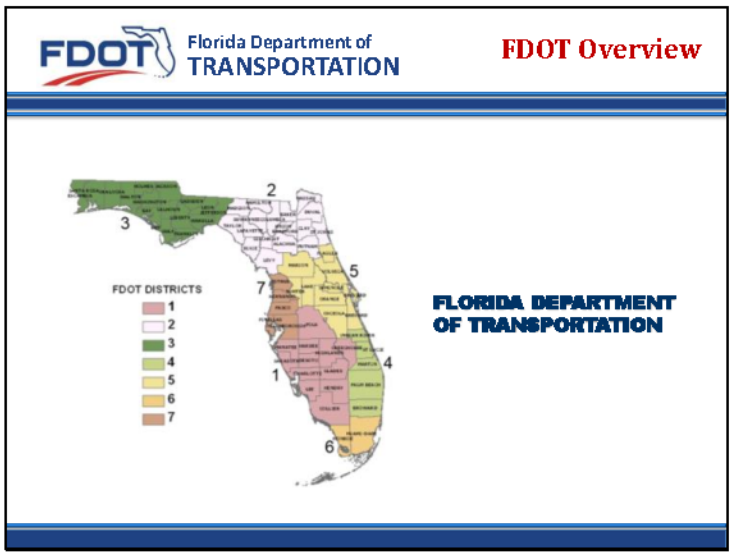

Thank you L.K. Today we will be talking about the Florida Department of Transportation, which we also call FDOT or the Department. FDOT serves under the office of the Governor. Its primary statutory mandate is to coordinate the planning and development of a safe, viable, and balanced state transportation system serving all regions of the state, and to assure the compatibility of all components, including multimodal facilities. A multimodal transportation system combines two or more modes of movement of people or goods. Florida's transportation system includes roadway, air, rail, sea, spaceports, bus transit, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

In developing the state's transportation network, FDOT works with its transportation partners at the local, regional, and federal level to ensure the system is a fully integrated multimodal network moving people and goods safely and efficiently.

While the Department's highest priorities are safety and system preservation, we also place great emphasis on developing the system to enhance economic prosperity and preserve the quality of our environment and communities.

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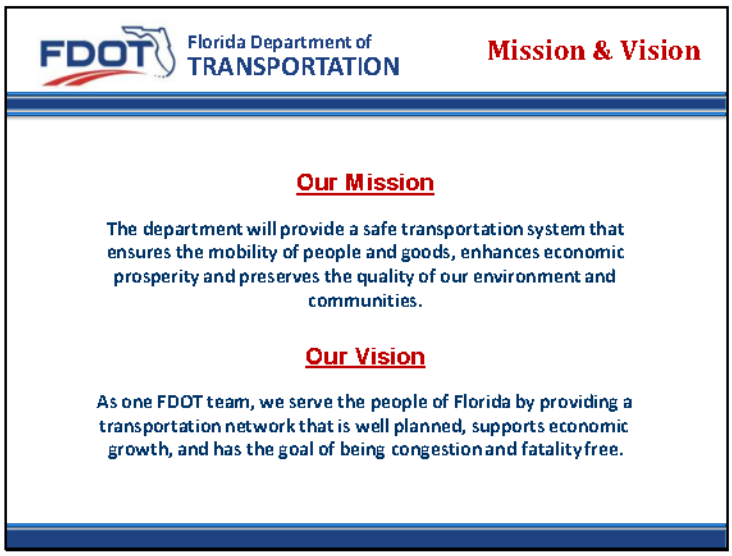

FDOT is a decentralized agency and is comprised of seven districts and the Florida Turnpike Enterprise.

We are also a highly privatized organization. Even before the current era of "public-private partnerships" or P3's, FDOT was actively partnering with the private sector to achieve its core mission. While 100 percent of construction projects are contracted to the private sector, FDOT has also aggressively expanded private sector participation in other areas such as planning, design, construction inspection, and maintenance.

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FDOT is led by Secretary Kevin J. Thibault.

He was named the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation by Governor DeSantis in January of 2018.

Secretary Thibault has 30 years of experience in the transportation field split between the private sector and various roles within FDOT ranging from project management to executive leadership.

He has consistently remained focused on the importance of partnerships to deliver the transportation needs of the state.

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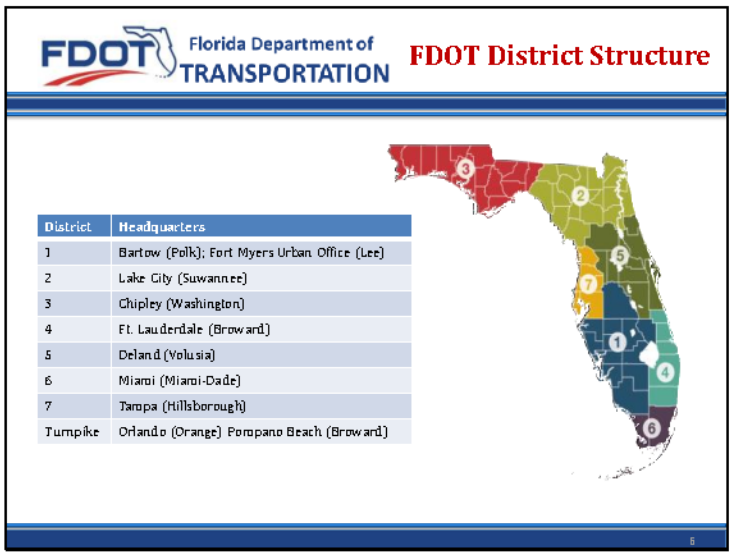

- Our District Offices are charged with managing the daily operations of the Department and are the lead in the work program development process
- District Offices are led by a District Secretary who is appointed by the Department Secretary
- The District offices coordinate with the Assistant Secretary of Engineering and Operations concerning day-to-day workflow
- As a part of the Department's Executive Management Team, District Secretaries provide critical regional/geographic representation and invaluable project management experience

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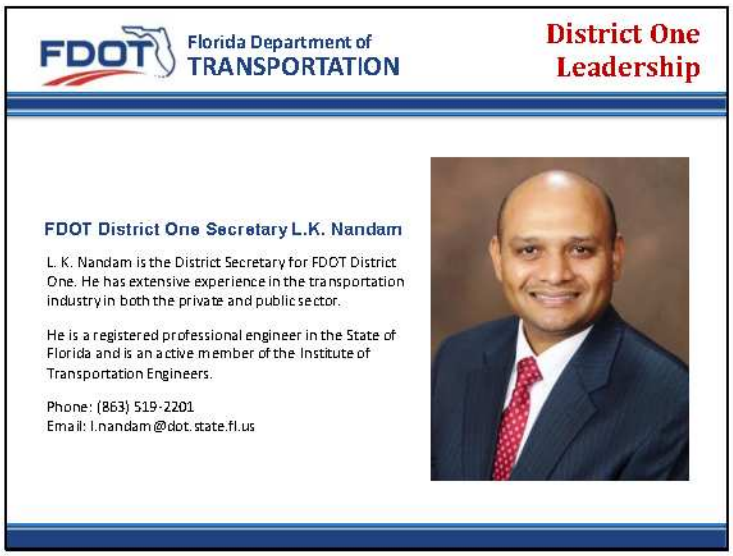

- District One is led by Secretary LK Nandam, who has over two decades of leadership in the fields of engineering and transportation
- LK's vision for the District over his first four years as Secretary has been to ensure the we work together internally and with our partners to move the needle on Secretary Thibault's Vital Few initiative, which focuses on improving safety, enhancing mobility, embracing innovation, and forwarding the attraction, retention, and training of the FDOT workforce.
- His priorities and focus are on ensuring our communities succeed through our collaborative partnerships, promoting the completion of projects that bring about a safer and more efficient transportation system
- Thanks to his tireless work on the subject, LK was selected as Florida's Statewide Champion for Pedestrian and Bicyclists Safety

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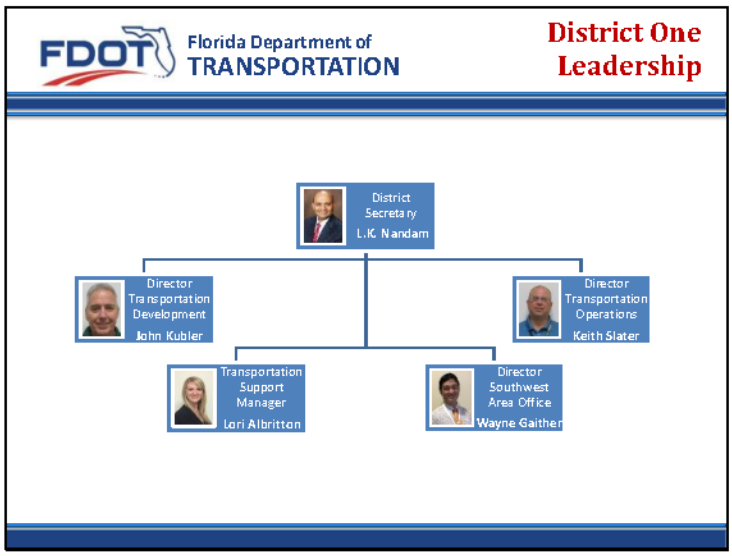

Our leadership team has over a century of experience in transportation and proactively guides our district to exceed the expectations of our residents every day.

- As you know, I'm Wayne Gaither, Director of the Southwest Area Office -- which we'll discuss in a little more detail in our next slide – and I bring 23 years of experience in various planning disciplines with 10 years of service directly related at the Metropolitan Planning Organization level. I've work in city and county governments as a comprehensive planner and came to FDOT after working with Lee County Transit as a Principal Planner
- Our longtime communications manager, Zac Burch, has recently left the district. This position is the primary point of contact for our legislative elected officials.
    - While we search for the next head of our public information office, I will act as the interim District One, government liaison
- John Kubler, our Director of Transportation Development, has more than thirty-five years of experience in the transportation industry and has served for more than 28 years in various positions within the FDOT
- Keith Slater, Director of Transportation Operations, has over 27 years of experience working with the Department, which includes Traffic Operations, Design, Project Management, PD&E and Construction
- Lori Albritton, our Transportation Support Manager, has been with FDOT for 22 years, holding positions in Facilities Management, Financial Services, Operational Management and Development

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The Southwest Area Office, also known as the SWAO is established by Florida Statute. District One created the Urban Office to meet responsibilities such as the 5-year Transportation Plan for Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, and Lee Counties. Additionally, the SWAO provides policy, direction, and coordinates with local governments.

Several key positions are housed at this office, including: Traffic Operations, Transit, Community Liaisons, and the Communications Office. Three new planning positions are also being added to the Southwest Area Office team.

The District One Regional Traffic Management Center -- known as the RTMC -- is also housed here. This RTMC is operational 24/7/365 to monitor traffic and report incidents on I-75 in southwest Florida.

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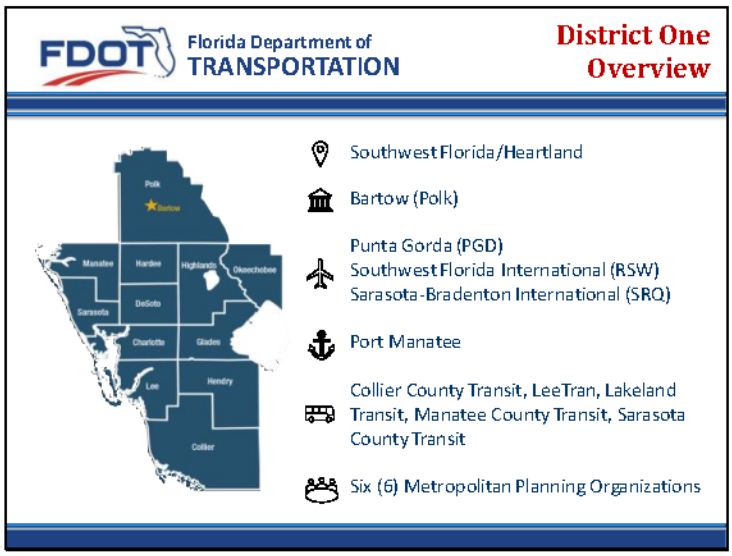

- District one is nearly 12,000 square miles
- Comprised of 12 counties in Southwest Florida, the district's 2.7 million residents contribute to the 42 million miles traveled daily on our state's highways
- Polk County is the northern most point of the district, which flows southward along US 41 and includes the southern portion of Florida's Gulf Coast
- Moving westward, the District's roadways are a primary component of the supply chain of Florida's Heartland, anchored by the citrus and cattle industry
- Although the District Headquarters is located in Bartow; our Southwest Area Office is located in Fort Myers to assist with the transportation planning efforts of the growing Southwest Florida region
- District One, Modal Development administers State and Federally-funded public transit and paratransit programs that provide capital and operating assistance to seven transit systems in urban areas and to seven recipient agencies for rural public transit services in ten counties; capital equipment and operating assistance for transportation of seniors and people with disabilities throughout the District; transit planning funds for Metropolitan Planning Organizations; mobility management funding for regional Heartland Rural Mobility Plan-related development of rural transit and cross-state transit services; Commuter Assistance Project including marketing and promotion of commuter mode choices; vanpool

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development and support; discretionary grants for transit corridor projects, new public transportation services, intermodal transfer centers, technology innovation, and provides technical assistance

- The District has one deep-water seaport in operation which is also a SIS hub, which receives state grant funds from the Seaports and Intermodal programs. District One is served by 5 Railroad Companies (CSX, Evansville Western Railway, Fla Midland, South Central Fla Express, Seminole Gulf Railway), 2 excursion trains (Murder Mystery Seminole Gulf and Florida Railroad in Parrish)

- The District now has one true intermodal logistics center called Central Florida Intermodal Logistics Center with freight movements by Rail (CSX & Evansville Western Railway) and Truck located in Winter Haven, Florida. Most of the Rail lines are either designated "Strategic Intermodal System" or an "Emerging Strategic Intermodal System"

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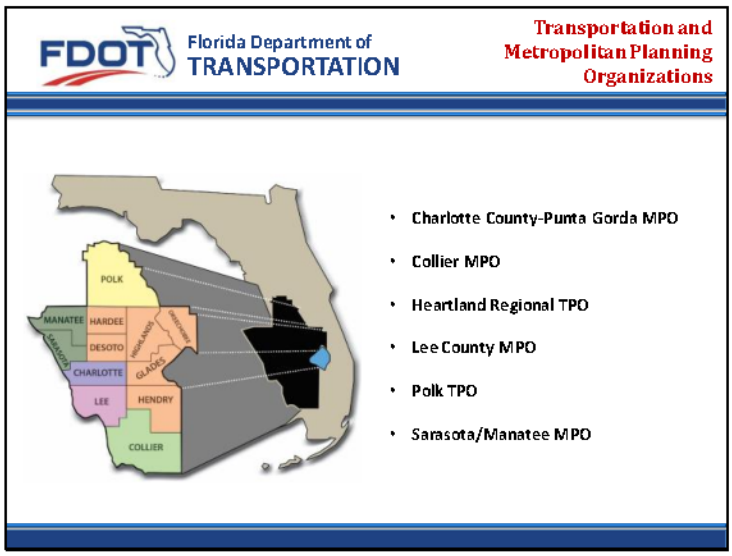

- A Metropolitan Planning Organization, known by the acronym MPO, is a federally mandated and federally-funded transportation policy-making organization that is made up of representatives from local government and transportation providers. Congress created MPOs in order to ensure that existing and future expenditures of governmental funds for transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive ("3-C") planning process

- MPOs in our district are: Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO, Collier MPO, Lee County MPO, Sarasota/Manatee MPO

- Created by federal law and Florida Statutes, Transportation Planning Organizations (TPO) exist to provide regional coordination of transportation investments, while ensuring that the public, especially those traditionally underserved by the transportation system, have opportunities to participate in the decision-making process

- TPOs in our district are: Heartland Regional TPO, Polk TPO

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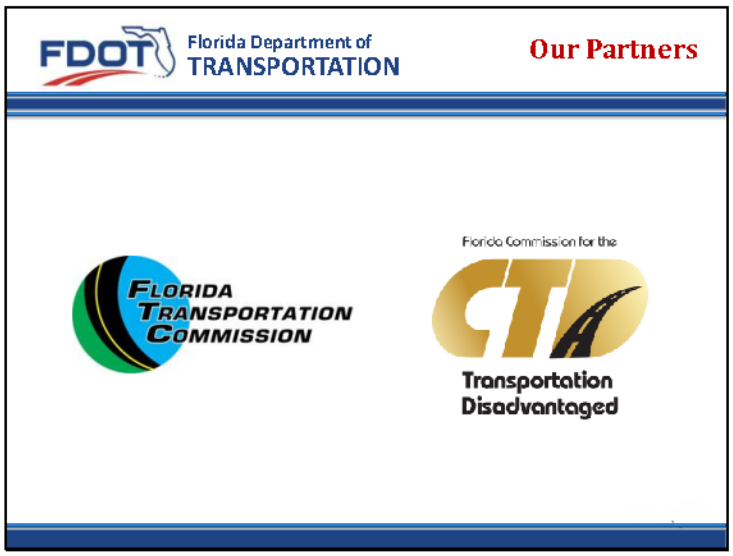

Two of the partners we work with to help guide our organization are the Florida Transportation Commission and the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. Although each commission is autonomous, they both work alongside FDOT, providing support as needed.

Florida Transportation Commission

- Serves as a citizen's oversight board for the FDOT, Florida's expressway authorities, and regional transportation authorities
- Commissioners are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Florida Senate for 4-year-terms
- Prohibited from involvement in day-to-day operations of FDOT

Transportation Disadvantaged Commission

- Coordinates and assures cost-provision of transportation for the needs of the transportation disadvantaged
- Collaborates with local coordinating boards, community transportation coordinators, MPOs and Designated Official Planning Agencies (DOPA) to achieve goals
- Meets quarterly across the state to discuss implementation, initiatives, and planning efforts

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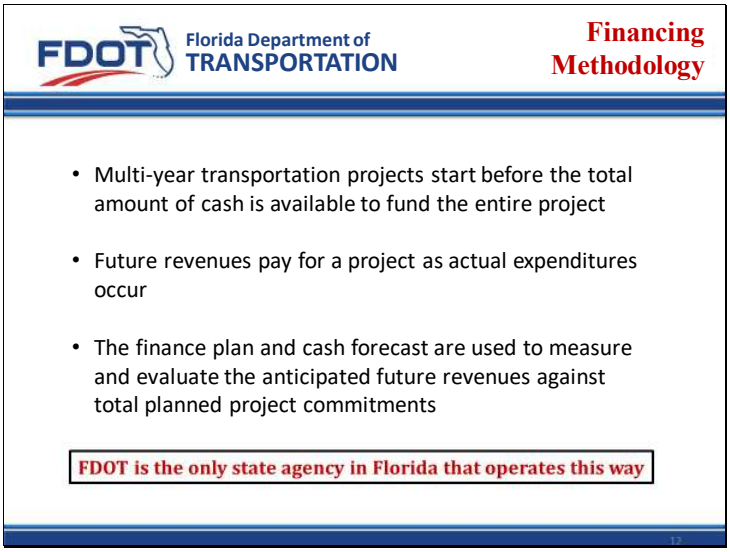

FDOT is the only state agency operating on a "cash flow" basis, which maximizes available revenue

- That means, for most transportation projects in Florida, the Department contracts for a project phase before the total amount of cash is available to fund the commitment
- The Department anticipates future revenues that will be available to finance current projects in much the same way that a family anticipates future earnings to pay for a mortgage
- Other Florida agencies require the entire contract amount to be on hand in the same year work begins. Changes in revenues can have a significant impact on the five-year work program.

FDOT Adopted Work Program is funded primarily with federal and state funds

- Federal funds make up approximately 25 percent of the Department's funding sources
- The primary source of these funds is the federal motor fuel tax
- State funds, tolls and bond revenues make up the remaining 75 percent of the funding sources

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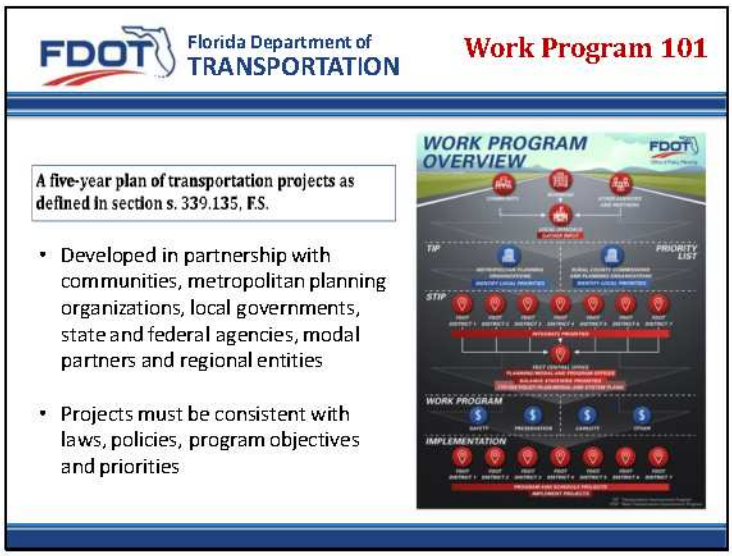

- Transportation Planning begins at the local level through a priority setting process with a Metropolitan Planning Organization or Local Government in a Non-MPO area comprised of local leaders who submit local and regional priorities to the Department for funding consideration
- There are currently 27 MPO's in Florida, six of which are in District One
- This process takes into account local and regional mobility, economic condition and impacts to the area
- Priorities are then submitted to the Department for inclusion into the FDOT Work Program

FDOT is one of the few state agencies with a multi-year capital plan known as the five-year work program. The work program is complex and allows for projects to be financed through multiple phases over several years. The process in which a project moves from being an idea or a need to implementation is unique and must ensure improvements and investments function as part of the integrated and connected transportation system. FDOT's work program includes transportation projects at every stage of development – from initial planning to design, to construction to maintenance, and operations.

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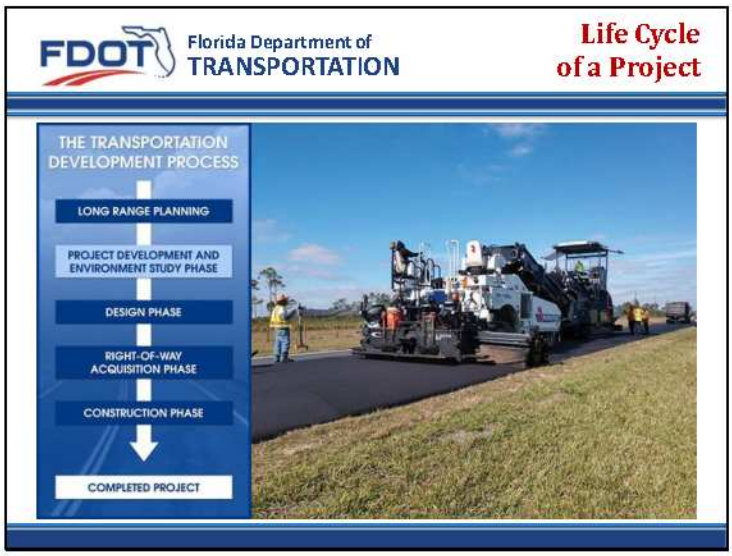

The life cycle of a transportation project begins at the local level through the long-range planning process:

- This process allows communities to self-identify short and long-term transportation needs in coordination with FDOT
- When a project is identified, a Project Development and Environment Study is performed to address potential project locations and forecasted impacts. The final project design will determine the necessary right of way, or land, that may be required for the project to be constructed
- Upon receipt of any necessary permits, a project will move into the construction phase
- Upon completion, FDOT routinely monitors the project and schedules any necessary work to preserve the investment

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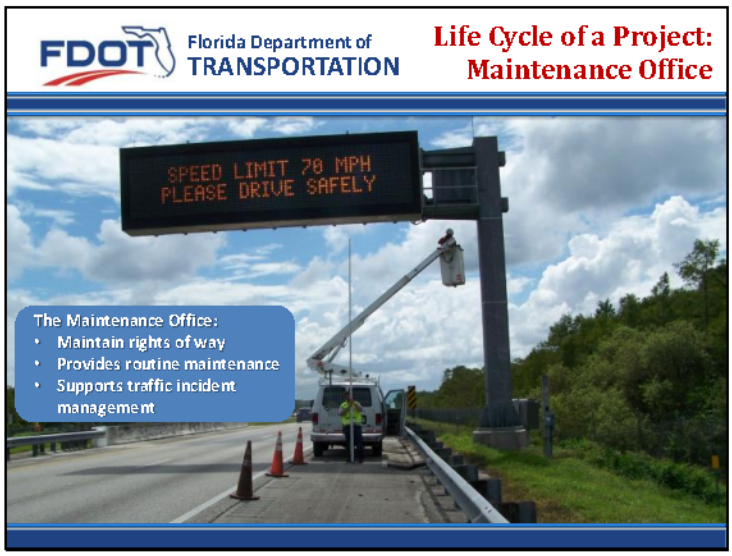

- The Maintenance Office keep up state rights of way to include roadways, bridges, and roadsides

- Routine maintenance activities include pavement preservation, inspection and rehabilitation of bridges, roadside mowing, litter removal, shoulder repairs, drainage system cleaning/inspection/repair, refurbishing signs and pavement markings

- We also support law enforcement as needed with traffic incident management

- The Department conducts 90 percent of our maintenance using contractors:
    - In some regions, we contract all of our State roadway maintenance to an Asset Maintenance Contractor who functions as an extension of our staff and provide service: I-75, I-275, I-4 and within Collier County, Charlotte County, NE Polk County, and Okeechobee County

- Local communities wishing to provide enhanced maintenance beyond FDOT's contracts may do so through agreements with District One
    - These services may include mowing, edging, litter removal, and highway lighting maintenance

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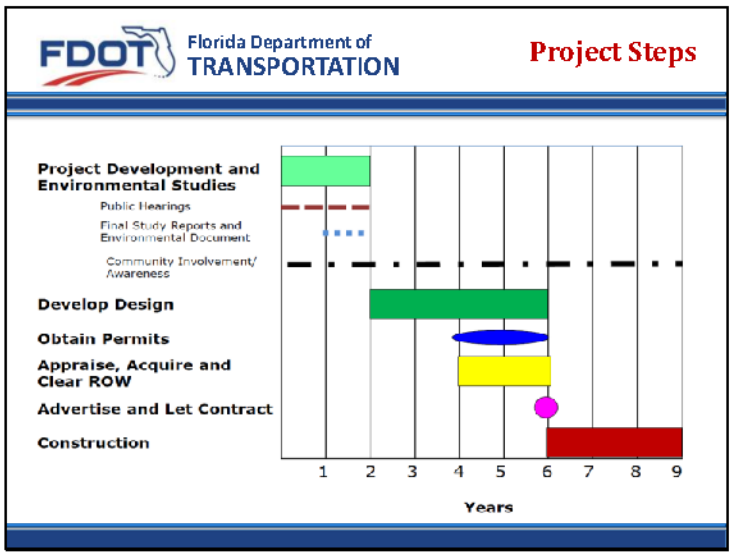

There are many steps to deliver transportation infrastructure with each step representing a different funding budget category:

- As previously noted, the (PD&E) study is performed to address potential project locations and forecasted impacts. This process includes public hearings and facilitates community involvement/awareness throughout the entire project life cycle
- We then move into Design which includes permitting
- After this, acquisitions and clearing of Right of Way (ROW) takes place
- Next is advertising and letting of the contract all before construction begins
- Construction begins after project development phases have been completed and after funding is identified. Typical Project Construction will last between 1 ½ and 3 ½ years
- Lastly, although not included on this chart, is maintenance. Maintaining our investments is a top priority of the Department
- NOTE: System Preservation is funded first to ensure our existing facilities meet our maintenance standards for the traveling public

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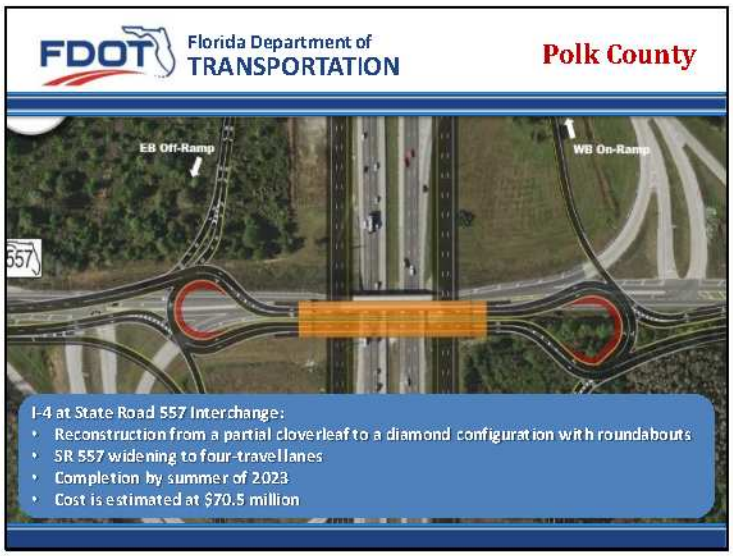

We have several projects we are excited about in District One, however these are a few that have garnered much attention.

We are reconstructing the existing I-4 at SR 557 interchange from a partial cloverleaf to a diamond configuration. As part of this work, we will widen SR 557 to four-travel lanes, two in each direction, within state right-of-way. Roundabouts will also be constructed on SR 557 at the I-4 on-ramp and off-ramp terminals to facility safe and efficient traffic flow.

Safety & Mobility enhancements include:

- Improve traffic circulation
- Enhance safety, emergency access, and truck access in Polk County

The anticipated completion for this project is summer of 2023 at an estimated cost of $70.5 million.

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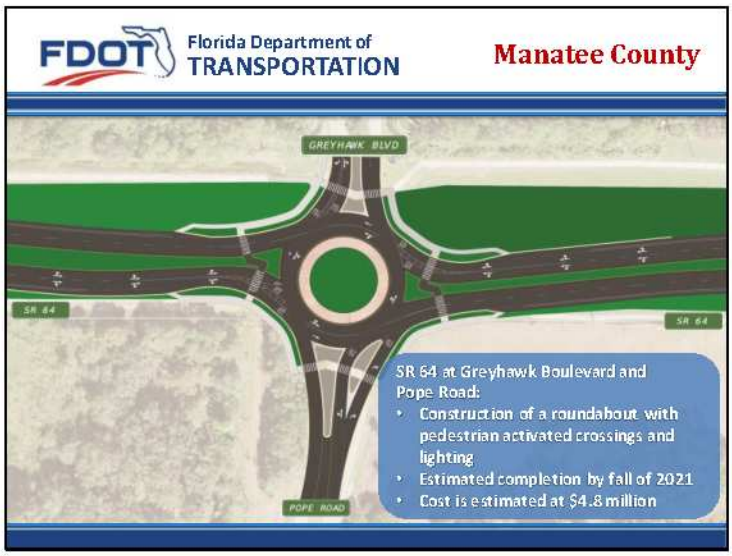

Construction of a roundabout has begun at SR 64 and Greyhawk Boulevard/Pope Road in Manatee County, which includes installing pedestrian activated crossings and adding lighting and landscaping.

Safety & Mobility enhancements include:

- Safety improvement for left turning vehicles
- Intersection efficiencies
- Speed Management for SR 64
- Shared Used Paths and buffered bike lanes

We estimate completion in the fall of 2021, at a cost of $4.8 million.

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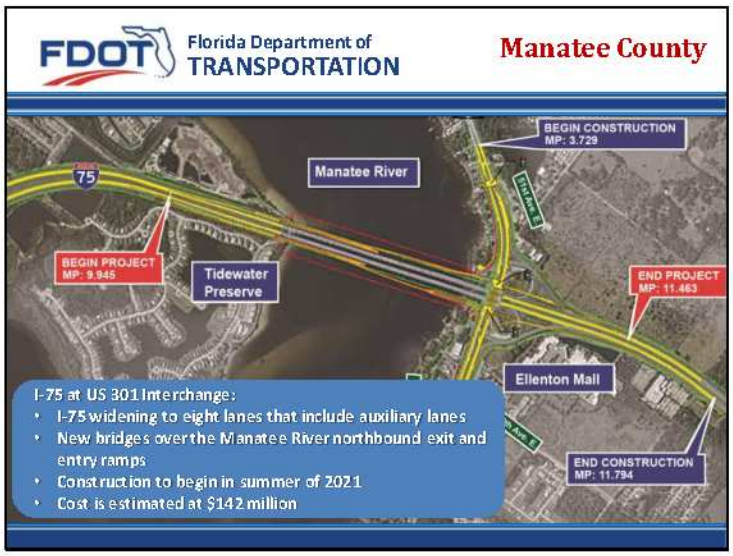

This design-build project widens I-75 and will provide for an eight-lane divided roadway. It will include auxiliary lanes between US 301 and SR 64 and reconstruct the I-75 at US 301 Interchange. New bridges will also be constructed over the Manatee River for a northbound exit ramp and a southbound entrance ramp which mitigates the backups of traffic onto the interstate mainline.

Safety & Mobility enhancements include:

- Improved traffic flow
- Potentially extends the acceptable level of service for I-75 well beyond 2050

Construction is anticipated to commence in the summer of 2021 and take approximately four years to complete. The project is estimated at $142 million.

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We will widen River Road from north of US 41 to south of I-75 in Sarasota County starting in October of 2021. This project widens to a four-lane divided highway from Center Road to I-75 and then further expands to six lanes from US 41 to Center Road.

Safety & Mobility enhancements include:

- Raised median improves safety of the corridor
- Raise profile of the road to reduce flooding
- Improvements facilitate hurricane evacuation

We plan for completion of this project in the fall of 2025 at an estimated cost of just over $65 million, with $24 million of the cost paid for by our partnership with Sarasota County and the City of North Port.

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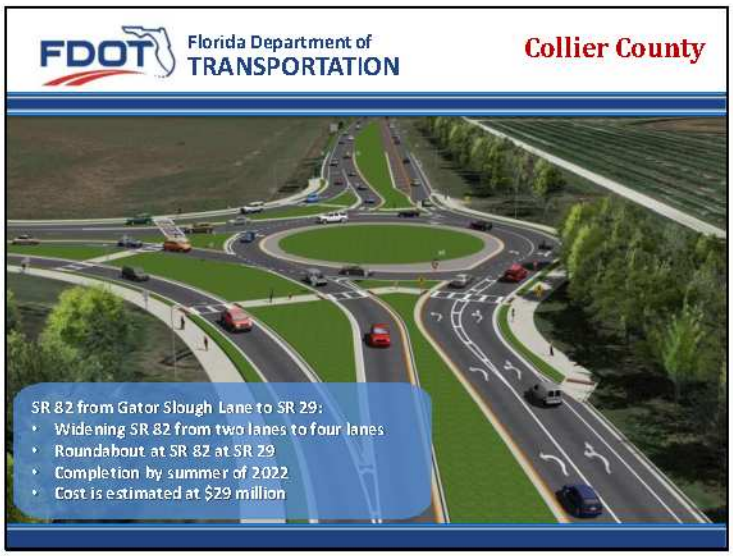

This project widens SR 82 from Gator Slough Lane to SR 29 in Collier County from a two-lane undivided highway to a four-lane divided roadway.

The intersection at SR 29 will also be changed from a stop condition with flashing beacon to a roundabout.

Safety & Mobility enhancements include:

- Roundabout will control traffic speed and improve safety for motorists
- Additional lanes will enhance traffic flow

Estimated completion is scheduled for the summer of 2022 at a projected cost of $29 million.

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Construction is underway on D1's second Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-75 and Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers.

Safety & Mobility enhancements include:

- A continuous flow intersection at the intersection of Six Mile Cypress Parkway/Ortiz Avenue
- A superstreet intersection at the Colonial Boulevard/Forum Boulevard intersection.

It is planned to be finished in the summer of 2023. Contract was awarded at $53 million.

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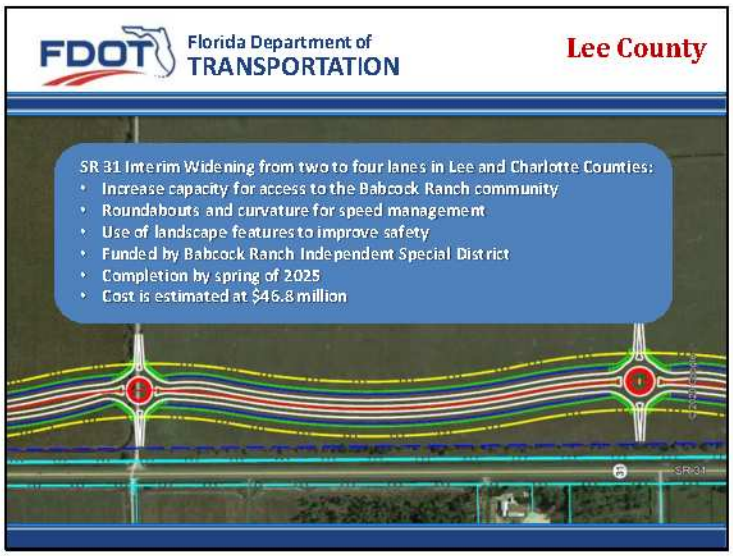

Approximately 4.5 miles of SR 31 will be widened, resulting in the expansion from a two-lane undivided road to a four-lane divided highway.

Safety & Mobility enhancements include:

- Raising profile to reduce flooding
- Roundabouts and intentional horizontal curvature is combined with strategic landscaping that will facilitate speed management along the corridor

Construction is planned to be complete in spring of 2025 at an estimated total cost of $46.8 million.

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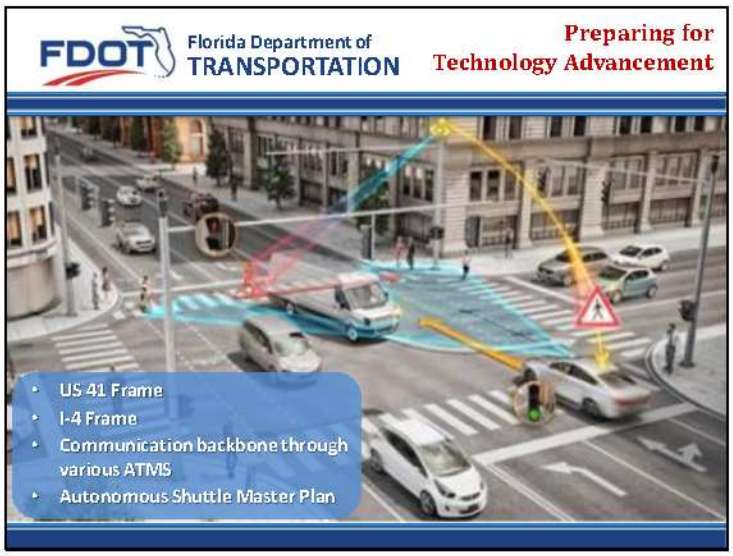

In District One, we are constantly pushing to use the most innovative technologies and strategies to bring success to our projects. A few of these improvements include:

FRAME: Florida's Regional Advanced Mobility Elements – Installation of CAV (Connected Vehicle) technology along D1 roadways to increase safety and mobility.

CAV APPLICATIONS: Signal Phase & Timing (SPaT), Map Data Message (MAP), Traveler Information Message (TIM), Personal Safety Message (PSM), Transit Signal Priority (TSP), Emergency Vehicle Pre-emption (EVP)

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Once again, please know that both LK and I are always here for you. I'd love to take as much time as you want to go into greater detail about anything we've discussed or to answer any questions you might have.

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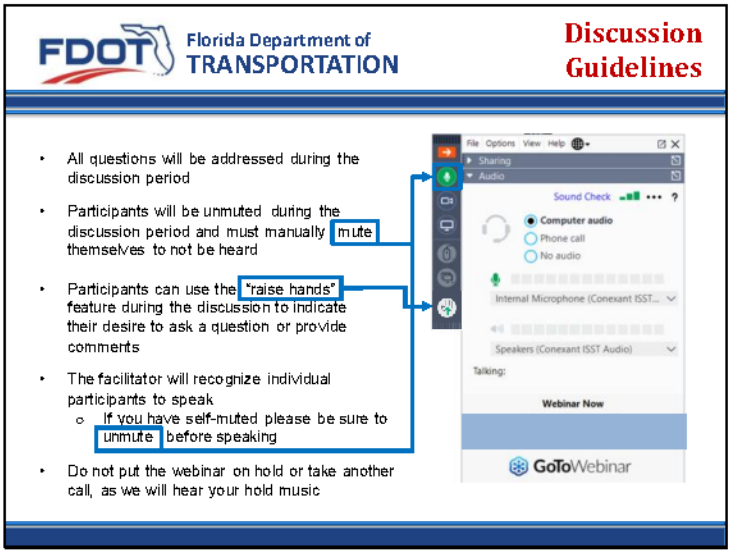

Before we begin, let me walk everyone through how our discussion will work:

- All questions will be addressed during the discussion period
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- The facilitator will recognize individual participants to speak
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Please see the attached letter regarding HB 1/ SB484.

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Re: HB 1/SB 484 - Combating Public Disorder

Dear Lawmaker,

The right to assemble and petition our government is intrinsic to the American experience and is a right guaranteed to the people by the United States Constitution. Like the right to vote, protest is one of the tools Americans have always used to create positive change in our country.

The racial violence and protests of 2020, spurred by the senseless murder of George Floyd, marks an inflection point in our nation's history. Over the past eight months, peaceful protestors have shined a much-needed spotlight on the structural racism and white supremacy that we as a society have failed to address for too long.

Protests for civil rights, social justice, and environmental protection are the foundation of some of our most important laws. Florida Conservation Voters will always stand in solidarity with peaceful protestors who strive to create a more perfect union and healthy communities for everyone.

Therefore, we urge you to oppose HB 1/SB 484. The intent of this legislation is to silence and punish protesters. It could not be more obvious that it is a direct response to the peaceful Black Lives Matter movement. This legislation infringes on Floridians' civil rights and is an attack on our very democracy.

Much of America's history is marked by inequality, oppression, and deep-rooted structural racism. When people rise up to demand justice before their lawmakers, government bodies, and fellow Floridians those efforts must be supported, not thwarted. If passed, HB 1/SB 484 would exacerbate racial and social inequities, encourage violent vigilante justice, criminalize peaceful protest, and threaten the safety of Floridians who choose to exercise their First Amendment rights.

We envision a world with clean air and water, thriving natural areas, a sustainable and livable climate, and a just and equitable democracy. We believe that Floridians are only as safe as those members of our community who are most at risk. As an organization that works to engage people in our democracy

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to protect our environment and healthy communities, we have a responsibility to advocate alongside those who are harmed by racist structures and systems.

Along with our partners and allied organizations across the state, FCV opposes this latest effort to extend protection of the law to those who would perpetuate violence against peaceful protestors exercising their rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Please oppose HB 1/SB 484.

Sincerely,

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SB 520: Social Media Websites

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For better or for worse, social media has become a major part of our everyday life and society. First thing Monday morning, I filed **SB 520: Social Media Websites**.

This legislation would require social media companies to provide individual and business users notice when the website has suspended or disabled a user's account and requires the companies to detail the steps necessary to restore the account.

SB 520 signals to social media websites that regardless of a person's background, political history, religion, race, gender, or any other identifying measure, Twitter and Facebook cannot be the sole judge, jury, and executioner of Americans' First Amendment rights.

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The Week Ahead

As the chair of the Senate Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, I am looking forward to our first meeting on Thursday, January 14.

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees and the Secretary of the Florida Agency on Health Care Administration, Mary Mayhew will be presenting to the committee.

You can watch the committee meeting safely from your office or from home on the Florida Channel here from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

My Committee Assignments

- Agriculture
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
- Banking and Insurance
- Commerce and Tourism
- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
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SB 520: Social Media Websites

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For better or for worse, social media has become a major part of our everyday life and society. First thing this morning, I filed **SB 520: Social Media Websites**.

This legislation would require social media companies to provide individual and business users notice when the website has suspended or disabled a user's account and requires the companies to detail the steps necessary to restore the account.

SB 520 signals to social media websites that regardless of a person's background, political history, religion, race, gender, or any other identifying measure, Twitter and Facebook cannot be the sole judge, jury, and executioner of Americans' First Amendment rights.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

The Week Ahead

As the chair of the Senate Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, I am looking forward to our first meeting on Thursday, January 14.

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees and the Secretary of the Florida Agency on Health Care Administration, Mary Mayhew will be presenting to the committee.

You can watch the committee meeting safely from your office or from home on the Florida Channel here from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

My Committee Assignments

- Agriculture
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
- Banking and Insurance
- Commerce and Tourism
- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
- Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, **Chair**
- Joint Administrative Procedures Committee

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From: Learn, John <Learn.John@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 5:22 PM EST
CC: Taylor, Jim <TaylorJ@hillsboroughcounty.org>; Storch, Lauren <StorchLa@hillsboroughcounty.org>
Subject: Materials - Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation Meeting
Attachment(s): "Delegation Meeting Agenda.pdf","Delegation Script.docx","Delegation Meeting Speaker List.pdf"

Good afternoon,

Attached is the agenda, script, and list of speakers for tomorrow's Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation meeting. I have also copied the link for the Webex again below.

As a reminder, this link is for Members to participate, staff should watch via eitherhttps://thefloridachannel.org/ or https://www.youtube.com/user/HillsboroughCounty/live .

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

When it's time, join your Webex meeting here.

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Best,

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Delegation Meeting: Elections and Public Comment

Friday, December 11, 2020
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

via WebEx platform, link attached in email

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Elections
5. Public Testimony
6. Adjourn

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Who	Title	Organization/Company
1. Pat Kemp	**Chair**	**BOCC**
2. Kimberly Overman	**Commissioner**	**BOCC**
3. Mariella Smith	**Commissioner**	**BOCC**
4. Addison Davis	**Superintendent**	**HCPS**
5. Lynn Gray	**Board Chair for Schoolboard**	**HCPS**
6. Ken Atwater	**President**	**HCC**
7. Cindy Stuart	**Hillsborough Clerk of Court & Comptroller Elect**	**Hillsborough Clerk's Office**
8. Julianne Holt	**Public Defender**	**13th Judicial Circuit**
9. Dr. Idelia Phillips	President	League of Women Voters
10. Chris Card	Chief of Community Based Care	Eckerd Connects
11. Damaris Allen	President	Florida Collaboration Project
12. Jasmine Dixon	High School Student	Hillsborough County Anti Drug Alliance
13. Dr. Sandra Braham	President/CEO	Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services
14. Louis Orloff		Orloff Advisors
15. Janet Dougherty	Executive Director	Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County
16. Beth Alden	Executive Director	Hillsborough MPO
17. Jule Colvin	Board Member	Florida Citizens Alliance
18. Ellen Snelling	Board Chair	Hillsborough County Anti Drug Alliance
19. Michelle Blume	Assistant Director	Guardian ad Litem Program
20. Jessica Sams	Gulf Coast Public Policy Manager	Alzheimer's Association
21. Bob Bialas	Executive VP of Chilldren $ Head Start Services	Lutheran Services
22. Mike Carroll	Executive VP of Programs	Lutheran Services
23. Gary Stein	Political Director	Suncoast NORML
24. Christopher Cano	Executive Director	Suncoast NORML
25. James Ransom	Board Member	TOBA
26. Ita Neymotin	Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel for the 2nd District	Office of " for the 2nd District Court of Appeals
27. Nah'ema Sekirime	Student	HCADA/SWAT
28. Matt Floyd	Government Relations	Port Tampa Bay
29. Tracy Zuluaga		
30. Brooke Errett	Florida Organizer	Food & Water Action

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31. Blake Smith	Student	HCADA
32. Theresa Miller		Embracelife911
33. Susan Nicely		
34. Haley Busch		1000 Friends of Florida
35. Jennifer Wilson		
36. Dan Saracki	President	Suncoast League of Cities
37. Maura Lanz		
38. Dayle Vanderwerff	COO	Phoenix House Florida
39. Nemiah Hughley	Student	YMAD-Burnett Middle School
40. Misty Winter		
41. Javan Frinks	Organizer	SEIU
42. Leanne Klumb	LGBTQ Liaison	HCC PTA/PTSA
43. David Jones		Tampa Bay Community Action Committee
44. Marissa Bodden		
45. Sharon Calvert		
46. Philip Compton	Senior Organizing Rep	Sierra Club FL
47. Tina Swain	CEO	Habitat for Humanity of Hillsborough
48. Keith Jacobs		Step Up for Students
49. Dr. Mark Castricone		SEIU
50. Laurette Philipsen		
51. Lisa Montelione	Director	Northside Behavioral Health Center
52. Rob Kriete	President	Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association
53. Veronica McDonald	Legislative Chair	Hillsborough County Council PTA
54. Valerie Licata	VP Leadership	Hillsborough County Council PTA
55. Terrie Daniel	Assistant Vice President	USF
56. Vicki Carll		
57. Alison Fernandez		
58. Julia Herbst	Gulf Coast Program Director	Solar United Neighbors
59. Karen Gates		
60. Isabel Garcia	Executive Director	Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)
61. Adrianne Rodriguez		
62. Shirley Daniels		
63. Opal Hudson	Board Member	Northside Behavioral Health Center
64. Shamiesa Grier	Member of Organize Florida	Organize Florida

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CHAIR CRUZ: GOOD MORNING. IT IS 10:00AM AND I AM CALLING THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO ORDER. **GAVEL**

CHAIR CRUZ: I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE SENATOR BURGESS TO LEAD US IN PRAYER THIS MORNING

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CHAIR CRUZ: I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE REPRESENTATIVE HART TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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CHAIR CRUZ: JOHN CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLE?

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CHAIR CRUZ: WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A QUORUM

CHAIR CRUZ: WE WILL NOW HAVE OUR ELECTION TO ESTABLISH THE NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION. I WILL REMIND EVERYONE THAT I AM CHAIR TODAY BECAUSE REPRESENTATIVE NEWTON, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION,

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DID NOT RUN FOR REELECTION. AS VICE CHAIR AT THE TIME, I AM SERVING AS ACTING CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING AFTER WHICH THE NEW CHAIR WILL TAKE OVER.

CHAIR CRUZ: REPRESENTATIVE VALDES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATION OF A NEW CHAIR.

REP. VALDES: YES, I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVE HART FOR CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

CHAIR CRUZ: JOHN PLEASE CALL THE ROLE FOR THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE HART AS CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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CHAIR CRUZ: BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE HART WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE OVER AS CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.

CHAIR CRUZ: SENATOR ROUSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR

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SEN. ROUSON I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE SENATOR CRUZ FOR VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

CHAIR CRUZ JOHN PLEASE CALL THE ROLE FOR THE ELECTION OF SENATOR CRUZ AS VICE CHAIR OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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CHAIR CRUZ BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE SENATE MEMBERS SENATOR CRUZ WILL OFFICIALLY BECOME VICE CHAIR OF THE DELEGATION FOLLOWING THIS MEETING.

CHAIR CRUZ WE WILL NOW BEGIN WITH PUBLIC TESTIMONY

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From: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:54 PM EST
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Media Request on SB 484

Meagan, In other news…

I received a call from Sofie Quinton with Stateline (A publication by the PEW Charitable Trust). She would like to speak to Senator Burgess about his legislation on combating public disorder. She is working on a story for tomorrow and has been reaching out to different states to see how/if lawmakers are addressing this issue. Her number is (202) 573-3522. Her email is squinton@pewtrusts.org.

Thank you!
Katie

Katherine Betta
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From: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 10:57 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Meeting Forward Notification: Meeting with Lauren Jones (Brief SB 484)

Your meeting was forwarded

Brown, Natalie has forwarded your meeting request to additional recipients.

Meeting

Meeting with Lauren Jones (Brief SB 484)

Meeting Time

Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:00 PM-3:30 PM.

Recipients

Brown, Natalie

All times listed are in the following time zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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From: Lisa Howell <lisa@psmfl.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:23 PM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Meeting request for next week

Good afternoon, Natalie. I hope you are doing well. I would like to request a virtual meeting for Ryan Matthews and Angela Drzewiecki of Peebles, Smith, and Matthews with Senator Burgess for next week. The meeting is regarding SB 484 Combating Public Disorder.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this request. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,
Lisa
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Lisa Howell
Peebles Smith & Matthews
850-559-8008

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From: Laura Engelhardt <laura@drivefleetforce.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:23 AM EST
To: Dhaliwal, Amol <Dhaliwal.Amol@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Meeting Request with Sen. Burgess

Hello Amol -

Thank you so much for your time and for speaking with me today regarding a meeting request with Senator Burgess.

As we discussed, Mr. Tra Williams would like to expand on the issue he discussed at the Polk County Delegates meeting last week regarding the compliance deadline to develop minimum training requirements for entry-level commercial motor vehicle operators, and how FleetForce is positioned to work with the many businesses in Polk County who will be facing the challenges that will come with this change.

We understand that Senator Burgess may be tied up with legislative session, so we will be happy to schedule a virtual meeting at his convenience. Please feel free to offer some availability for the Senator and we will work with his calendar to make it happen.

Thank you again, and it was a true pleasure speaking with you.

Kindest,

Laura

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From: DughiL@gtlaw.com <DughiL@gtlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2021 9:43 AM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Meeting request
Attachment(s): "54640965_v 1_2021 P2P Bill Overview 1-11-21.pdf"

Hi Natalie – I'm not sure you are the correct person to contact about meeting with Sen. Burgess.
I'd like to set a meeting with the Sen. regarding SB 566 by Sen. Perry. I represent Enterprise Rent a Car and we support the measure.
The Senator is on the committee where it will first be heard and I'd like to discuss it with him.

I have also attached an overview of the issue from our standpoint. I can make myself available any time. Regards, Leslie

Leslie Dughi
Director of Government Law and Policy

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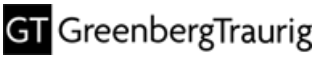

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Tax Fairness for People Renting Cars in Florida

SB 566 by Sen. Keith Perry/HB 365 by Rep. Mike Caruso

The way consumers access transportation options continue to evolve. A new business model for renting cars – called peer to peer car-sharing - has emerged in Florida. This has resulted in renters of cars being taxed differently depending upon the business they rent from – a rental car company or a peer to peer car-sharing company. These bills seek to ensure all renters of cars are treated the same.

How Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Car-Sharing Works – P2P car-sharing companies are the AirBnb of cars. They contract with private individuals to rent their cars to the public through an app. They also enter agreements with the public who wish to rent cars from their app. The person uses the car for the set amount of time, and their credit card is charged through the company when the car is returned. The person who allows the P2P company to rent out their car is paid by the company via direct deposit. The P2P company keeps between 25-30% of the rental cost.

The activities of P2P companies - taking and confirming reservations online, offering delivery service, providing products such as insurance and roadside assistance, and handling payment for the service – are the same services provided by rental car companies.

Rental Car Surcharge Law – Section 212.0606, F.S. states that *"a surcharge of $2 per day or any part of a day is imposed upon the lease or rental of a motor vehicle licensed for hire and designed to carry fewer than nine passengers regardless of whether the motor vehicle is licensed in this state."*

Florida law levies the surcharge on the rental for the first 30 days of a lease or rental. Further, the state sales tax is collected on the transaction. Exceptions are made for persons with a not for profit organization and those whose car is being repaired. This fee paid by car renters was established by the Legislature in 1987 to ensure vehicles using roads help pay for building and maintaining the roads.

In 2014, the law was updated to clarify people who rent cars from a car-sharing company for less than 24 hours must pay $1 per usage plus sales tax. If that car is kept for 24 hours or more, the $2/day rental car surcharge is levied on the renter of the car.

Unfair Tax Application for Persons Renting Cars – In Florida, the $2/day rental car surcharge and sales tax on that transaction is not being collected from a person renting a car from a P2P company. State law requires renters of cars to pay a $2/day rental car surcharge and the sales tax on the transaction. P2P companies say they only connect owners and renters but state law requires the levy of the taxes on the transaction, not the business model. *This creates a disparate treatment of people paying for the same service.*

The Department of Revenue Calls it a "Rental Transaction" - In a March 2019 informal Letter of Advice, the Department of Revenue stated P2P companies *"…are engaged in the business (i.e. an activity either direct or indirect) of renting motor vehicles for a consideration…. Any rental made through the peer to peer car-sharing program is subject to the $2.00 surcharge."* The surcharge funds the following activities in Florida:

- 80% - Local infrastructure needs through the DOT District in which the surcharge was collected;
- 15.25% - VisitFlorida operations through the Tourism Promotional Trust Fund; and,
- 4.25% - Enterprise Florida for use in its international operations.

In 2019, car renters paid more than $$142 million in rental car surcharges. For 2019-20, $182 million was projected to be collected from persons renting cars from rental car companies. The emergence of COVID-19 caused a major decrease in tourism and business travel, resulting in lower collections.

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Below are the funds provided to DOT districts from the rental car surcharge, based on the rentals that were generated in that District.

Florida Revenue from People Renting Cars (Rental Car Surcharge only)

Dist #	Counties in District	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Projected	2022 Projected
1	Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, Sarasota	14.9 M	$16.0 M	14.1 M	$8.6 M	$11.2 M
2	Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union	$7.3 M	$7.4 M	$7.0 M	$4.3 M	$5.6 M
3	Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington	$5.3 M	$6.3 M	$5.7 M	$3.5 M	$4.5 M
4	Broward, Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie	$31.5 M	$31.5 M	$29.5 M	$18.0 M	$23.5 M
5	Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia	$36.4 M	$37.9 M	$33.3 M	$20.3 M	$26.4 M
6	Miami-Dade, Monroe	$24.9 M	$24.7 M	$22.1 M	$13.5 M	$17.6 M
7	Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas	$18.0 M	$18.6 M	$16.6 M	$10.2 M	$13.2 M
Total		**$138.4 M**	**$142.2 M**	**$128.3 M**	**$78.4 M**	**$102.0 M**

Other Concerns– The unfair treatment of people who rent cars in Florida is proliferating. Research has found that Florida used car dealers, small rental car companies, and others list several cars on P2P sites, and those renters do not pay any tax. One P2P site has over 30 Florida car owners managing nine to 41 cars, and those renters are not paying sales tax or the surcharge.

Some P2P companies advertise that their cars are cheaper than those provided by rental car companies. However, recent comparison found renters of cars from P2P sites pay more even without paying the surcharge or sales tax.

Proposal – The bills sponsored by Sen. Perry and Rep. Caruso clarify the "rules of the road" and ensure people renting cars in Florida are treated the same regardless of the business model they use. The main components of the bills are:

- *Tax fairness* – Clarifies that all car renters pay the rental car surcharge and subsequent sales tax.
- *Insurance* – Following the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) model insurance language, establishes insurance requirements for the P2P programs and car owners when making a vehicle available to rent on a P2P site. People listing cars on the site would be required to maintain the same level of insurance required of all car owners and rental car companies in Florida (10/20/10).
- *Consumer Protections* – Mirroring the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) model insurance language, the bills ensure vehicles rented on P2P sites do not have open safety recalls and require peer-to-peer car sharing companies to follow certain recordkeeping requirements.

Nine states have approved legislation like what is being proposed in Florida: Colorado, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Thirty states are advancing or preparing to advance legislation in 2021

For Additional Information, Please Contact Leslie Dughi at dughil@gtlaw.com or at (850)519-3903.

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Subject: Meeting with Lauren Jones (Brief SB 484)
Location: 308 SOB

Start: Thursday, January 14, 2021 2:00 PM EST
End: Thursday, January 14, 2021 3:30 PM EST
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Location: 417S (Hukill Room)

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Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Letarte, Christie
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From: Kara Gross <KGross@aclufl.org>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 12:31 PM EDT
To: Kara Gross <KGross@aclufl.org>
Subject: New report: The Cost of School Policing: What Florida's Students Have Paid for a Pretense of Security
Attachment(s): "The Cost of School Policing Report.pdf"

Good afternoon, Senators:

I wanted to be sure to share with you our new report, "The Cost of School Policing: What Florida's students have paid for a pretense of security," which was created in partnership with SPLC, Equality Florida, LWV of Florida, and the Florida Social Justice in Schools Project. The report analyzes the impact of the Florida Legislature's decision to mandate that every public school have an officer or security personnel onsite, and finds that the heightened presence of police officers in Florida schools in the past two years has led to an unprecedented increase in school arrests.

Below are a few salient findings:

- The presence of law enforcement was related to a greater frequency of school arrests (40-82% more at the school-level). This relationship existed at the elementary, middle and high school levels.
- The presence of law enforcement predicted greater numbers of behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, particularly for less severe infractions and among middle schoolers.
- There was little consistent evidence that the presence of law enforcement decreased the number of behavioral incidents occurring, indicating that school-based law enforcement were not necessarily making schools safer.
- For the first time ever, there are more police officers working in Florida schools (3,650) than school nurses (2,286).
- The number of police officers in schools is more than double the number of school social workers (1,414) and school psychologists (1,452).
- During the 2018-19 school year, the number of youth arrests at school increased 8%, while the number of youth arrested in the community continued to decline by 12%.
- The percentage of youth arrests happening at school hit a five-year high of 20%.
- The number of students expelled from school increased 43%.
- Schools reported more than four times as many incidents of using physical restraints on students.
- Police officers arrested elementary-aged kids 345 times, including an arrest of a five year old and five arrests of six-year olds, during the 2018-19 school year.

We hope this information on the financial and human costs of school policing will be useful in reconsidering the mandate of requiring police officers and armed personnel in schools. Given our current budget crisis and data showing the harmful results to our children and increase in the school-to-prison pipeline, repealing the school policing mandate would be a step in the right direction and would free up significant budgetary resources.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like any additional information. You can see your county specific data here: https://www.aclufl.org/en/school-prison-pipeline-local-resources and the underlying research and data report from the UF Education Policy and Research Center here: https://www.aclufl.org/sites/default/files/curran_-_the_expanding_presence_of_law_enforcement_in_florida_schools.pdf.

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Executive Summary

School districts across the country are reassessing the efficacy of integrating police officers into schools. This comes after many years of advocacy from impacted youth and on the heels of increased awareness of police brutality and the misuse of law enforcement for social services. Many schools are beginning to feel the impacts of COVID-19 on their budgets and are struggling to provide the minimum resources needed for education, further calling into question the appropriateness of spending scarce education dollars on policing. Despite this, some school districts are paying for more police officers and security personnel than even required by state law.

In this conversation, Florida's school districts have been at the mercy of the Legislature. There has been a perception that they have only the false choice between placing a police officer or an armed civilian at every school due to a state mandate. Meanwhile, our students suffer:

- For the first time ever, there are more police officers working in Florida schools (3,650) than school nurses (2,286).
- The number of police officers in schools is more than double the number of school social workers (1,414) and school psychologists (1,452).
- During the 2018-19 school year, the number of youth arrests at school increased 8%, while the number of youth arrested in the

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community continued to decline by 12%.
- The percentage of youth arrests happening at school hit a five-year high of 20%.
- The number of students expelled from school increased 43%.
- Schools reported more than four times as many incidents of using physical restraints on students.
- Police officers arrested elementary-aged kids 345 times, including an arrest of a five year old and five arrests of six-year olds, during the 2018-19 school year.

An analysis of Florida's experiment with school policing illustrates that the school policing mandate has only increased negative outcomes for our students:

- The presence of law enforcement was related to a greater frequency of school arrests (40-82% more at the school-level). This relationship existed at elementary, middle and high school levels.
- The presence of law enforcement predicted greater numbers of behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, particularly for less severe infractions and among middle schoolers.
- There was little consistent evidence that the presence of law enforcement decreased the number of behavioral incidents occurring, indicating that school-based law enforcement were not necessarily making schools safer.

Florida lawmakers must repeal the mandate for police and stop the push for armed personnel in schools and return discretion to local communities over whether and how police should be involved in schools. In the meantime, school districts can adopt policies, both internal and as part of memorandums of understanding with law enforcement agencies, to mitigate the harm of increased school policing:

- Increase the employment of student support staff.
- Adopt minimum training requirements and accountability measures for police working in schools.
- Adopt a minimum age of arrest.
- Adopt limitations on the use of force against children.
- Adopt student codes of conduct with consequences clearly outlined for specified behavior that limit the involvement of law enforcement to those situations posing immediate safety risks.
- Assign clear duties to officers to focus on controlling access to campus, not policing the hallways or engaging in student discipline.
- Adopt effective discipline policies and practices that teach and reinforce positive behavior.

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- Educate teachers and staff to effectively manage classroom behavior and about when it is appropriate to call the police on their students and when it is not.
- Teach students about their rights in police encounters and avoid blurring the lines between law enforcement and school staff when investigating, searching and interrogating students.

We cannot continue asking our students to carry the weight of adult fear and inaction at a time when they are more vulnerable than ever.

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Florida is *failing to meet* the emotional and mental health needs of its students

While for some students, school provides a safe, stable environment, for many, it is their primary source of stress.

Schools today in Florida look vastly different than they did five years ago. A school's status as the center of a community is largely becoming incompatible with security measures implemented due to fear of mass shootings. The evidence does not support the need for the recently enacted increases in school police officers - legislators have unfortunately allowed fear, and not evidence, to drive school policing policy in Florida.

- Consistently fewer than 2% of all youth homicides each year happen at school.[1] This rate has not changed in decades.
- The most recently available data, examining school-associated homicides between July 1994 and June 2017, found the rate of school-associated homicides in which there was a single victim was 0.03 per 100,000 students, while the rate of multiple-victim school-association homicides was 0.008 per 100,000 students.[2]
- The rate of students being victimized, and the rate of specific crimes such as thefts and violent offenses, has been steadily declining.[3]

Students today are reporting more stress than any other generation,[4] and show significant declines in mental health and increasing suicidality.[5] While for some students, school provides a safe, stable environment, for many, it is their primary source of stress.[6] This reality is illustrated by increased suicide rates while school is in session.[7]

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The current COVID-19 pandemic is adding to student stress and straining their access to support. It has also exposed inadequacies throughout our education and healthcare systems that work against our goal to meaningfully educate every Floridian.

Lastly, we know that mental health issues are most likely to emerge in adolescence - and are more efficiently treated early in their development.[8] One in five adolescents have a mental illness that will persist into adulthood, underscoring the need to take student stress seriously in an effort to prevent worsening of symptoms.[9]

Professionals trained to meet these needs exist. Over time, school-based mental health and student support professionals, including school counselors, school social workers, nurses and school psychologists, have emerged as effective at identifying and addressing student needs, either through direct service or referrals to resources. The majority of children and adolescents who receive mental and developmental health services do so at school.[10] These professionals also play a key role in designing school programs and structures that promote a healthy school climate.[11]

Ultimately, they are trained to do exactly the work the U.S. Secret Service identified as a key prevention practice for preventing school shootings - address and end bullying in schools, address the mental health needs of students, and foster high-quality relationships between staff and students so threats are better detected and reported.[12]

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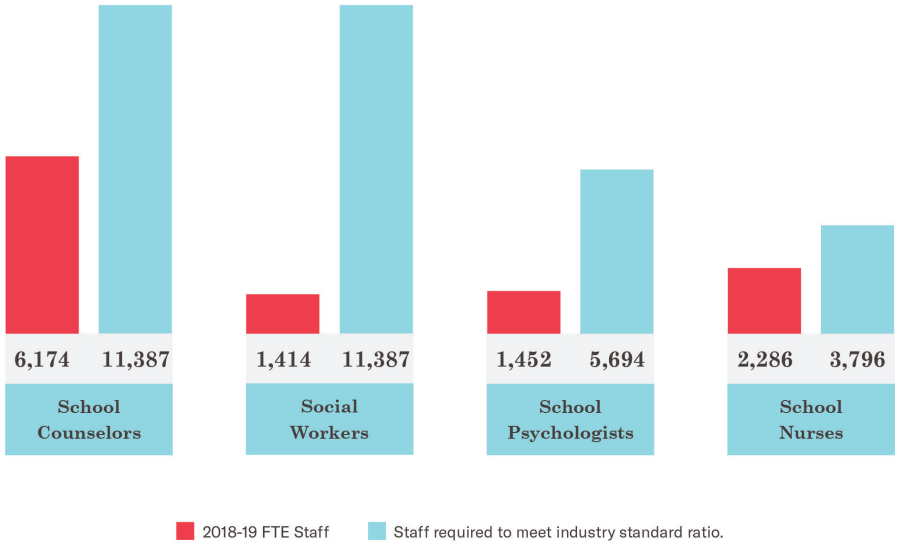

Unfortunately, 52 percent of public schools nationwide report that inadequate funding was a major limitation in their efforts to provide mental health services to students.[13] In Florida, during the 2018-19 school year, no school district met the industry standards for the number of students

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served by a single student support professional. School counselors recommend a ratio of 250 students per counselor, but in Florida the average ratio is 461:1.[14] School nurses, meanwhile, recommend ratios below 750:1 at the highest, but in Florida, an average of 1,240 students were served by a single Registered Nurse or Licensed Practice Nurse.[15] School psychologists recommend ratios of 500 students per psychologist, but in Florida there is only one school psychologist for every 1,961 students.[16] Like school counselors, social workers in schools work best with caseloads of no more than 250. But Florida has only one social worker for every 2,013 students.[17]

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The *fiscal cost of policing* in Florida schools

At least $383 million was spent at the state and local levels to embed police officers or security personnel in schools during the 2018-19 school year - more than twice the amount spent in 2016-17.

In the aftermath of the tragic mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Florida policymakers took their guidance from law enforcement. The Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission (MSD Commission), established to examine the tragedy and identify lessons, was dominated by law enforcement officers, with no current teachers, no students or student organizations, no community or mentorship organizations, and only one member with mental health training.[18] The MSD Commission included no people of color as voting members. When students tried to engage in the process and provide their testimony, the MSD Commission ended its hearing before the public testimony portion had been scheduled.[19]

Despite finding significant failures in the provision of special education services to the perpetrator of the mass shooting and recognizing the need for closer examination of the mental health issues, the MSD Commission failed to provide meaningful recommendations to address these issues. Instead, it focused on its area of expertise: policing.

The Florida Legislature has largely adopted the MSD Commission's recommendations, at significant expense to Florida's taxpayers and students. It provided a total of $225.5 million in FY 2018-19 to embed police officers or armed personnel in schools. More was provided to harden schools with gates, bulletproof glass and security cameras and

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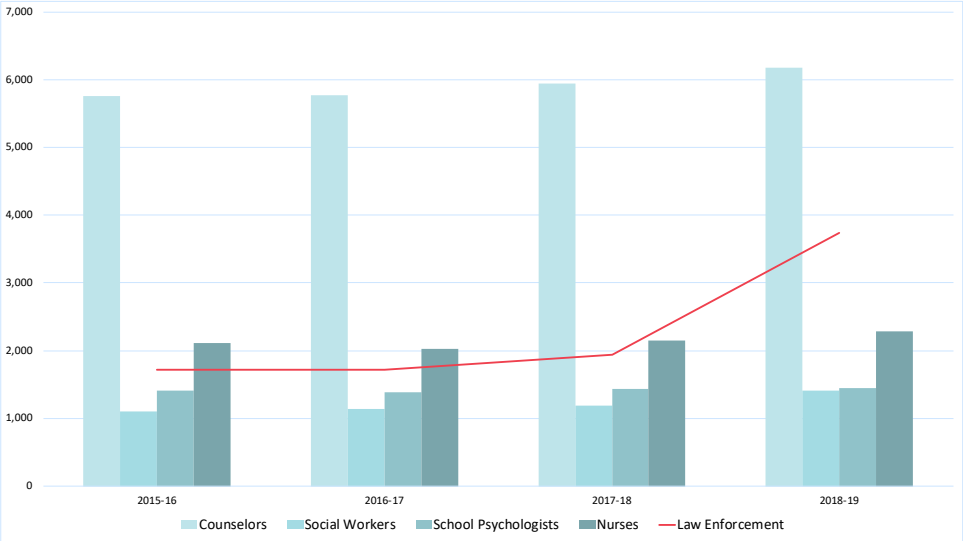

to surveil social media and track students as potential threats.

Recognizing the power of prevention, safe schools funding can be used for after-school programs, behavior-driven intervention programs, bullying intervention, and suicide prevention, and historically it was. Today, however, 98% of the state safe schools funding pays for police officers.

Today, students in Florida's schools are more likely to interact with law enforcement at school than a nurse, a social worker or a psychologist.

Two years after Parkland, the amount spent to place police officers in schools only grows, eclipsing funding streams for mental health support in schools.[20] Meanwhile, overall spending at schools largely remained relatively stagnant, despite this increased spending on policing.[21]

It's important to note that these funds are only state funds - an additional $157.6 million from local budgets was also spent to fund police in schools in 2018-19.[22] Today, students in Florida's schools are more likely to interact with law enforcement at school than a nurse, a social worker or a psychologist.

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State Funding for School Safety

	FY2018-19	FY2019-20	FY2020-21 Request[23]
Facility Security/ School Hardening	$98,962,286	$50,000,000	$50,000,000
Police Officers	$161,956,019	$180,000,000	$181,416,764
Armed Staff	$67,500,000	$500,000	$500,000
Mental Health	$69,237,286	$75,000,000	$100,000,000

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What do police in schools *actually do*?

The only given when a police officer is placed in a school in Florida is that they have the power to arrest students. Their role varies from school to school, and is often at odds with the purported rationale for posting them at schools. Like many states, Florida fails to have a uniform state policy on just what an officer working in a school should do or what training they should have before they work with our kids.[24] Likewise, the Florida Department of Education provides no guidance to schools or districts on appropriate school policing policies or policies related to arresting students in public schools.[25]

While the justification for Florida's school policing mandate was to protect students from mass shootings, there is very little evidence that integrating police into schools makes schools safe.[26] In the aftermath of the mass shooting at Columbine High School, the federal and state governments provided grants to fund police in schools, which drove the expansion of school policing.[27] However, a study of all school shootings since the Columbine tragedy found that the presence of law enforcement at a school did not predict lower casualties.[28] Ultimately, when asked what schools could do to prevent future school shootings, only 8% of officers working in schools said use armed security staff or police officers.[29]

Part of the reason for this is that police working in schools spend their

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time policing normal adolescent misbehavior, not facing high-risk situations like an armed attack. Thus, the MSD Commission found that for the officer stationed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School during the attack, decades of experience policing schools "may have contributed to his inadequate response to [the] shooting."[30]

School administrations see police officers as another resource to manage behavior in an otherwise under-resourced environment. Surveys of Florida school districts on their use of police officers from 2000 through 2012 indicate that districts cited student disrespect toward teachers as one of the top three critical issues for school safety.[31] For a couple years, students considered "disrespectful" were cited as a critical safety issue more often than controlling access to campus.[32]

Lines between discipline and security have been further blurred by the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) advocating for police working in schools to adopt a "triad role" of teacher, informal counselor/mentor, and law enforcement officer despite there being exceptionally limited training requirements across the country preparing them for these roles.[33] Only 41% of surveyed police officers in schools reported that their primary role involved law enforcement.[34] Despite the fact that NASRO states that police officers should not be involved in disciplinary decision-making,[35] seven percent see their primary role as disciplinarian. Only 17% reported engaging in mentoring and just 2% reported teaching.[36]

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When it comes to mentoring, there is evidence that police officers approach their work in schools as a sort of ambassador, shaping students' perceptions of law enforcement generally, "teaching students that police are to be trusted and used as a resource, and that negative interactions with police (including the arrest of a loved one) are the result of an individual's criminality."[37] This can be especially troubling for youth of color who have personally had negative interactions with police.

Florida largely leaves how officers working in schools should be trained, and what they should do while at schools, to local discretion. State law requires only that officers working in schools complete mental health crisis intervention training.[38] While the Attorney General's Office offers training for school resource officers on the "basic knowledge and skills necessary to implement crime prevention programming in a school setting," the state offers no recognized state certification for school resource officers, and there is no requirement for officers to complete this training in order to work in schools or be called "school resource officers."[39]

There is no evidence that officers in schools are trained to be counselors, teachers, or even to police children or teens. In one survey, only a

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quarter of police officers stationed at schools reported having any experience working with youth before being placed in a school.[40] In another, despite reporting that more than a third of incidents they responded to involved a student receiving special education services, only 59% had received training related to special education students.[41] Despite this lack of training and expertise, officers often take a leading role in deciding how to respond to youth misbehavior.

Police officers are also being relied on for youth mental health. The Baker Act is a law intended to require a person with a mental illness to be evaluated in emergency situations when they pose a real and present threat of substantial harm to themselves or others if not immediately taken to a psychiatric hospital.[42] In such situations, a court, specified medical and mental health professionals, and police can initiate an involuntary 72-hour hold for examination. Evidence shows, however, that the Baker Act is increasingly being used on school children who make jokes, act out, exhibit normal manifestations of a known disability, or express ordinary sadness. This has had devastating results, including trauma and abuse, for these children, as young as 6, and their families.[43]

Because subjecting someone to an involuntary psychiatric examination and hold is so serious, not even all social workers have the authority to use the Baker Act.[44] Even school psychologists, with advanced degrees and years of experience in mental health assessment and crisis response have yet to be authorized in statute despite Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) recommendations to do so.[45] Clinical social workers must have a master's degree in social work, a passing score on a national exam, and two years of experience working under a licensed clinical social worker to use the Baker Act.[46] Meanwhile, there are no prerequisites for police officers to handcuff a child and have them committed.

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Over the last 15 years, the use of the Baker Act on children has more than doubled, with the largest increase among kids 11 to 13 years old.[47] A DCF analysis found that police officers initiated more than 68% of involuntary examinations of youth in fiscal year 2017-18.[48] Although available data is limited, we know that children were subjected to involuntary examinations more than 36,000 times that year,[49] which DCF found was likely an undercount due to inadequacies in data collection.[50] Additionally, at least 21 youth were subjected to involuntary examinations more than 10 times each, and police officers initiated 88% of these examinations. Nearly a quarter of these examinations were initiated at school.[51]

When there are no student support resources, and there is an officer with no clear role and no clear threat to respond to, officers end up being the person to respond when teachers cannot quickly address student outbursts.

The roles police are taking in schools have significant implications for student and parental rights:

- Parents do not have to provide consent for their child to be subjected to an involuntary examination under the Baker Act, and are powerless to help their children once it has been initiated.[52]
- Parents do not have to be notified before police interrogate a child at school.[53]
- Although officers must stop an interrogation if the child tells them that they want to talk to their parents first, officers don't have to tell the child they have this right.[54]
- Police officers only have to attempt to notify parents when they take a child into custody so the parents know where the child is.[55]
- Although police officers have to read children their rights when they are taken into custody, school staff does not have to do this, even when the police officer is in the room during an interrogation.[56]
- Parents, and students, may lose their right to consent before their records are shared with law enforcement and others.[57]

It comes as no surprise then that schools where police officers are stationed have more student arrests on campus.[58] Often, these arrests are for misbehavior better handled by teachers and administrators.[59] During the 2018-19 school year, 1,129 arrests were made in schools for "disorderly conduct"—nearly four times as many as made outside of schools. When there are no student support resources, and there is an officer with no clear role and no clear threat to respond to, officers end up being the person to respond when teachers cannot quickly address student outbursts.

What is more hidden is that stationing a police officer in a school fundamentally changes the school climate. Trends suggest that discipline increases, with more kids being pushed out of school through suspensions and expulsions.[60] Even when a memorandum of understanding dictates that officers should stay out of discipline, they shape how

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student behavior is managed.[61] Their presence is associated with decreased feelings of school connectedness among students[62] —a variable considered critical to school climate and ensuring students report threats.[63]

A key issue is that police officers have nearly unlimited discretion to arrest even the youngest students. In a study of how they use that discretion, 77% of officers reported arresting students "to calm them down." The majority has also arrested students to show them that actions have consequences (68%) or because a teacher wanted them arrested for a minor offense (55%).[64]

Ultimately, the research consistently shows that the presence of law enforcement negatively impacts school climate:

- The presence of law enforcement shifts school culture and practices in ways that result in more punitive environments.[65]
- The presence of law enforcement is predictive of higher rates of student arrests,[66] and contributes to disproportionate arrests of Black and brown students and students with disabilities.[67]
- Most studies show that school-based law enforcement are related to higher rates of exclusionary discipline.[68]
- There is evidence that the presence of law enforcement in schools may increase students' fear, heightening their perceived need for law enforcement to protect them from objectively unlikely to occur threats.[69]

The impact of school policing has never been evenly felt. Since the earliest programs, police have been more likely to be stationed at schools that serve predominantly low-income students of color.[70] Unlike how they approach predominately white schools, police stationed at these schools are more likely to see students as suspects.[71]

This exacerbates the consequences of an already unjust system. From early on, youth of color are more likely to be seen as troublemakers, regardless of their actual behavior.[72] For example, a study of Pinellas County discipline found that more than half of suspended Black students were suspended for subjective offenses, like not cooperating, class disruption, insubordination or disrespect.[73] Black students were four and a half times as likely to be arrested at school for disorderly conduct than their white classmates.[74] For Black girls, the disparity was even larger. Despite white girls' arrest rate for disorderly conduct increasing 23%, Black girls were arrested nearly 6 times as often.[75] Once such treatment begins, it is difficult to undo the harm. Black students and other students of color internalize a role as the "bad kids" in class and society, reinforcing a self-fulfilling prophecy.[76]

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The *human cost of policing* in Florida schools

In an effort to protect students, Florida enacted a law that increased students' chances of being arrested at school. The law requiring police or security personnel in every school resulted in the near doubling of the number of officers stationed at schools in Florida[77] and brought an 8% increase in the student arrest rate.[78] This stands in mark contrast not only to past trends but the continued decrease in both juvenile and adult arrest rates in the community.

In addition to the serious disruption to a child's life and education, arresting a juvenile has serious, long term impacts. In Florida, juvenile records are not automatically expunged until age 21 at the earliest.[79] Some remain until age 26. These records are considered in a young adult's first applications for a job, to further their college or fund their education, and housing, etc. Juveniles who've been arrested are less likely to graduate high school and to go to secondary school,[80] more likely to be arrested in the future,[81] and more likely to be incarcerated as an adult.[82] These consequences are not warranted - or even logical - given the reality that youth largely grow out of delinquent behavior without intervention.[83] Instead, these interruptions and burdens make it harder for these kids to successfully age out of delinquency.

The percent of youth arrests that happened in school, as opposed to in the community, had been declining as more schools adopted pre-arrest

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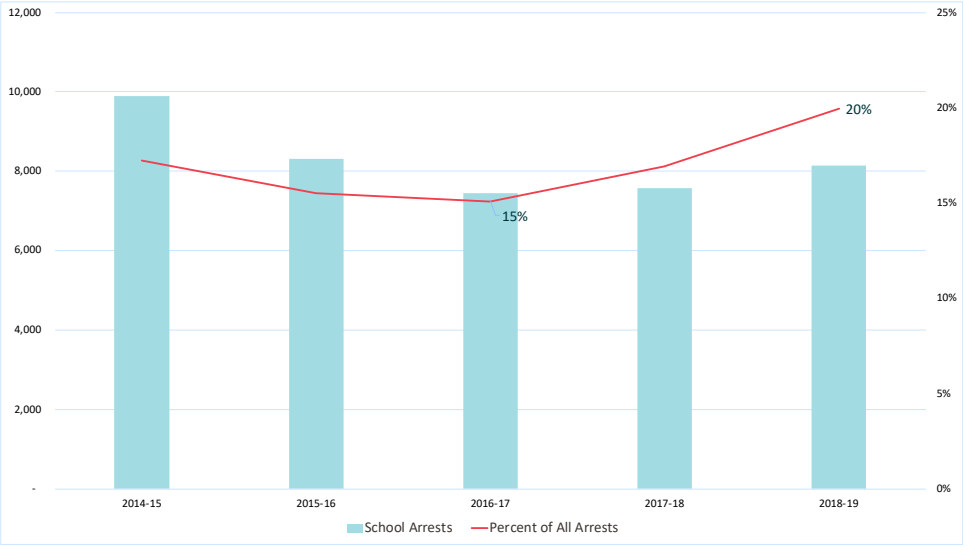

diversion programs. After the state mandated school policing, that trend reversed, with 20% of the youth arrests in fiscal year 2018-19 happening at school.[84]

Even our youngest students have not been immune to these consequences. The arrest of 6-year-old Kaia Rolle at school forced Florida to face the harsh reality that our current laws do not have a minimum age of arrest. In the past five years, police officers arrested elementary-aged kids (between the ages of five and ten) 2,164 times.[85] In fiscal year 2018-19, police officers arrested elementary-aged kids 345 times, including an arrest of a five year old and 5 arrests of six-year olds.[86]

Black kids continue to be more than twice as likely as their white peers to be arrested at school.

Racial disparities persisted in these rates: Black kids continue to be more than twice as likely as their white peers to be arrested at school.[87] One development identified by Florida's experiment in mandated school policing is that arrest rates for white students are now increasing at a higher rate than Black students, and that police presence is driving this.[88] Yet, even with a 20% increase in the arrest rate for white students, the racial disparity in arrests persisted.

One criticism of the past research showing increased school policing is correlated with increased negative student outcomes is the notion that schools' motivation for adding police officers may explain the increase in negative outcomes. For example, perhaps the school was already experiencing increased violence and administrators felt law enforcement presence was needed.

New research on Florida's experiment in mandating school policing illustrates that even when all schools faced the same mandate, negative outcomes increased.[89]

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The study, which examined data from 2014-15 and 2018-19, found that:

- The presence of law enforcement was related to a greater frequency of school arrests (40-82% more at the school-level). This relationship existed at elementary, middle and high school levels.
- The presence of law enforcement predicted greater numbers of behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, particularly for less severe infractions and among middle schoolers.
- There was little consistent evidence that the presence of law enforcement decreased the number of behavioral incidents occurring, indicating that school-based law enforcement were not necessarily making schools safer.

These findings persisted even when differences between schools and trends that affected all schools were controlled. The bottom line is that when you integrate a police officer into a school, the number of kids referred to police officers, and ultimately arrested, increases. Meanwhile, the number of behavioral incidents at the school largely remains the same - showing the school is no more calm or safe than before the officer's arrival.

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Recommendations

This summer's civil uprising against police brutality and the misuse of the state's police power against its people has highlighted the need for a more nuanced, purposeful approach to public safety. School districts across the country are reassessing the efficacy of integrating police officers into schools and reweighing its costs and benefits. The impacts of COVID-19 on our schools and budgets cannot be overstated. Schools already struggling to provide the resources necessary for students to learn are now struggling to provide the resources necessary to protect student health. Students, meanwhile, will be bringing the stress and trauma of living during a worldwide pandemic to the classroom.

Repeal the school policing mandate

The Legislature must **repeal the state mandate** requiring police officers or security personnel on every campus. It is already clear that Florida will need to reduce spending due to the impacts COVID-19 has had on our state's economy. Policymakers must examine the cost, both fiscal and human, of school policing and account for the consequences of adding Tasers, handcuffs and guns to schools that struggle to provide enough textbooks and, now, hand sanitizer.

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Mitigate the consequences of school policing

The MSD Commission must consider the expertise and experience of directly impacted students, educators and experts in mental health to ensure recommendations on school safety are balanced to better serve the needs of students.

The Legislature, and local policymakers, can mitigate the harms of expanded school policing by passing **minimum requirements** for training of police in schools, a **minimum age for arrest** and **limitations on the use of force**, including tasers and pepper spray, against children.

The employment of **student support professionals**, such as counselors, social workers and school psychologists, in adequate numbers can prevent unnecessary referrals to law enforcement.

Until the state mandate is repealed, local and state policymakers should establish **clear training requirements and accountability measures** for officers working in schools. Officers should also be assigned **clear duties** to ensure their mandate is controlling access to campus, not policing the hallways. Policymakers must **address the overuse of Baker Acts** on children, ensure parental and child rights are respected in the process, and pass legislation mandating disaggregated data collection and data transparency on Baker Act use in schools.

School districts should adopt **clear student codes of conduct** with clear consequences for specified behavior that limit the involvement of police officers to situations posing immediate safety risks. Although the Legislature revised the state's zero tolerance law, school districts continue to have discretion to define which acts pose a threat and require zero tolerance and which acts do not pose a threat to safety. Likewise, the law is very clear that threat assessment teams can use alternatives to referral to law enforcement and that zero tolerance policies may not be applied to petty acts of misconduct.[90] School districts should develop school-and community-based diversion programs to address disciplinary issues and limit undue student contact with the justice system.

School districts should adopt **effective discipline policies and practices** that teach and reinforce positive behavior. Districts should provide teachers and staff with effective behavior management tools and educate them about when it is appropriate to call the police on their students and when it is not.

Schools should teach students about their rights in police encounters and avoid blurring the lines between law enforcement and school staff when investigating, searching and interrogating students.

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Appendix

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Abstract

The presence of law enforcement in public schools has been a common security practice in the state of Florida for several decades. Following the tragic 2018 school shooting in Parkland, FL, the state passed a law requiring all public schools to either have law enforcement or other armed personnel present. Drawing on state-wide data for the school years 2014-15 through 2018-19, this report examined the relationship between law enforcement in schools and a number of outcomes including reports of behavioral incidents to the state, incidents reported to law enforcement, school arrests, and exclusionary discipline. This analysis used statistical techniques that controlled for both observable characteristics of districts and schools as well as unobserved characteristics that were fixed over time. Findings suggest that the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act significantly increased the presence of law enforcement in schools, particularly in elementary schools. The presence of law enforcement in schools was related to increases in the number of behavioral incidents reported to the state, the number of such incidents reported to law enforcement, and student arrests. The results suggest a need to reconsider whether law enforcement should be present in schools, and, if they are, how they can be implemented in a way that minimizes unnecessary exposure of students to law enforcement and arrests.

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Executive Summary

This research report presents findings from a state-wide analysis of law enforcement in Florida schools. It examines data from a five year period between the 2014-15 and 2018-19 school years, including the years before and after the 2018 passage of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The analysis used a number of statistical techniques, including both district and school fixed effects, to account for underlying differences in districts/schools that had greater or fewer law enforcement in schools.

Key Findings

1. The number of law enforcement in Florida schools nearly doubled, and the number of Florida schools served by law enforcement increased by 40% between 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.
2. The increase in law enforcement in schools was driven primarily by an increased presence in elementary schools, which had an approximately 56% increase in law enforcement presence between 2017-18 and 2018-19.
3. Between 2017-18 and 2018-19, there were increases statewide in the number of behavioral incidents reported to the state and to law enforcement, particularly for threats/intimidation, drug related incidents, and tobacco related incidents.
4. The presence of law enforcement in schools was related to a greater frequency of school arrests (40-82% more at the school-level). Surprisingly, this relationship was most consistent among white students.
5. The presence of law enforcement in schools predicted greater numbers of behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, particularly for less severe infractions and among middle schoolers.
6. There was little consistent evidence that the presence of law enforcement decreased the number of behavioral incidents occurring, indicating that school-based law enforcement were not necessarily making schools safer.
7. The presence of law enforcement was not consistently related to exclusionary school discipline such as suspensions.

Policy Implications

1. School districts should reconsider whether law enforcement should be present in schools, keeping in mind that state law limits alternatives.
2. The state requirement to have armed personnel in schools should be revisited with an eye toward returning control to local school districts and schools to determine how best to ensure a safe learning environment.
3. School districts and law enforcement agencies should adopt clear policies that restrict the ability to arrest to a limited set of serious infractions and prohibit arrest of young students.
4. If present, law enforcement in schools should be trained in conflict resolution, in ways to reduce implicit bias and disproportionate minority contact, and in alternatives to the use of force or arrest.

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Introduction

The presence of law enforcement in schools has become an increasingly common feature of public schools in America. From 2005 to 2015, the percentage of public schools nationwide with law enforcement present at least part time increased by about 33% such that, as of 2017-18, around half of all public schools had a law enforcement presence (Correa & Diliberti, 2020; Musu-Gillette et al., 2018). Florida's rates of law enforcement presence in schools were similar, with about 48% of schools in FL reporting school-based law enforcement in the 2013-14 school year (Civil Rights Data Collection, 2014).

In the wake of the tragic 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and several others across the nation, many states passed laws that served to further increase the likelihood that schools have law enforcement present. In particular, in Florida, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (Act), passed in 2018, requires that all public schools host either a law enforcement officer, an armed staff member, or an armed private security guard (Florida Statutes §1006.12 2018). As a result, schools across the state have been actively working to increase the presence of law enforcement in schools.

This trend towards greater use of law enforcement in schools has occurred despite research that finds a generally negative relationship between the presence of law enforcement in schools and student outcomes. For example, prior work has found that the presence of law enforcement is predictive of higher rates of student arrest and greater use of exclusionary discipline like suspensions (Fisher & Hennessy, 2016; Owens, 2017; Weisburst, 2019). This may be because, as qualitative ethnographies have suggested, the presence of law enforcement shifts school culture and practices in ways that result in more punitive environments (Kupchik, 2010; Nolan, 2011).

While such qualitative work and some recent quantitative work point to causal relationships, it is often difficult to disentangle whether the presence of law enforcement in schools is causing these negative outcomes or is merely a reflection of law enforcement being placed in settings where negative experiences like arrests and suspensions are more common (Owens, 2017; Weisburst, 2019). In Florida, recently passed state law requires schools to either have law enforcement or other armed personnel present. This law, which has prompted an expansion of law enforcement in schools, presents a unique opportunity to examine the impacts of law enforcement in schools on student outcomes.

This research report documents the increasing presence of law enforcement in Florida public schools and explores how law enforcement presence relates to a number of student outcomes including the number of behavioral incidents reported to the state, behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement, school arrests, and exclusionary discipline such as suspensions. This report documents substantial increases in the presence of law enforcement in Florida schools, particularly elementary schools. Furthermore, the findings suggest that the presence of law enforcement may be contributing to increased reports of behavioral incidents to law enforcement and increased arrests, particularly of white students. The results do not, however, find consistent evidence that law enforcement in schools result in greater use of exclusionary discipline, a finding that contrasts with some prior research.

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Methodology

The analysis leveraged longitudinal district and school-level data to compare outcomes for districts/schools that had law enforcement to those that did not (or had fewer) between the 2014-15 and 2018-19 school years. The analysis took advantage of the 2018 Act that required schools to adopt one of several school security options (including law enforcement in schools) as a source of plausibly less biased variation in the placement of law enforcement in schools. By comparing frequency of behavioral incidents reported to the state, reports of incidents to law enforcement, school arrests, and discipline before and after the passage of the Act for districts/schools that added law enforcement, this analysis provides insights into the potential effects of law enforcement presence on schools and students.

Data

This analysis leveraged both district and school-level data on the presence of law enforcement in schools as well as multiple measures of student outcomes. Analyses were conducted separately with the school district as the unit of analysis (district-level) and with the school as the unit of analysis (school-level). While the school-level analysis had the advantage of being able to more accurately link the presence of law enforcement in a school to outcomes in that particular school, data on placement of law enforcement at the school-level were not available for all schools in the state. The district-level analysis, in comparison, covered all districts in the state, for the entire five year span. Both the district and school-level datasets were constructed using publicly available data from the FL Departments of Education (DOE) and Juvenile Justice (DJJ), school districts, and local law enforcement agencies.

Independent Variables (Law Enforcement Presence in Schools).

The key independent variable in the analysis was the presence of law enforcement in a district or school. For the district-level analysis, data on the presence of law enforcement were drawn from the FL DOE's annual Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditures Report. These publicly available annual reports provide details on the number of schools in each district served by law enforcement as well as the number of law enforcement officers in each district (which can differ given that some schools have multiple officers and some officers cover multiple schools). Both the number of schools served and number of officers are also disaggregated by school level (elementary, middle, high). For the purpose of the district-level analysis, the presence of law enforcement was primarily operationalized as the number of schools served by school-based law enforcement, though in additional analyses included in the appendix, presence of law enforcement was operationalized as the number of school-based law enforcement in the district.

For the school-level analysis, data on the presence of law enforcement in schools were compiled through public records requests to school districts and local law enforcement agencies. Specifically, each school district in the state was asked to indicate which schools were covered by law enforcement for the school years 2014-15 through 2018-19. For school districts that were unresponsive to the public records requests, similar requests were made of the local law enforcement agencies located in the district's county. While not all districts or agencies provided data on the presence of school-based law enforcement, the final school-level dataset included information on 2,245 schools from 56 school districts (approximately 65% of schools in the state representing 84% of the school districts). The full list of school districts for which there was school-level information on law enforcement presence is provided in the

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appendix (see Appendix A). For the school-level analysis, the presence of school-based law enforcement was operationalized as a binary indicator for whether a school was served by school-based law enforcement (either full-time or part-time) as well as, in specifications included in appendices, as the number of school-based law enforcement present in a given school.

Dependent Variables (Behavioral Incidents, Reports to Law Enforcement, Arrests, and Discipline).

The key dependent variables for this analysis were number of behavioral incidents reported to the state, number of incidents reported to law enforcement, number of arrests at school, and number of exclusionary discipline responses.

The Florida Department of Education reports the number of behavioral incidents occurring in schools at the school-level as part of the annual School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR) system. As a part of the SESIR, schools report the number of behavioral incidents overall and within a number of categories. The SESIR includes 26 different infraction types that are categorized into four levels based on severity. Level 1 offenses are the most serious and include aggravated battery, arson, homicide, kidnapping, and sexual battery. Level 2 offenses include burglary, drug sale/distribution, physical attack, robbery, sexual assault, and weapons possession. Level 3 offenses include major disruption on campus, drug use/possession, fighting, hazing, larceny/theft, sexual harassment, other sexual offenses, threat/intimidation, trespassing, vandalism, and other major offenses. Finally, Level 4 includes alcohol, bullying, harassment, and tobacco. Importantly, though organized in levels, all SESIR incidents are considered "serious". For the purpose of this study, I estimate relationships between law enforcement presence and the overall count of incidents reported to the state as well as counts of incidents aggregated to each of the four levels.

In addition to information on the frequency of particular behavioral incidents reported to the state, the SESIR also includes counts of the number of behavioral incidents that are reported to law enforcement. Incidents are considered reported to law enforcement if an official action was taken by a school-based law enforcement or other law enforcement officer. Such official actions could include assigning a case number, filing a report, conducting an investigation, issuing a civil citation, or making an arrest. Importantly, the category of reported to law enforcement does not necessarily include incidents in which school personnel merely consulted with or notified law enforcement. As with the behavioral incidents, the behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement are also categorized by the same four level system, ranging from severe (Level 1) to less severe (Level 4) infractions. This report used both the overall number of incidents reported to law enforcement as well as the number by level (1-4) as outcomes. For district-level analysis, the number of incidents was aggregated to the district level.

As noted, incidents reported to law enforcement do not necessarily result in arrest. Consequently, the analysis also included school arrests of juveniles as a distinct outcome. District and school arrests were compiled from public data available from the Florida DJJ. The FL DJJ provides data on juvenile arrests occurring both within schools and in the community through the Delinquency in Florida's Schools Dashboard. For the purpose of this analysis, arrests occurring outside of school, in private schools, or in non K-12 settings were removed as were any arrests that were identified as occurring in an unknown location or school. The arrest data were then aggregated to the district and school levels to provide measures of the number

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of juvenile arrests at public schools. Frequency of arrests were calculated both in aggregate and by student race.

The final set of dependent variables in this analysis were number of students who experienced exclusionary discipline practices. School districts report annually to the state the number of students who were subject to out-of-school suspension (OSS), in-school suspension (ISS), and a number of other disciplinary outcomes both in aggregate and by student race/ethnicity. This analysis focused on the number of students who experienced OSS and ISS, both in aggregate and disaggregated by racial/ethnic subgroup.

Control Variables

The analysis also included a number of observable covariates as control variables. Tables 1 and 2 provide descriptive statistics on each of these control variables for the district-level and school-level analyses respectively. Of this full list of control variables, individual regressions omitted certain variables in order to reduce multi-collinearity and ensure variance inflation factors of less than 10. Specifically, the district-level analysis omitted the proportion of white students, total number of schools in a district, and number of schools by level due to high levels of multi-collinearity. The school-level analysis omitted the proportion of white students. As shown, the school-level dataset, while not including all schools in the state, largely reflected the district averages.

Methods

This analysis estimated the relationship between law enforcement in schools and the beforementioned outcomes using a regression framework with controls for observable characteristics of districts and schools as well as the use of year as well as district and/or school fixed effects. The fixed effects approach allowed for adjustments for unobserved, time-invariant characteristics of districts and schools as well as temporal trends affecting all districts and schools in the state. Furthermore, by leveraging the change of state law in 2018, this analysis exploited variation induced by the Act that prompted districts and schools to expand the use of law enforcement in schools.

The estimation strategy relied on an ordinary least squares regression model with panel longitudinal data at the school district, and, in other models, school-level. The general specification took the following form:

Equation 1. $$y_{st} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 LawEnforcement_{st} + \beta_2 \theta_{st} + \beta_3 \mu_s + \beta_4 \lambda_t + e$$

Where *y* represents the outcome of interest (described above and modeled separately for each outcome) for district or school *s* at time *t*. *LawEnforcement* represents the key independent variable of interest (number of schools served by law enforcement in the district-level models and, for school-level models, whether law enforcement was present in the school). θ represents a vector of observable district and school characteristics such as enrollment, racial composition, socio-economic status of students served, and so forth. The μ term represents a series of academic year fixed effects. Finally, λ represents a set of either school district or school fixed effects that implicitly control for time-invariant characteristics of districts or schools as well as their surrounding communities. The interest in these models was in estimating β_1 which represents the relationship between law enforcement presence in districts or schools and the outcomes of interest after accounting for other factors in the model.

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While various specifications and estimation strategies were used and are reported in the sensitivity and robustness analysis section, the primary models reported in this analysis used logged versions of the outcome variable for district-level analysis and employed the use of conditional fixed effects negative binomial regression in the case of the school-level analysis. These approaches were used to address the skewed nature of the outcome variables and to address the count nature of the outcome variables. For the district-level analysis, the results can be interpreted as percentage changes in the outcome given the logged version of the outcome. Similarly, for the school-level analysis, incidence rate ratios (IRR) are reported which can similarly be interpreted in terms of percentage changes in the outcomes.

In addition to this primary model, the analysis also explored potential heterogenous relationships – such as whether the relationship between law enforcement in schools and outcomes looks different across grade level of schools (elementary, middle, high schools) as well as whether certain outcomes varied based on student race/ethnicity. These subgroup analyses were conducted by modeling versions of Equation 1 that used variants of the dependent variables that were specific to the subgroup (such as the frequency of school arrest of Black students) or restricted observations to those in a particular subgroup (such as estimating the equation separately for elementary, middle, and high schools).

The ideal study would randomly assign law enforcement to schools, allowing for a comparison of outcomes between two groups of schools that were otherwise identical on average. However, given that such random assignment was not logistically or politically feasible, this study attempted to approximate such a comparison through the use of observable control variables, year fixed effects, and district/school fixed effects. The first of these, observable controls, allowed relationships to be adjusted for characteristics of districts and schools such as their size, the racial/ethnic composition of students served, the socio-economic makeup of students served, and the ratios of school personnel to students. Next, the year fixed effects controlled for any time trends that affected all districts/schools in the state equally. For example, if all districts/schools in the state responded to the Parkland tragedy by increasing their use of arrests or increasing their practice of reporting behavioral incidents to the state, these changes would be accounted for by the year fixed effects. Finally, the district and school fixed effects allowed relationships to be adjusted for time-invariant observable and unobservable characteristics of districts/schools, the students they serve, and their surrounding communities. For example, the fixed effects approach controlled for quality of leadership, discipline policies, school climate, curriculum and pedagogical approach as well as characteristics such as community crime to the extent that they remained constant throughout the years of data included in the study. Collectively, these analytic techniques accounted for many potential sources of bias in the estimation of the relationship between law enforcement in schools and outcomes. While they may not entirely remove the possibility of selection bias, they produced estimates that more closely approximated causal estimates of law enforcement's effects on the various outcomes.

Findings

This section details the findings of the analysis. It begins with a descriptive overview of how the presence of law enforcement in schools in Florida has changed since the 2014-15 school year. It then presents results of the regression models that predict school behavioral incidents as reported to SESIR, the number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement,

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the number of school arrests, and the frequency of school discipline. Across each, results are presented from both the district-level and school-level analyses.

Overall, the findings of the report show that the presence of law enforcement in schools in Florida are above the national average and have been increasing, particularly in elementary schools, as a result of the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The results suggest that this increased presence of law enforcement in schools has resulted in no decreases in reports of behavioral incidents in school and a greater number of reports of such incidents to law enforcement. Furthermore, the evidence suggests that the presence of law enforcement increases juvenile arrests at school. Finally, the results show that the presence of law enforcement in schools does not reduce the frequency of school disciplinary incidents (i.e. suspensions).

Descriptive Statistics

The Presence of Law Enforcement in Florida Schools is Increasing

Nationally, the presence of law enforcement in public schools has increased significantly over the last several decades, reflecting an increasing use of law enforcement approaches in school settings. This trend towards placing law enforcement in schools has been particularly evident in Florida. As shown in Figures 1 and 2, during the 2014-15 school year, school districts reported 1,430.31 law enforcement officers serving 2,519 schools (reflecting many law enforcement officers being shared across schools). By the 2018-19 school year, districts would report 3,638.5 law enforcement officers serving 3,235 schools. While some schools continued to share law enforcement, these figures reflect a trend toward schools, particularly elementary schools, having their own dedicated law enforcement officer and for some schools, particularly larger high schools, to have multiple law enforcement officers.

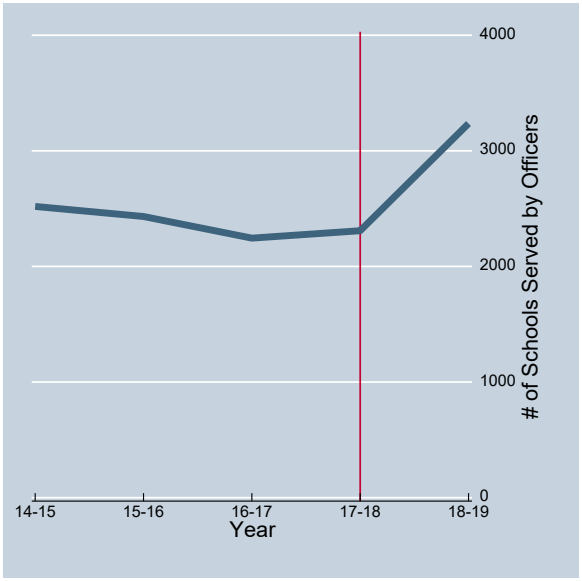

Figure 1. Number of FL schools served by school law enforcement from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

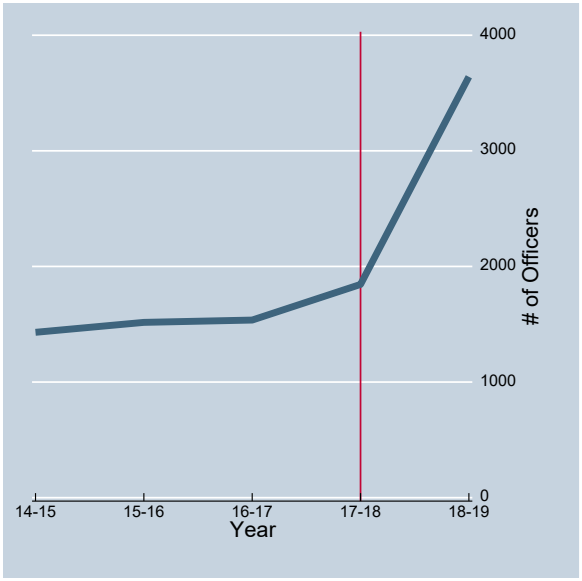

Figure 2. Number of school law enforcement in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19

Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

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Tables 3 and 4 show levels of law enforcement coverage at the district-level and school-level respectively. As is evident, the increasing presence of law enforcement in Florida schools was driven largely by the 2018 passage of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (represented by the vertical red line in Figures 1 and 2), which required either law enforcement, armed private security, or armed staff in schools. The number of law enforcement reported in schools almost doubled (increased by about 97%) between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, from 1,844.5 to 3,638.5. Similarly, between the same years, the number of schools with law enforcement present increased by about 40% from 2,309 schools to 3,235. The relatively larger increase in the number of law enforcement in schools relative to the number of schools with law enforcement reflects the tendency for elementary schools to move from shared law enforcement to a dedicated officer as well as the trend toward larger schools housing multiple law enforcement officers.

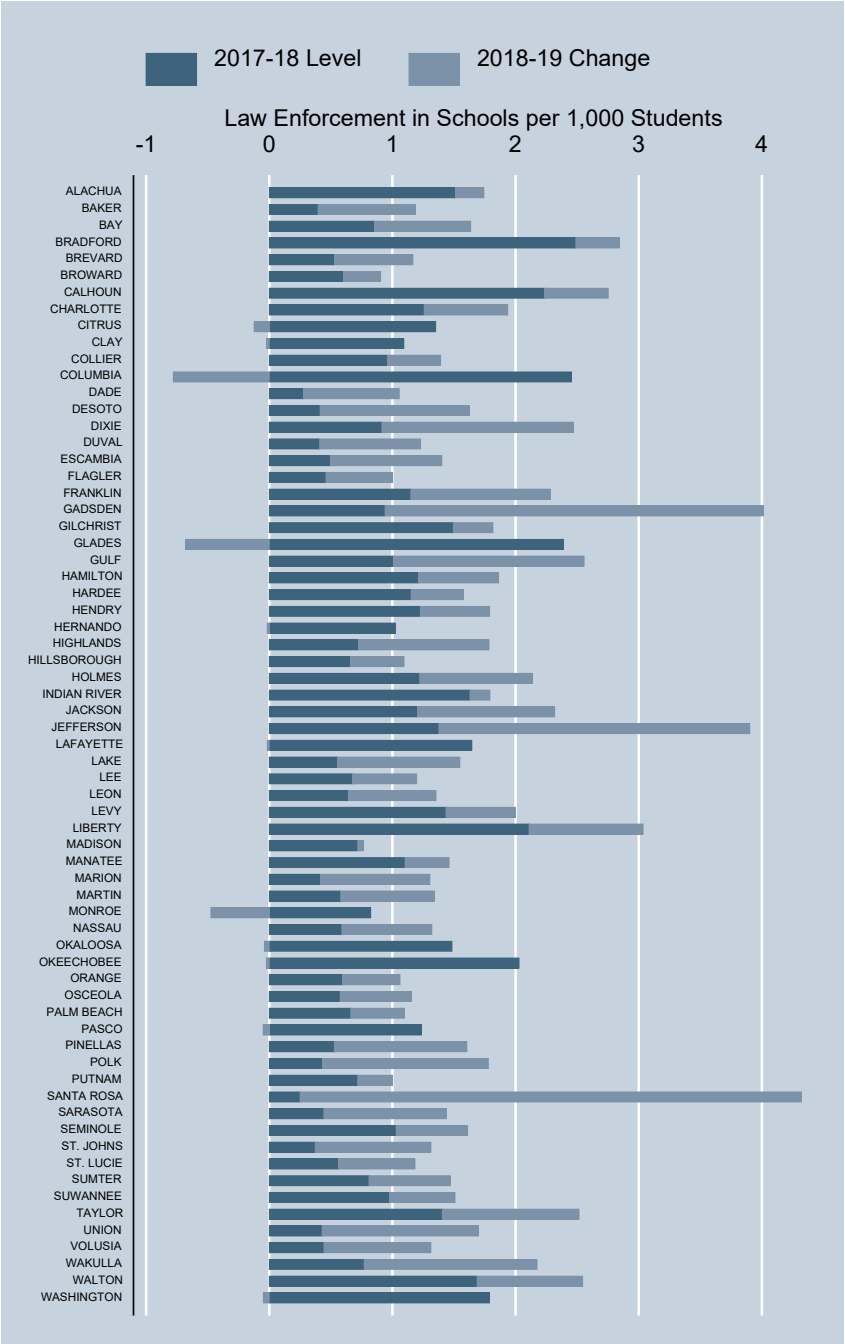

Figure 3. Change in ratio of law enforcement in schools per 1,000 students from 2017-18 to 2018-19 school years
Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

With a few exceptions, the increased presence of law enforcement as a result of the 2018 Act was generally experienced across all districts in the state. Figure 3 shows the number of school-based law enforcement per 1,000 students enrolled by district as well as the change in the number per 1,000 students between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

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As is clear from the figure, most districts experienced substantial increases in law enforcement presence. There were eleven districts that decreased the ratio, with only three of these representing substantially sized decreases. It is also worth noting that some districts reported potentially suspect numbers of school-based law enforcement to the state. For example, Santa Rosa County reported substantially more school-based law enforcement than schools, particularly at the elementary school level. In some other cases, such as Duval County, there is evidence that the numbers reported as school-based law enforcement may include individuals acting as school safety assistants – armed individuals trained by the Sheriff's Office who wear uniforms but lack full arrest powers. For the purpose of the district-level analysis presented here, the data was used as reported by districts; however, the school-level analysis provides more precise identification of sworn law enforcement's presence.

Elementary Schools Experienced the Largest Increase in Law Enforcement Presence

The overall upward trend in the presence of law enforcement in Florida schools hides the fact that this increase has been disproportionately felt by the state's youngest learners. When disaggregating the presence of law enforcement by school level (elementary, middle, or high), it is clear that the increased presence of law enforcement driven by the 2018 Act has been almost exclusively driven by increases in law enforcement in elementary school settings.

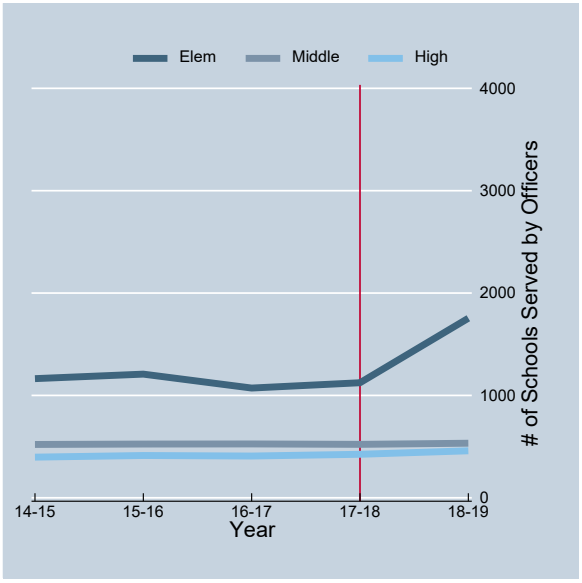

Figure 4. Number of FL schools served by school law enforcement from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by school level

Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

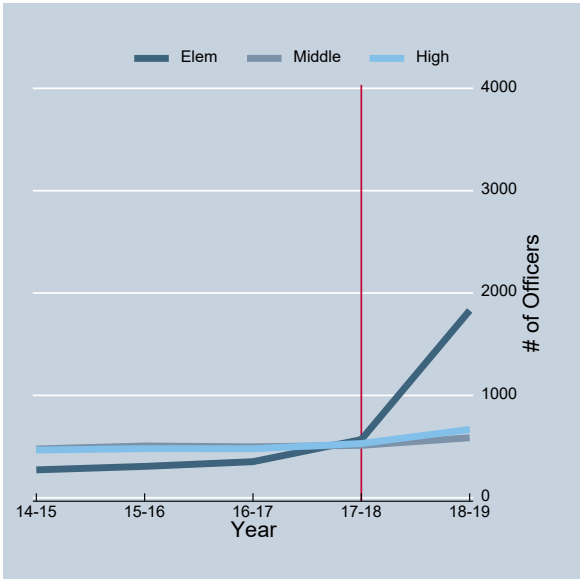

Figure 5. Number of school law enforcement in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by school level

Source: School district reports to state Safe Schools Appropriation Expenditure Reports

As shown in Figures 4 and 5, the largest increases in law enforcement presence have occurred in elementary schools. During the 2014-15 school year, there were 272.75 law enforcement officers in elementary schools in the state of Florida. By the 2018-19 school year, there would be 1,830 law enforcement officers in elementary schools. Between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, the number of law enforcement in elementary schools would increase by

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almost 221% or more than triple. Similarly, the number of elementary schools with law enforcement present would increase from 1,164 in 2014-15 to 1,754 in 2018-19. From 2017-18 to 2018-19, the number of elementary schools with law enforcement would increase by 56%. These trends reflect elementary schools in the state without law enforcement adding them and many elementary schools that had previously shared a law enforcement officer with another school moving to have full-time law enforcement coverage.

As will be shown next, these increases in the presence of law enforcement in schools largely trended in the same direction as reports of behavioral incidents, reports of behavioral incidents to law enforcement, school arrests, and student discipline during this time period.

Behavioral Incidents Reported to the State, Reports to Law Enforcement, School Arrests, and Exclusionary Discipline Increased following the 2018 Act

The goal of the 2018 Act was to increase the safety of schools, both to prevent acts of mass school violence such as the tragedy at Parkland but also to generally improve the overall safety of schools. Descriptively, however, data show that trends in reported behavioral incidents, reports to law enforcement, school arrests, and use of exclusionary discipline tended to increase rather than decrease following the Act's 2018 passage. This section describes trends in these outcomes before turning to analyses that explore whether these trends are linked to the presence of law enforcement in schools.

The number of behavioral incidents reported by school districts to SESIR, the state reporting mechanism, increased dramatically from the 2017-18 to 2018-19 school years. As shown in Figure 6, the number of reported behavioral incidents went from 71,159 in 2017-18 to 84,649 in 2018-19, an almost 19% increase in reported incidents. In raw numbers, this reflects an additional 13,490 behavioral incidents reported in Florida schools.

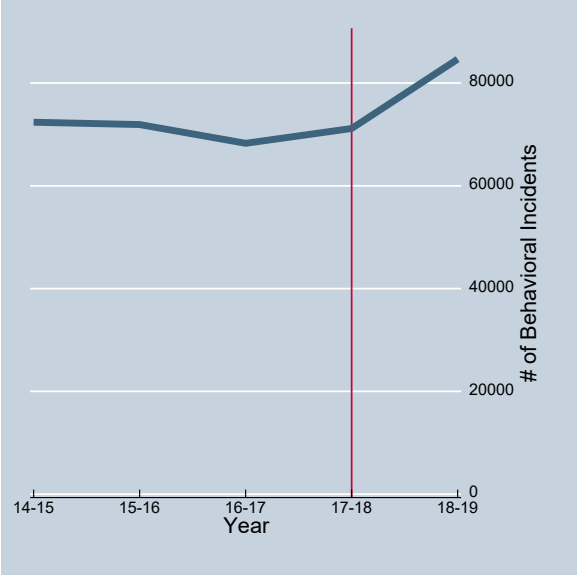

Figure 6. Number of reported behavioral incidents in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

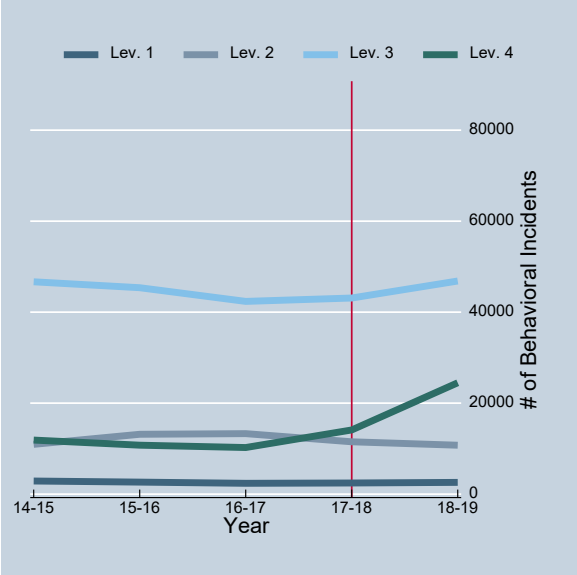

Figure 7. Number of reported behavioral incidents in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by school level

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

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The descriptive statistics suggest that this increase in reported behavioral incidents was largely driven by lower level incidents, categorized by the state as Level 3 and Level 4 incidents. As shown in Figure 7, the largest increase was seen in level 4 incidents, which increased by about 74% between 2017-18 and 2018-19. Within levels, however, the increases in reported behavioral incidents were driven by a handful of specific incident types. Specifically, there were meaningful increases in the district averages in the prevalence of bullying, threats/intimidation, drug related incidents, and tobacco related incidents (see Tables 5 and 6). Notably, in 2018-19, districts on average reported about 267 tobacco related incidents, more than doubling the previous year's average of 123. On a positive note, there were several incident types that showed notable decreases including physical attacks which decreased from a 2017-18 district average of 137 incidents to about 125 incidents in 2018-19.

These trends in reported behavioral incidents were largely mirrored by the trends in behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement. Figure 8 shows the number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement by year and Figure 9 shows these disaggregated by level. While only about a third of behavioral incidents reported to the state are reported to law enforcement in any given year, there was nevertheless a notable increase in the number of incidents reported to law enforcement following the 2018 Act. As shown, in 2017-18, there were 23,404 behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement. In the 2018-19 school year, school districts would report 29,275, an approximately 25% increase in the number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement. Notably, this percentage change in the number of incidents reported to law enforcement almost exactly matches the percentage change in the number of behavioral incidents reported to the state. In other words, the proportion of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement appears relatively constant over time, despite increases in both reported behavioral incidents and their reporting to law enforcement.

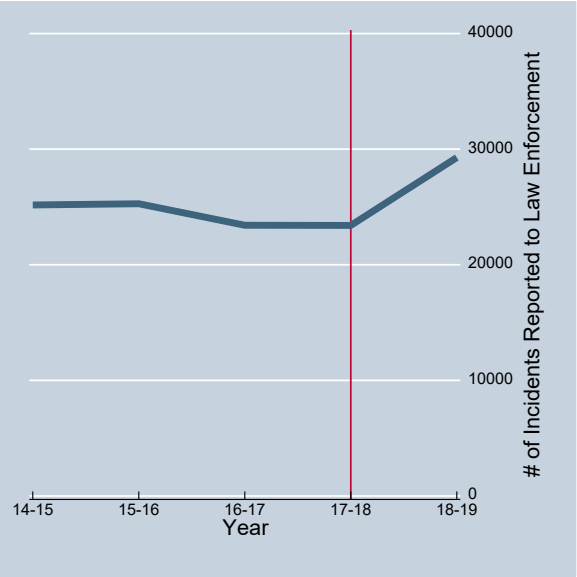

Figure 8. Number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

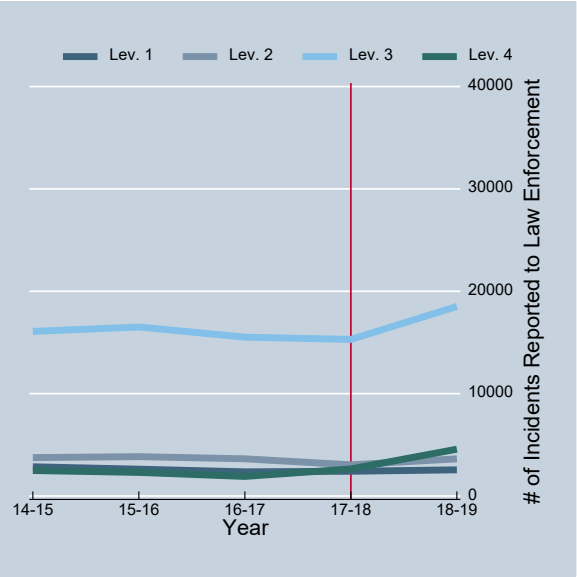

Figure 9. Number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by severity level

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

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Tables 7 and 8 show district-level and school-level averages of incidents reported to law enforcement. As with the incidents themselves, the increase in incidents reported to law enforcement was largely driven by increases in lower level offenses (Level 3 and 4). In particular, the number of Level 3 offenses increased by 21% between 2017-18 and 2018-19 while the number of Level 4 offenses increased by 73%. This means that schools were reporting significantly more Level 3 and 4 offenses to law enforcement following than 2018 Act than before. Specific increases were seen in the reporting of incidents of drug use/possession (district average of 120.19 in 2018-19 compared to 85.64 in 2017-18), tobacco-nicotine (district average of 52.70 in 2018-19 compared to 23.27 in 2017-18), threats/intimidation (district average of 38.54 in 2018-19 compared to 29.04 in 2017-18), and physical attacks (district average of 20.75 in 2018-19 and 12.70 in 2017-18). The last of these was particularly interesting given that the number of physical attacks reported to the state actually decreased between these two school years, suggesting that more of these incidents may be reported to law enforcement even though fewer are occurring.

With more reported behavioral incidents and more reported to law enforcement, it is perhaps little surprise that there were more arrests at school in 2018-19 than in the year prior (see Tables 9 and 10 for district-level and school-level averages, respectively). The frequency of school arrests had actually been decreasing steadily from 2014-15 to 2016-17 (see Figure 10); however, the trend began turning positive through the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. While still below the number in 2014-15, there were nearly 8,000 arrests in Florida public schools during the 2018-19 school year. These increases were driven by a leveling out of the number of misdemeanor arrests and an increase in the number of felony arrests in the 2018-19 school year.

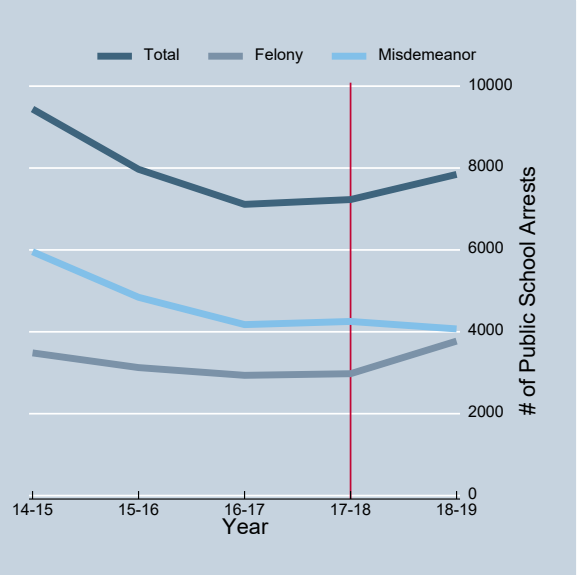

Figure 10. Number of public school arrests in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years
Source: Florida DJJ

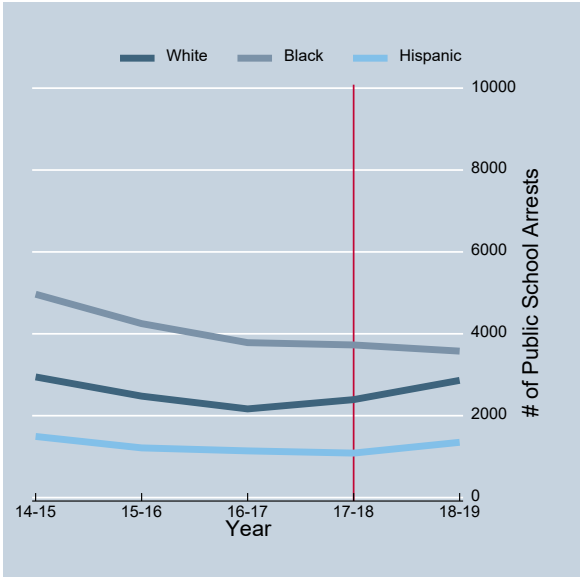

Figure 11. Number of public school arrests in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by race/ethnicity
Source: Florida DJJ

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Interestingly, this recent uptick in school arrests has been largely due to increases in the number of white students being arrested at school (Figure 11). As shown, the number of white students arrested at school increased to 2,863 students in 2018-19 from only 2,393 the year before, an almost 20% increase. The number of arrests of Hispanic students also increased between 2017-18 and 2018-19, growing by about 24%. This contrasts with the number of arrests of Black students which has shown a steady decline over the time period examined. It is important to note, however, that Black students still remain grossly over-represented in school arrests. This is clear given that the number of Black students arrested remains much higher than white students, despite there being fewer Black students enrolled in Florida public schools. In other words, there is clear evidence that racial disparities in school arrests persist in Florida.

Finally, along with increases in school arrests, there were concurrent increases between 2017-18 and 2018-19 in the use of exclusionary discipline practices following several years of declines (see Tables 11 and 12). Figures 12 and 13 show the number of OSS and ISS reported by school districts, both in total and disaggregated by student race/ethnicity. As shown, ISS is slightly more common than OSS, but, combined there were over 343,000 suspensions during the 2018-19 school year. While Black and Hispanic students are over-represented in both OSS and ISS relative to their proportion of students in the state, the trends in suspensions across race/ethnicity were generally consistent over the time period examined.

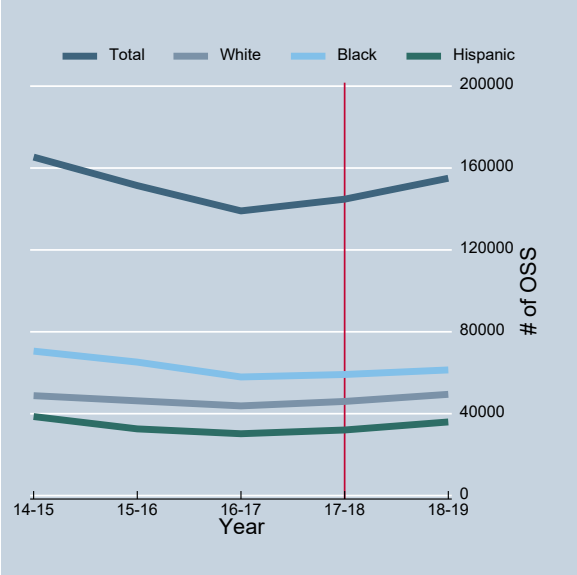

Figure 12. Number of out-of-school suspensions in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years overall and by race

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

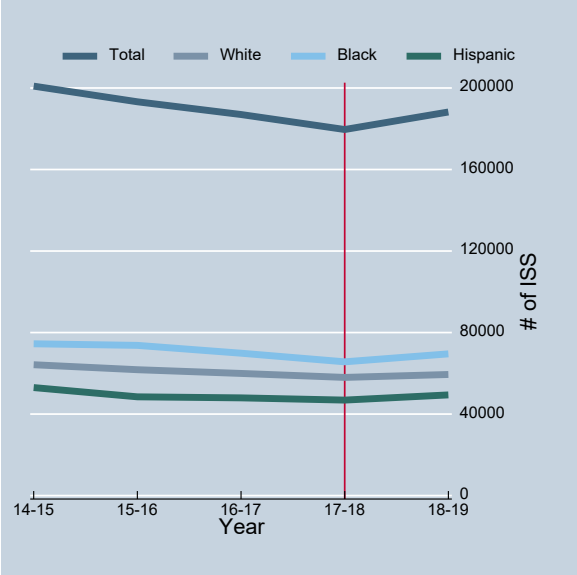

Figure 13. Number of in-school suspensions in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years overall and by race

Source: School district reports to FL DOE

Among other changes in school discipline rates, state data also revealed a significant increase in the number of districts reporting the use of physical restraint on students. Figure 14 shows the number of physical restraints per year. As shown, reports of physical restraints in

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2018-19 were over four times as large as those in the prior school year. While it is unclear what accounts for this substantial increase in the reporting of the use of physical restraint, the trend is particularly concerning. It is possible that this increase merely reflects a change in reporting practices among school districts. The next section explores whether these descriptive trends in reported behaviors, reporting to law enforcement, arrests, and discipline are linked to the presence of law enforcement or reflect other, unrelated trends.

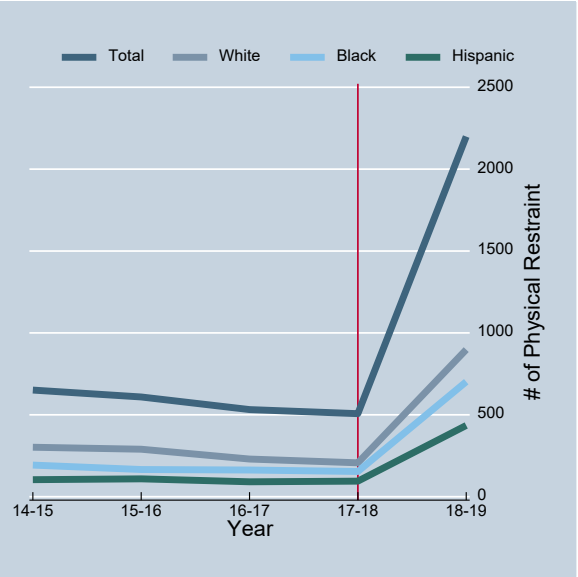

Figure 14. Number of physical restraints in state of FL from 2014-15 to 2018-19 school years by level

Law Enforcement Presence and Student Outcomes

From the descriptive statistics, it is clear that the increasing presence of law enforcement in schools has been correlated with an increased frequency of a number of undesirable student outcomes including increased reports of behavioral incidents, increased number of incidents reported to law enforcement, increased school arrests, and increased use of exclusionary discipline. An important question, however, is whether these relationships are driven by the presence of law enforcement in schools or by other factors. In other words, are law enforcement in schools causing increases in these outcomes?

Results of the regression analyses with observable controls and fixed effects provide more evidence to answer this question. As described previously, the analytic technique accounts for differences in school contexts that are observable, for time trends that affect all districts/schools in the state, and for fixed characteristics of districts/schools over time. The results presented in this section, then, more closely approximate the effect of law enforcement on each of the outcomes. I begin by discussing the relationship between law enforcement and reported behavioral incidents in schools and then present results for behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement, school arrests, and student discipline. For each outcome, results are presented both from the district-level analysis, which covers all districts in the state, and for the school-level sample, which covers schools in approximately 84% of districts in the state. As will be shown, results are generally consistent between both. Finally, this section concludes with a description of a set of sensitivity and robustness checks.

Law Enforcement Presence and Reported Behavioral Incidents in Schools

The presence of law enforcement in schools was generally predictive of a greater number of reports of behavioral incidents in schools. At the district-level, the number of schools served by law enforcement was a statistically significant predictor of the number of reported behavioral incidents, both in models without district fixed effects and with their inclusion. As shown in columns 1 and 2 of Panel A of Table 13, each additional school in a district served by a law enforcement officer predicted a .14 to .33 percent increase in the number of reported behavioral incidents in the district. Though this is less than a percentage point, this translates to

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approximately 1.5 to 3.6 more reported incidents for the average size district for each additional school with an officer present. Furthermore, it suggests that, if the average size district in the state had no schools with officers as compared to all schools with officers, there would be approximately 85 to 200 fewer behavioral incidents reported per year in that district.

At the school-level, results were generally similar, though the positive relationship between law enforcement and reported behavioral incidents became insignificant when school fixed effects were included. As shown in columns 1-2 of Panel B of Table 13, the presence of an officer predicted a 38.5% greater number of reported incidents in models with district fixed effects. In models with school fixed effects, however, the IRR was reduced to 1.024 and was statistically insignificant. This could be a function of the school fixed effect better accounting for underlying characteristics of the schools, or, it may also reflect the fact that the school fixed effects models were driven largely by variation at the elementary school level, given that there were far more elementary schools that went from not having an officer to having an officer than was the case for middle or high schools. Indeed, as shown in Figure 15, the relationship between law enforcement and reported behavioral incidents was largest in middle and high schools, suggesting that the lack of significance in the school fixed effects model may be a function of much of the within-school variation coming from elementary settings.

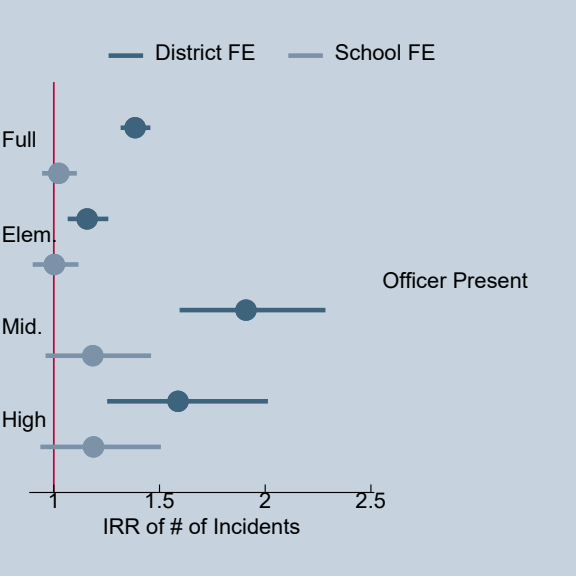

Figure 15. IRRs and 95% confidence intervals predicting behavioral incidents by level from the school-level analysis

The increase in reported behavioral incidents as a result of law enforcement in schools appeared to be driven primarily by Level 2 offenses (see columns 3-10 of Table 13). As shown, the relationship between law enforcement and reported behavioral incidents was statistically significant and positive in both the district-level analysis and school-level analysis and across models with varying fixed effects for Level 2 offenses. In contrast, offenses at other levels were not consistently statistically significant, particularly in the fully specified models. The results are clear that the presence of law enforcement in schools was not systematically related to decreases in behavioral incidents and may result in more reports of such incidents, suggesting that schools were not made safer by the presence of law enforcement.

Law Enforcement Presence and Reports to Law Enforcement

In addition to potentially increasing the number of reported behavioral incidents in schools, the presence of law enforcement positively predicted the number of behavioral incidents that were reported to law enforcement by schools. At the district-level, each additional school with an officer present positively predicted a statistically significant increase in the number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement (see columns 1-2 of Panel A of Table 14). The coefficients ranged from 0.0011 in the model with district fixed effects to 0.00312 in the model without district fixed effects, which, relative to the average number of incidents

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reported, translates to an approximately 0.41 to 1.17 additional incidents reported to law enforcement by a district per year for each additional officer. This suggests that if the average size district in the state had no schools with officers as compared to all schools with officers, there would be between 6-17% fewer incidents reported to law enforcement or between 23 to 65 fewer incidents reported annually by such a district.

Similarly, at the school-level, the presence of a law enforcement officer in a school was a significant predictor of reports of behavioral incidents to law enforcement. As shown in columns 1-2 of Panel B of Table 14, having an officer in a school was related to a higher number of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement, both in models with district fixed effects and school fixed effects. This positive relationship ranged from a 25.7% increase in incidents in the school fixed effect model to a 64.8% increase in the district fixed effects model which, based on the average number of incidents reported by a school, would equate to 2.12 to 5.35 additional incidents reported to law enforcement per year per school. While this positive relationship was generally significant across grade levels, the relationship was particularly pronounced at the middle school level (see Figure 16). This is consistent with prior research that has found that school disciplinary rates and effects of SROs can be more pronounced for middle schoolers.

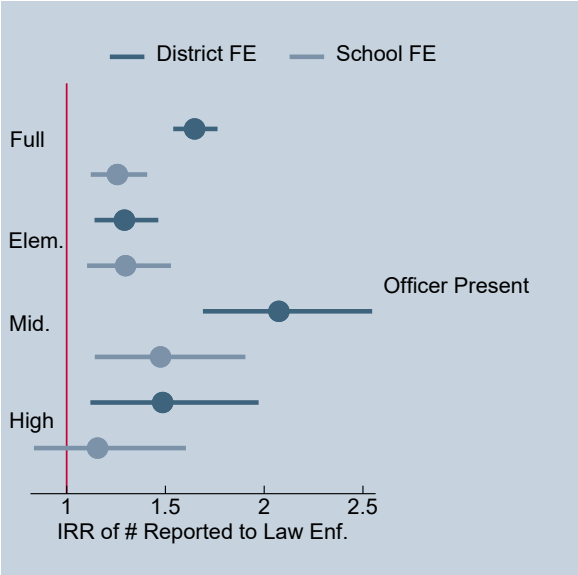

Figure 16. IRRs and 95% confidence intervals predicting behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement by school-level from the school-level analysis

Across both district and school-level analyses, the results suggest that the effects of law enforcement in schools on reports of behavioral incidents to law enforcement may be most pronounced among lower level offenses. As shown in columns 3-10 of Table 14 and in Figure 17, the relationship between law enforcement in schools and number of incidents reported to law enforcement tended to be highest for Level 4 offenses (the least serious) and lowest for Level 1 offenses (the most serious offenses). This suggests that the presence of law enforcement may be resulting in more frequent reporting of offenses that may otherwise have been handled by school staff without involving law enforcement.

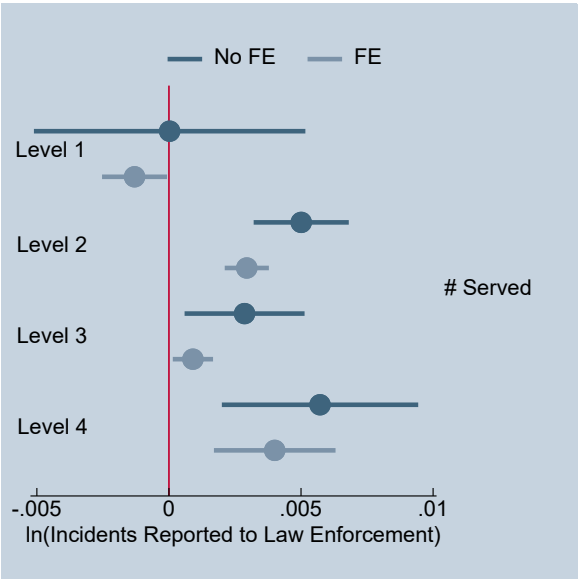

Figure 17. Coefficients and 95% confidence intervals predicting behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement by severity level from the district-level analysis

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Law Enforcement Presence and School Arrests

Given that law enforcement presence in schools appeared to result in more behavioral incidents being reported to law enforcement, it was also important to examine whether more students were arrested at school as a result. As shown in Table 15, results of models predicting the number of arrests of juveniles at public schools demonstrate that the presence of law enforcement in schools likely increased arrests of students. In the district-level analysis (Panel A of Table 15), the relationship between law enforcement presence and school arrests was consistently positive, though often statistically insignificant. The lack of consistent significance in the district-level models, however, may have been a function of the relatively smaller sample size and lack of ability to link arrests occurring in particular schools with the placement of law enforcement in those schools. Results from the school-level analysis (Panel B of Table 15) show that, with the additional precision afforded in the school-level dataset, these positive relationships held and were statistically significant, both in district and school fixed effects models. As shown, the presence of law enforcement in schools predicted 40 to 82% more arrests, on average. Relative to the average number of arrests (2.55), this suggests that the presence of a law enforcement officer in a school resulted in approximately 1-2 more arrests per school per year. Across the average sized district, the difference in arrests if the district had no law enforcement relative to having law enforcement in all schools would therefore equate to about 55 to 110 fewer arrests per year.

Interestingly, while a positive relationship with arrests was seen across racial/ethnic groups, the impact was most consistent for white students, rather than Black or Hispanic students. As shown, in the district-level analysis, only the coefficient on white students reached statistical significance at the p<.05 level. Similarly, at the school-level, the impact on arrests was statistically significant for white students in both the district fixed effects and school fixed effects models, while, for Black and Hispanic students, the result, though still positive in direction, was statistically insignificant when the school fixed effects were included. Importantly, statistical tests of the difference in the coefficients for white student arrests were no different than those for Black or Hispanic students, suggesting that the impact of law enforcement is not necessarily larger for white students, despite being more consistently statistically significant. While prior research would have suggested larger impacts on racial/ethnic minority students, this finding was consistent with descriptive trends in the state which show increases in school-based arrests of white students between 2017-18 and 2018-19 without a similar increase for Black students. It is also important to note that the rate of school arrests remains higher for Black and Hispanic students, indicating that despite school-based law enforcement increasing arrests of white students, Black and Hispanic students remain

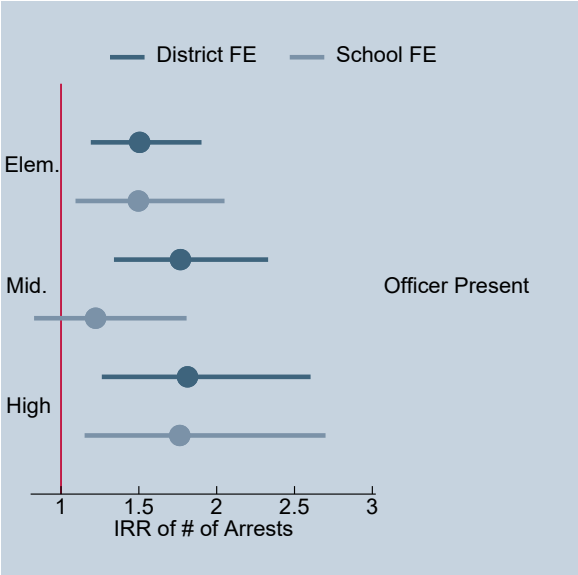

Figure 18. IRRs and 95% confidence intervals predicting school arrests by grade level from the school-level analysis

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disproportionately likely to experience an arrest at school relative to their white peers.

The relationship between law enforcement presence and school arrests was generally consistent across grade levels. As shown in Figure 18, the IRR was similar across elementary, middle, and high schools, suggesting that the presence of a law enforcement officer increases the probability of arrest fairly equally across grade levels. Importantly, however, each of these increases was relative to different base line rates of arrest. Given that elementary schools had far fewer school arrests than middle or high schools, the increase in the number of arrests as a result of school-based law enforcement was still more pronounced at higher grade levels.

Finally, an exploratory analysis was conducted examining the relationship between law enforcement presence and school arrests by offense type. Versions of the primary equation were estimated using arrests by offense type as the outcome. In the district-level analysis with district fixed effects, there were positive and at least marginally ($p<0.10$) significant relationships with assault/battery, burglary, disorderly conduct, and petit/larceny. At the school-level with district fixed effects, a number of offense types were statistically significant (significant ones are shown in Figure 19). When the school fixed effects were added to the school-level analysis, assault/battery and weapons arrests remained positive and statistically significant while felony drug arrests was marginally significant.

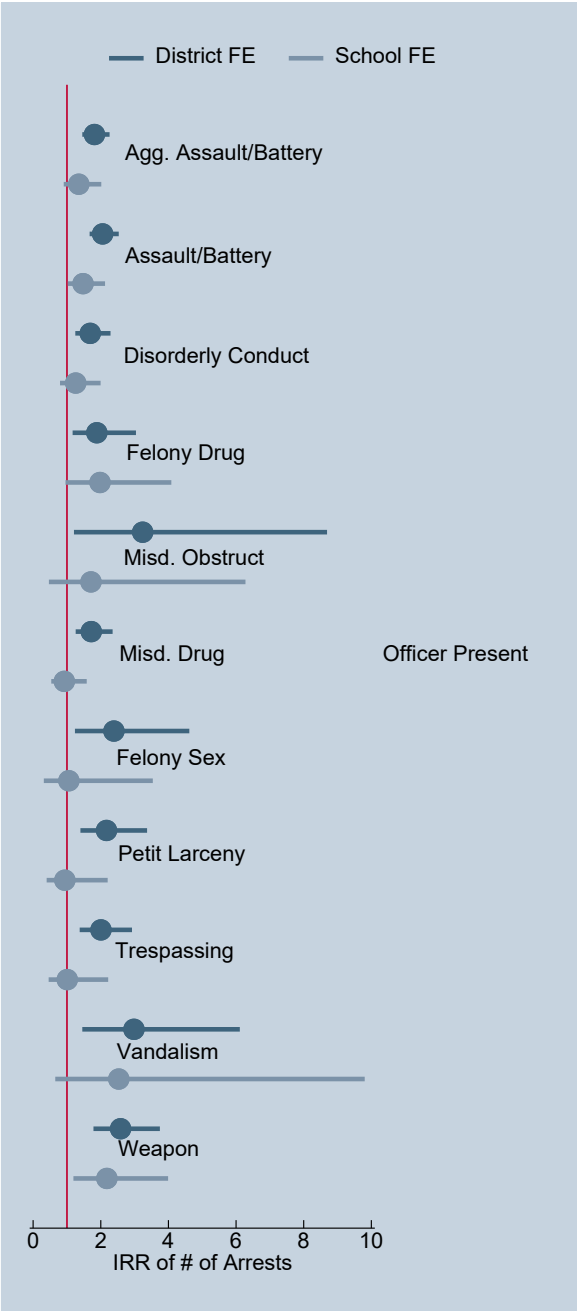

Figure 19. IRRs and 95% confidence intervals predicting school arrests by offense type from the school-level analysis

Law Enforcement Presence and Exclusionary Discipline

While law enforcement in schools would be expected to increase the likelihood of reports to law enforcement and arrests, prior research also suggests that their presence may contribute to a greater use of exclusionary discipline practices like suspension. Table 16 presents results of models predicting the use of OSS and ISS from indicators of law enforcement in schools as well as OSS broken out by race. As shown, there were few significant relationships in the district-level analysis and, while estimates were positive and significant in the school-level analysis with district fixed effects, these relationships were not robust to the inclusion of the school fixed effects. As a whole, then, these

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results suggest that, in the Florida context, the presence of law enforcement in schools were not necessarily resulting in increases in the use of exclusionary discipline.

Sensitivity and Robustness Checks

As discussed previously, for the district-level analysis, the primary analytic approach was to model the logged version of outcomes using an ordinary least squares regression framework with weights for district enrollment to account for differing sizes of districts. This approach was used to account for the skewed distribution of the outcome variables and was suitable given that few districts reported values of zero for the outcome (which would result in an unidentified value when log transformed and therefore drop from the analysis). In contrast, at the school-level, there were many schools that reported no incidents. Consequently, the primary school-level analyses were reported using conditional fixed effects negative binomial regression, an approach suitable for count outcome data that retains observations with values of zero.

In addition to these primary analytic approaches, a series of sensitivity checks were conducted to explore the robustness of the findings to alternative estimation approaches. In particular, versions of the primary equations were estimated that used ordinary least squares regression, used untransformed outcome variables, included or omitted weighting for enrollment, and used Poisson regression (another method appropriate for estimating count outcomes). Additionally, models were estimated that used the number of law enforcement in a district or in a school as the independent variable rather than the number of schools served or the binary indicator of whether a school had law enforcement. The results of these sensitivity analyses are presented in tables in Appendix B. Across these tables, the primary model is shown in the top row and other specifications are shown below. For ease of comparison, statistically significant positive relationships are highlighted in blue and statistically significant negative relationships are highlighted in orange. Statistically insignificant findings have a white background. While the coefficients were expected to be different in size across some models given the different estimation strategies, the sensitivity checks generally show that the primary results are robust to a number of specification choices.

Limitations

While this report provides the most comprehensive analysis of law enforcement in Florida schools to date, it is important to note several limitations. First, results of this study are limited to reports of law enforcement and outcomes by school districts. As noted earlier, there is some indication that school districts may report school safety assistants and other personnel as law enforcement to the state. While these individuals are not technically sworn law enforcement and generally lack arrest power, they are trained by a Sheriff's department, typically wear uniforms, and are armed. Consequently, it is likely that many students perceive and experience them in ways similar to sworn law enforcement.

Next, this analysis was unable to identify alternative forms of security in schools such as armed school staff, unarmed security guards, or other private security. Given the 2018 Act, any school without law enforcement in 2018-19 was required to have either an armed staff member or other armed security personnel. Consequently, the results of this analysis should be interpreted as comparing the use of law enforcement in schools to a mix of other alternatives that, depending on the year, may include no security personnel, unarmed security personnel, or armed non-law enforcement personnel. It is expected, however, that the impact of such comparisons to other security personnel would diminish relationships estimated in this analysis,

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meaning that the true impacts of law enforcement on student outcomes may be larger than those reported here.

Finally, it is worth noting that this study cannot definitively eliminate all sources of selection bias. While the research design accounts for a large number of potential confounding variables, it is nevertheless possible that districts/schools with and without law enforcement varied in unobservable ways that contributed to the observed relationships. That said, the analytic approach used here accounted for a robust set of differences in schools including observable characteristics of the students served, general time trends in the state as a whole, and time-invariant characteristics of the district/schools such as general crime or safety of areas that schools serve. As a result, this analysis provides a very rigorous estimate of law enforcement's relationship with student outcomes.

Conclusion

In the months following the killing of George Floyd by law enforcement, school districts and local governments across the country have reconsidered the role of law enforcement in their schools, with several large districts choosing to remove law enforcement. These discussions and actions are in distinct contrast to what had previously been a decades long trend toward increasing the number of schools across the nation that have law enforcement present (Correa & Diliberti, 2020; Musu-Gillette et al., 2018). This research report contributes to these ongoing policy discussions over whether law enforcement should be placed in schools.

The findings of this report suggest that, in Florida, the presence of law enforcement in schools is linked to a number of undesirable outcomes for students and schools. Despite being placed in schools largely to improve safety, the results of this analysis suggest that school-based law enforcement have not reduced the frequency of behavioral incidents occurring in schools. In fact, their presence appears to result in more behavioral incidents being reported to the state tracking system.

What is more, the results of this analysis suggest that law enforcement in schools results in greater exposure of students to law enforcement responses. The results consistently showed that, when law enforcement are in schools, a greater number of behavioral incidents are reported to law enforcement. Alarmingly, there is evidence that law enforcement in schools increases the frequency of lower level incidents being reported to law enforcement.

The results also suggests that this increased reporting of incidents to law enforcement leads to more students experiencing arrest at school. Results of the school-level analysis consistently showed that the presence of law enforcement in schools was related to a greater number of juvenile arrests in public schools. While district-level results were statistically insignificant, they nevertheless followed the same trend. In contrast to what might be suggested by prior research, the potential impact on school arrests appeared to be most consistent for white students, though Black students continue to be disproportionately over-represented among school arrests overall.

Finally, this report found little evidence that the presence of law enforcement in schools decreased the frequency with which schools reported using exclusionary discipline practices like OSS and ISS. This finding is consistent with there being little impact of school-based law

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enforcement on student safety, as it suggests that the frequency of incidents resulting in a serious disciplinary response was not decreased.

The findings of this analysis fit within a mixed set of prior evidence on the impacts of school-based law enforcement on school safety and rather consistent prior evidence that law enforcement increases students' exposure to arrest and exclusionary discipline. Some prior work has found that the presence of law enforcement in schools decreases school crime. For example, using national data, Owens found that principals reported 1-2% fewer disruptive criminal incidents at school when the county they were located in had received a federal grant to support the hiring of school-based law enforcement (2016). Similarly, prior studies have found that the presence of law enforcement in schools is related to higher perceptions of safety among students (Raymond, 2010). That said, other prior work has found that law enforcement do not increase school safety. In a national study of schools, Na & Gottfredson found that schools with law enforcement report more crimes involving weapons and drugs than those without (2013). Other emerging work suggests that, law enforcement in schools may increase students' sense of risk, heightening their perceived need of law enforcement to protect them from objectively unlikely to occur threats (Curran, Fisher, Viano, & Kupchik, 2020).

Even for the most serious of incidents, such as mass shootings, the prior evidence suggests the presence of law enforcement does little to prevent or limit the damage done during such an event. For example, a study of all school shootings that have occurred since the Columbine tragedy found that the presence of law enforcement at a school did not predict lower casualties (Livingston, Rossheim, & Hall, 2019). It is worth noting that many of the mass casualty school shootings, including those at Parkland and Columbine, occurred with law enforcement present on campus.

While prior work is somewhat mixed on the impact of school-based law enforcement on safety, prior work is clear that law enforcement in schools increases students' likelihood of interfacing with and experiencing a law enforcement response like arrest. Prior work has shown that law enforcement in schools result in a greater proportion of incidents being reported to law enforcement and in increases in arrests of students (Owens, 2016). This results in what many have termed the "school-to-prison" pipeline.

The findings of this study demonstrate a potentially similar phenomenon in which students are exposed to a higher level of surveillance by law enforcement. By placing law enforcement in schools, student behavior that would have otherwise occurred and been handled by school personnel is more likely to come to the attention of law enforcement. It is likely then that the increases in behavioral incidents reported to the state and those reported to law enforcement observed in this study are a product not of increased misconduct by students but of increased involvement of law enforcement in the response to such misconduct. Such law enforcement involvement, as seen in this study, potentially increases students' risk of arrest at school and involvement in the juvenile justice system.

Finally, while law enforcement presence in schools was not systematically related to increases in exclusionary discipline, it also did not appear to decrease school's use of exclusionary discipline. Prior research has often found law enforcement presence increases exclusionary discipline (Fisher & Hennessy, 2016; Kupchik, 2010). For example, prior studies have found that schools in Texas that received federal grants to support additional law enforcement in schools resulted in greater rates of school discipline, as much as a 6% increase

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among middle schoolers, and that these impacts were driven by increases in discipline for lower level offenses and among Black students (Weisburst, 2019). Qualitative work has shown that these increases may be driven by the ways that law enforcement take part in disciplinary activities such as reporting misconduct to school personnel and assisting with interrogations of misbehaving students as well as the ways that school-based law enforcement may contribute to shifts in school climate more broadly that result in a more punitive environment (Curran, Fisher, Viano, & Kupchik, 2019; Kupchik, 2010). Though there are some exceptions to the finding that law enforcement in schools increase exclusionary discipline, including one that uses a similar approach to this analysis with longitudinal school-level data (Na & Gottfredson, 2013), a meta-analytic review has confirmed that, on balance, most studies show that school-based law enforcement are related to higher rates of exclusionary discipline (Fisher & Hennessy, 2016).

Coupled with such prior research, the findings of this study suggest that schools should carefully consider their use of law enforcement in schools, both whether law enforcement should be present in schools at all and, if they are, the roles and interactions that law enforcement engage in with students. While many districts nationwide are considering removing law enforcement from schools, the decision in Florida is complicated by the restrictions of the 2018 Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act which requires schools to have armed personnel. While schools in other states can decide to not have law enforcement or any armed personnel present, Florida schools that opt not to use school-based law enforcement are then required to either arm school personnel (such as teachers) or hire private armed security. Unfortunately, neither of these alternative solutions are evidence-based and each raises its own set of concerns around student safety and well-being. Consequently, there is a need for the state law to be revisited to return flexibility to local districts to determine whether law enforcement or armed personnel should be in schools. In the meantime, if schools determine that the use of law enforcement is preferable to the alternatives, they should actively take steps to reduce the potentially negative impacts of school-based law enforcement on student outcomes. To this end, the following policy recommendations are offered:

1. School districts should reconsider whether law enforcement should be present in schools, keeping in mind that state law limits alternatives.
2. The state requirement to have armed personnel in schools should be revisited with an eye toward returning control to local school districts and schools to determine how best to ensure a safe learning environment.
3. School districts and law enforcement agencies should adopt clear policies that restrict the ability to arrest to a limited set of serious infractions and prohibit arrest of young students.
4. If present, law enforcement in schools should be trained in age-appropriate conflict resolution, in ways to reduce implicit bias and disproportionate minority contact, and in alternatives to the use of force or arrest.

At the end of the day, all students deserve a safe, supportive, and equitable learning environment. The results of this analysis suggest that the use of law enforcement in schools may be compromising student well-being without increasing the safety of schools. It is important, therefore, for policymakers and educators to actively seek solutions to ensure students are safe from unnecessary exposure to law enforcement and arrest.

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Table 1. Means and standard deviations of control variables for district-level analysis

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Enrollment	41717.48	40937.70	41446.76	41824.54	42076.46	42301.94
	(66855.14)	(66316.45)	(67034.07)	(67537.91)	(67683.83)	(67704.10)
Proportion White Enrollment	0.55	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.54
	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)
Proportion Black Enrollment	0.18	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)
Proportion Hispanic/Latinx Enrollment	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21
	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.17)	(0.17)
Proportion Asian Enrollment	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Proportion Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander Enrollment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Proportion American Indian or Alaska Native Enrollment	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Proportion Two or More Races Enrollment	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Proportion of Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	0.68	0.59	0.69	0.70	0.70	0.69
	(0.17)	(0.12)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.19)	(0.20)
# Schools	55.34	55.15	55.37	55.40	55.37	55.42
	(85.47)	(85.56)	(85.85)	(86.01)	(86.20)	(86.30)
# Elementary Schools	28.33	28.34	28.42	28.39	28.21	28.27
	(42.18)	(42.49)	(42.73)	(42.59)	(42.19)	(42.17)
# Middle Schools	8.75	8.91	8.82	8.69	8.67	8.64
	(13.47)	(13.76)	(13.60)	(13.41)	(13.50)	(13.48)
# High Schools	10.60	10.63	10.66	10.67	10.58	10.48
	(16.59)	(16.66)	(16.60)	(16.81)	(16.75)	(16.60)
Teachers per 1,000 Students	63.37	63.32	63.59	63.39	63.09	63.46
	(6.38)	(5.85)	(6.41)	(6.80)	(5.54)	(7.32)
Guidance Counselors per 1,000 Students	2.15	2.16	2.16	2.13	2.12	2.17
	(0.47)	(0.52)	(0.49)	(0.44)	(0.48)	(0.45)
Psychologists per 1,000 Students	0.36	0.38	0.36	0.34	0.36	0.36
	(0.25)	(0.26)	(0.23)	(0.27)	(0.24)	(0.23)
Principals per 1,000 Students	1.48	1.51	1.54	1.49	1.42	1.45
	(0.51)	(0.42)	(0.55)	(0.55)	(0.48)	(0.52)
Asst. Principals per 1,000 Students	1.70	1.64	1.67	1.68	1.71	1.78
	(0.51)	(0.50)	(0.47)	(0.50)	(0.52)	(0.54)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

Note. Data from FL DOE public data archive

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Table 2. Means and standard deviations of control variables for school-level analysis

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Enrollment	854.84	846.82	859.49	867.00	860.79	841.49
	(539.52)	(526.77)	(541.72)	(549.29)	(543.97)	(535.46)
Proportion White Enrollment	0.45	0.47	0.46	0.45	0.45	0.44
	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.25)
Proportion Black Enrollment	0.20	0.21	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.20
	(0.21)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.20)	(0.22)
Proportion Hispanic/Latinx Enrollment	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.25
	(0.20)	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)
Proportion Asian Enrollment	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)
Proportion Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander Enrollment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Proportion American Indian or Alaska Native Enrollment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Proportion Two or More Races Enrollment	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Proportion of Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunch	0.65	0.59	0.66	0.66	0.67	0.66
	(0.27)	(0.24)	(0.27)	(0.27)	(0.27)	(0.28)
Elementary	0.57	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.57	0.59
	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.50)	(0.49)
Middle	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.17
	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.38)
High	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15
	(0.36)	(0.37)	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.35)
Observations	9,972	1,840	1,922	1,924	2,064	2,222

Note.

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Table 3. Means and standard deviations of law enforcement presence in school districts from district-level analysis

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
# of Schools Served by Officers	38.03	37.60	36.30	33.51	34.46	48.28
	(54.57)	(58.55)	(46.73)	(46.20)	(48.85)	(69.25)
# of Schools Served by Officers - Elementary	18.87	17.37	18.03	16.00	16.78	26.18
	(31.19)	(29.20)	(28.49)	(28.50)	(29.90)	(38.50)
# of Schools Served by Officers - Middle	7.84	7.78	7.84	7.85	7.79	7.96
	(11.34)	(11.72)	(11.44)	(11.49)	(11.04)	(11.34)
# of Schools Served by Officers - High	6.27	5.93	6.16	6.09	6.34	6.85
	(8.39)	(7.95)	(7.93)	(7.96)	(8.37)	(9.79)
# of Officers	29.75	21.35	22.63	22.93	27.53	54.31
	(45.36)	(30.73)	(31.94)	(31.36)	(35.87)	(73.41)
# of Officers - Elementary	9.94	4.07	4.58	5.26	8.49	27.31
	(22.21)	(10.07)	(10.57)	(11.68)	(14.85)	(39.14)
# of Officers - Middle	7.70	7.12	7.56	7.43	7.65	8.75
	(11.51)	(11.61)	(11.84)	(11.39)	(11.12)	(11.87)
# of Officers - High	7.83	6.97	7.16	7.15	7.91	9.96
	(10.66)	(9.69)	(9.97)	(9.97)	(10.57)	(12.81)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

Note. Data from district self-reports to annual FL DOE Safe Schools Appropriations Expenditure Report

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Table 4. Means and standard deviations of law enforcement presence in school districts from school-level analysis

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Law Enforcement Present	0.62	0.57	0.60	0.61	0.61	0.72
	(0.48)	(0.50)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.45)
Law Enforcement Present - Elementary	0.45	0.38	0.40	0.41	0.42	0.60
	(0.50)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.49)	(0.49)
Law Enforcement Present - Middle	0.91	0.89	0.90	0.91	0.91	0.95
	(0.28)	(0.31)	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.29)	(0.22)
Law Enforcement Present - High	0.95	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.95	0.97
	(0.22)	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.22)	(0.22)	(0.18)
# of Law Enforcement	0.56	0.48	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.75
	(0.52)	(0.51)	(0.52)	(0.51)	(0.51)	(0.50)
# of Law Enforcement - Elementary	0.31	0.19	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.60
	(0.41)	(0.32)	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.49)
# of Law Enforcement - Middle	0.90	0.86	0.91	0.89	0.89	0.95
	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.33)	(0.30)	(0.30)	(0.25)
# of Law Enforcement - High	1.09	1.05	1.07	1.09	1.08	1.17
	(0.45)	(0.46)	(0.45)	(0.46)	(0.43)	(0.44)
Observations	9972	1840	1922	1924	2064	2222

Note. Data gathered from school district and law enforcement agencies

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Table 5. Means and standard deviations for district-level reports of behavioral incidents

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Incidents						
Total	1099.66	1080.27	1073.49	1019.06	1062.07	1263.42
	(2001.84)	(2065.42)	(2097.44)	(1995.35)	(1870.79)	(2024.06)
Level 1	38.60	43.03	39.45	35.49	36.52	38.52
	(72.38)	(81.80)	(70.16)	(66.64)	(72.59)	(71.79)
Level 2	178.04	163.34	196.31	198.45	171.69	160.43
	(704.63)	(751.52)	(805.50)	(813.80)	(633.89)	(483.26)
Level 3	669.69	696.54	677.18	632.25	643.33	699.13
	(1201.02)	(1295.93)	(1253.18)	(1152.36)	(1119.96)	(1209.85)
Level 4	213.33	177.36	160.55	152.87	210.54	365.33
	(353.80)	(264.73)	(235.48)	(246.14)	(338.35)	(549.13)
Alcohol	18.01	18.03	17.73	17.21	18.48	18.60
	(22.27)	(22.70)	(22.43)	(21.29)	(22.51)	(23.01)
Arson	1.31	1.55	1.49	1.19	1.24	1.09
	(2.83)	(2.95)	(3.05)	(2.96)	(3.05)	(2.08)
Battery - Aggravated/Felony	36.67	40.87	37.51	33.70	34.63	36.67
	(70.13)	(79.27)	(67.86)	(64.24)	(69.99)	(70.30)
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	4.18	5.18	4.28	6.12	3.18	2.15
	(25.14)	(29.05)	(25.00)	(37.08)	(16.00)	(9.40)
Bullying	45.53	43.84	42.52	46.87	43.91	50.49
	(83.00)	(75.78)	(73.26)	(94.41)	(78.84)	(92.64)
Disruption on Campus-Major	49.67	48.01	50.61	49.52	50.09	50.10
	(111.17)	(116.14)	(119.30)	(113.06)	(111.39)	(98.12)
Drug Sale/Distribution Excluding Alcohol	8.95	9.93	8.24	7.45	8.36	10.79
	(12.66)	(13.34)	(11.56)	(10.68)	(11.73)	(15.49)
Drug Use/Possession Excluding Alcohol	103.57	97.30	93.90	90.69	101.60	134.36
	(152.34)	(148.97)	(139.46)	(132.23)	(147.89)	(187.57)
Fighting	312.33	359.07	327.46	294.34	288.96	291.79
	(740.55)	(878.08)	(798.43)	(719.91)	(668.95)	(630.27)
Harassment	26.89	26.93	27.19	26.46	24.69	29.19
	(50.33)	(48.96)	(51.43)	(51.21)	(46.25)	(54.83)
Hazing	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.16	0.06
	(0.42)	(0.45)	(0.38)	(0.54)	(0.41)	(0.30)
Homicide	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.08)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.12)	(0.12)
Kidnapping	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.00
	(0.13)	(0.00)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.12)	(0.00)
Larceny/Theft	25.87	31.06	30.48	29.19	21.06	17.55
	(61.47)	(73.02)	(64.40)	(77.18)	(42.30)	(41.75)
Other Major	36.65	33.27	40.22	37.54	36.49	35.75
	(86.40)	(76.88)	(92.96)	(98.02)	(89.00)	(75.30)

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Physical Attack	138.81	118.75	154.34	158.67	137.31	124.96
	(687.36)	(737.43)	(790.06)	(797.51)	(615.48)	(454.85)
Robbery	2.12	2.06	2.48	2.19	1.93	1.94
	(5.57)	(5.73)	(6.51)	(5.43)	(4.83)	(5.35)
Sexual Assault	0.65	0.34	0.37	0.69	0.81	1.03
	(1.75)	(1.21)	(1.11)	(1.76)	(1.97)	(2.34)
Sexual Battery	0.59	0.61	0.42	0.55	0.63	0.75
	(1.53)	(1.60)	(1.16)	(1.41)	(1.48)	(1.93)
Sexual Harassment	30.37	26.43	26.82	29.03	32.18	37.40
	(74.49)	(58.04)	(59.55)	(69.08)	(74.20)	(103.95)
Sexual Offenses (Other)	22.40	21.19	23.48	21.33	22.24	23.78
	(44.07)	(53.35)	(46.78)	(39.21)	(35.91)	(44.26)
Threat/Intimidation	69.93	62.75	64.30	61.42	73.21	87.96
	(123.98)	(109.44)	(114.49)	(109.41)	(127.03)	(155.21)
Tobacco-Nicotine	122.90	88.57	73.10	62.33	123.46	267.04
	(243.16)	(150.17)	(121.04)	(116.10)	(219.50)	(414.52)
Trespassing	7.54	7.72	8.15	7.09	6.78	7.99
	(18.05)	(15.58)	(22.52)	(16.86)	(15.39)	(19.39)
Vandalism	11.26	9.64	11.67	12.01	10.57	12.40
	(36.31)	(32.37)	(38.71)	(39.88)	(33.29)	(37.71)
Weapons Possession	23.34	27.09	26.60	23.33	20.10	19.57
	(49.20)	(63.29)	(59.64)	(45.63)	(38.39)	(32.91)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

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Table 6. Means and standard deviations for school-level reports of behavioral incidents

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Incidents						
Total	21.02	17.68	20.44	19.55	21.21	25.41
	(34.39)	(28.78)	(33.81)	(31.88)	(34.28)	(40.41)
Level 1	0.83	0.86	0.87	0.80	0.81	0.79
	(3.06)	(2.47)	(2.94)	(2.85)	(3.46)	(3.36)
Level 2	2.61	1.48	2.48	2.66	2.70	3.53
	(7.29)	(3.44)	(6.93)	(7.87)	(7.19)	(9.16)
Level 3	13.06	11.76	13.58	12.85	13.25	13.68
	(23.60)	(20.99)	(24.96)	(23.11)	(23.79)	(24.63)
Level 4	4.53	3.57	3.51	3.23	4.44	7.40
	(10.25)	(6.88)	(6.63)	(6.24)	(9.22)	(16.44)
Alcohol	0.43	0.41	0.46	0.42	0.47	0.42
	(1.29)	(1.29)	(1.42)	(1.23)	(1.29)	(1.21)
Arson	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03
	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.18)
Battery - Aggravated/Felony	0.78	0.81	0.84	0.77	0.77	0.75
	(2.98)	(2.42)	(2.87)	(2.73)	(3.41)	(3.28)
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.02
	(0.23)	(0.22)	(0.17)	(0.23)	(0.25)	(0.24)
Bullying	0.97	0.87	0.91	1.01	0.96	1.08
	(2.37)	(1.93)	(2.05)	(3.08)	(2.18)	(2.43)
Disruption on Campus-Major	1.05	0.92	1.13	1.07	1.11	1.01
	(4.15)	(3.78)	(5.31)	(4.25)	(3.86)	(3.41)
Drug Sale/Distribution Excluding Alcohol	0.21	0.23	0.20	0.18	0.21	0.25
	(0.70)	(0.74)	(0.66)	(0.60)	(0.70)	(0.79)
Drug Use/Possession Excluding Alcohol	2.25	2.08	2.05	2.04	2.26	2.72
	(5.65)	(5.05)	(5.01)	(5.03)	(5.59)	(7.01)
Fighting	5.33	4.73	5.89	5.19	5.24	5.55
	(12.89)	(10.97)	(14.12)	(11.75)	(12.99)	(14.04)
Harassment	0.58	0.54	0.60	0.61	0.52	0.61
	(1.78)	(1.75)	(1.83)	(1.88)	(1.50)	(1.90)
Hazing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.05)
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Kidnapping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Larceny/Theft	0.45	0.51	0.59	0.50	0.41	0.29
	(1.33)	(1.44)	(1.62)	(1.45)	(1.21)	(0.87)
Other Major	0.78	0.69	0.80	0.89	0.85	0.65
	(3.43)	(3.84)	(3.74)	(4.20)	(3.18)	(1.95)
Physical Attack	1.82	0.61	1.67	1.89	1.95	2.79
	(6.89)	(2.67)	(6.52)	(7.47)	(6.72)	(8.83)
Robbery	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
	(0.29)	(0.26)	(0.34)	(0.29)	(0.29)	(0.25)
Sexual Assault	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02

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	(0.12)	(0.08)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.15)	(0.17)
Sexual Battery	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.11)	(0.13)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.13)
Sexual Harassment	0.72	0.60	0.65	0.73	0.76	0.83
	(2.01)	(1.81)	(1.82)	(2.01)	(2.03)	(2.28)
Sexual Offenses (Other)	0.48	0.43	0.52	0.48	0.52	0.46
	(1.32)	(1.22)	(1.45)	(1.32)	(1.34)	(1.26)
Threat/Intimidation	1.67	1.50	1.60	1.61	1.79	1.83
	(4.17)	(3.84)	(4.41)	(4.72)	(4.00)	(3.87)
Tobacco-Nicotine	2.55	1.75	1.54	1.19	2.49	5.30
	(8.67)	(4.96)	(4.57)	(3.66)	(7.59)	(14.93)
Trespassing	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.10
	(0.58)	(0.66)	(0.51)	(0.54)	(0.61)	(0.57)
Vandalism	0.22	0.17	0.23	0.24	0.20	0.25
	(0.99)	(0.69)	(1.03)	(1.10)	(0.93)	(1.09)
Weapons Possession	0.50	0.58	0.54	0.51	0.46	0.42
	(1.15)	(1.27)	(1.19)	(1.19)	(1.12)	(1.01)
Observations	9,972	1,840	1,922	1,924	2,064	2,222

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Table 7. Means and standard deviations for district-level reports of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Reported to Law Enforcement						
Total	377.76	375.72	377.28	349.54	349.31	436.94
	(577.77)	(626.87)	(594.27)	(547.98)	(541.59)	(586.85)
Level 1	38.25	42.61	39.12	35.24	36.10	38.16
	(72.09)	(81.57)	(70.11)	(66.30)	(71.97)	(71.58)
Level 2	53.45	56.00	57.37	54.21	45.48	54.19
	(103.65)	(125.48)	(116.27)	(106.64)	(70.52)	(93.11)
Level 3	244.52	240.00	246.40	231.57	228.30	276.33
	(386.91)	(406.69)	(396.90)	(371.93)	(370.95)	(396.51)
Level 4	41.54	37.10	34.39	28.52	39.43	68.25
	(73.57)	(72.40)	(59.88)	(48.28)	(71.96)	(100.41)
Alcohol	9.09	9.93	9.60	9.49	8.69	7.76
	(14.74)	(15.60)	(16.19)	(16.26)	(13.38)	(12.13)
Arson	0.96	1.13	1.16	0.94	0.82	0.73
	(2.33)	(2.35)	(2.76)	(2.65)	(2.02)	(1.73)
Battery - Aggravated/Felony	36.67	40.87	37.51	33.70	34.63	36.67
	(70.13)	(79.27)	(67.86)	(64.24)	(69.99)	(70.30)
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	4.05	5.01	4.13	6.01	3.10	1.99
	(25.14)	(29.06)	(25.01)	(37.09)	(16.01)	(9.25)
Bullying	4.92	5.22	5.28	4.37	5.06	4.67
	(11.31)	(13.90)	(13.17)	(9.88)	(10.83)	(8.09)
Disruption on Campus-Major	41.67	41.24	44.03	43.52	38.76	40.82
	(105.17)	(114.94)	(114.71)	(109.30)	(102.11)	(84.93)
Drug Sale/Distribution Excluding Alcohol	8.19	9.07	7.69	6.90	7.61	9.70
	(11.88)	(12.92)	(10.82)	(10.11)	(10.81)	(14.34)
Drug Use/Possession Excluding Alcohol	91.46	86.27	85.27	79.93	85.64	120.19
	(135.59)	(137.84)	(126.74)	(111.91)	(127.47)	(167.73)
Fighting	26.91	28.43	29.39	23.39	26.97	26.37
	(53.98)	(55.47)	(56.73)	(50.29)	(64.54)	(41.64)
Harassment	2.78	2.66	2.96	2.76	2.42	3.12
	(5.48)	(5.58)	(6.20)	(5.66)	(5.06)	(4.94)
Hazing	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.03
	(0.19)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.37)	(0.12)	(0.17)
Homicide	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.08)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.12)	(0.12)
Kidnapping	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.00
	(0.13)	(0.00)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.12)	(0.00)
Larceny/Theft	17.27	21.82	20.78	20.97	12.16	10.63
	(57.37)	(68.06)	(59.24)	(74.24)	(37.15)	(38.75)
Other Major	13.07	12.96	14.21	13.72	11.48	13.01
	(30.65)	(35.49)	(34.74)	(34.57)	(22.92)	(23.72)
Physical Attack	15.66	12.73	16.46	15.66	12.70	20.75

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	(54.14)	(67.48)	(59.69)	(53.23)	(27.70)	(55.43)
Robbery	1.93	1.91	2.34	2.09	1.61	1.67
	(5.27)	(5.59)	(6.20)	(5.22)	(4.35)	(4.91)
Sexual Assault	0.28	0.18	0.15	0.22	0.34	0.52
	(0.74)	(0.52)	(0.53)	(0.55)	(0.81)	(1.09)
Sexual Battery	0.59	0.61	0.42	0.55	0.63	0.75
	(1.53)	(1.60)	(1.16)	(1.41)	(1.48)	(1.93)
Sexual Harassment	6.80	5.90	5.69	6.61	7.18	8.63
	(16.79)	(15.57)	(12.30)	(17.86)	(17.35)	(20.18)
Sexual Offenses (Other)	10.56	9.88	11.76	10.30	10.31	10.57
	(20.23)	(22.62)	(22.92)	(19.01)	(18.44)	(18.19)
Threat/Intimidation	28.34	24.30	25.91	23.90	29.04	38.54
	(58.24)	(58.32)	(59.72)	(49.02)	(53.90)	(68.87)
Tobacco-Nicotine	24.74	19.30	16.55	11.90	23.27	52.70
	(52.78)	(46.13)	(31.49)	(24.31)	(48.51)	(83.51)
Trespassing	3.45	3.93	3.60	3.24	2.73	3.75
	(9.55)	(9.98)	(9.27)	(8.91)	(6.31)	(12.48)
Vandalism	4.96	5.28	5.78	5.96	4.00	3.79
	(24.83)	(28.87)	(29.28)	(28.86)	(18.17)	(16.17)
Weapons Possession	23.34	27.09	26.60	23.33	20.10	19.57
	(49.20)	(63.29)	(59.64)	(45.63)	(38.39)	(32.91)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

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Table 8. Means and standard deviations for school-level reports of behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Reported to Law Enforcement						
Total	8.26	7.75	8.31	7.64	8.31	9.11
	(17.29)	(15.85)	(17.90)	(15.85)	(17.38)	(18.91)
Level 1	0.82	0.85	0.87	0.80	0.80	0.78
	(3.05)	(2.46)	(2.94)	(2.85)	(3.44)	(3.34)
Level 2	1.03	0.97	1.05	1.01	1.06	1.04
	(2.25)	(1.95)	(2.35)	(2.39)	(2.37)	(2.17)
Level 3	5.24	4.90	5.39	5.03	5.31	5.51
	(11.67)	(10.80)	(12.50)	(11.58)	(11.85)	(11.53)
Level 4	1.17	1.03	1.00	0.80	1.14	1.78
	(4.42)	(3.52)	(3.18)	(2.49)	(4.06)	(6.90)
Alcohol	0.23	0.22	0.26	0.23	0.25	0.20
	(0.88)	(0.85)	(1.00)	(0.88)	(0.88)	(0.78)
Arson	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.22)	(0.17)	(0.15)
Battery - Aggravated/Felony	0.78	0.81	0.84	0.77	0.77	0.75
	(2.98)	(2.42)	(2.87)	(2.73)	(3.41)	(3.28)
Breaking and Entering/Burglary	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02
	(0.22)	(0.21)	(0.17)	(0.22)	(0.25)	(0.22)
Bullying	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.12	0.14	0.10
	(0.62)	(0.66)	(0.77)	(0.52)	(0.61)	(0.52)
Disruption on Campus-Major	0.87	0.78	0.98	0.90	0.88	0.82
	(3.96)	(3.60)	(5.20)	(4.10)	(3.58)	(3.13)
Drug Sale/Distribution Excluding Alcohol	0.20	0.21	0.18	0.17	0.19	0.22
	(0.67)	(0.71)	(0.62)	(0.57)	(0.68)	(0.74)
Drug Use/Possession Excluding Alcohol	1.98	1.84	1.84	1.73	1.98	2.43
	(5.13)	(4.56)	(4.51)	(4.36)	(5.07)	(6.54)
Fighting	0.66	0.67	0.72	0.65	0.70	0.57
	(2.46)	(2.32)	(2.52)	(2.36)	(3.00)	(2.00)
Harassment	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07
	(0.44)	(0.46)	(0.48)	(0.43)	(0.40)	(0.43)
Hazing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.03)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.07)	(0.00)	(0.02)
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Kidnapping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.00)
Larceny/Theft	0.27	0.32	0.37	0.32	0.22	0.15
	(0.99)	(1.05)	(1.27)	(1.16)	(0.75)	(0.58)
Other Major	0.26	0.25	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.26
	(1.33)	(1.48)	(1.68)	(1.41)	(1.00)	(1.03)
Physical Attack	0.27	0.12	0.26	0.26	0.34	0.34
	(1.34)	(0.67)	(1.46)	(1.60)	(1.49)	(1.25)
Robbery	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03
	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.31)	(0.27)	(0.23)	(0.22)
Sexual Assault	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.10)	(0.11)
Sexual Battery	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.11)	(0.13)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.13)
Sexual Harassment	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.20	0.20	0.20
	(0.80)	(0.74)	(0.70)	(0.91)	(0.87)	(0.77)
Sexual Offenses (Other)	0.24	0.19	0.28	0.24	0.27	0.22

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	(0.85)	(0.70)	(1.02)	(0.90)	(0.87)	(0.76)
Threat/Intimidation	0.66	0.55	0.64	0.63	0.71	0.76
	(1.89)	(1.81)	(1.98)	(2.02)	(1.76)	(1.89)
Tobacco-Nicotine	0.74	0.59	0.51	0.36	0.69	1.42
	(3.82)	(2.80)	(2.27)	(1.76)	(3.36)	(6.38)
Trespassing	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05
	(0.36)	(0.45)	(0.39)	(0.34)	(0.35)	(0.29)
Vandalism	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04
	(0.30)	(0.27)	(0.38)	(0.35)	(0.26)	(0.25)
Weapons Possession	0.50	0.58	0.54	0.51	0.46	0.42
	(1.15)	(1.27)	(1.19)	(1.19)	(1.12)	(1.01)
Observations	9,972	1,840	1,922	1,924	2,064	2,222

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Table 9. Means and standard deviations for district-level reports of school arrests

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
School Arrests						
Total	118.20	140.91	118.94	106.16	107.91	117.07
	(154.87)	(194.39)	(164.96)	(136.95)	(133.14)	(138.23)
Black	60.61	74.13	63.42	56.48	55.64	53.39
	(89.75)	(113.95)	(97.10)	(80.77)	(79.09)	(72.71)
White	38.35	43.99	36.99	32.33	35.72	42.73
	(46.16)	(54.01)	(47.97)	(38.44)	(40.86)	(48.16)
Hispanic	18.76	22.28	18.12	17.03	16.22	20.15
	(34.19)	(43.38)	(34.75)	(30.09)	(26.82)	(34.31)
Other Race	0.48	0.51	0.42	0.33	0.33	0.81
	(1.06)	(1.22)	(0.86)	(0.81)	(0.61)	(1.50)
Felony	48.65	52.01	46.66	43.84	44.43	56.31
	(67.57)	(77.50)	(66.63)	(60.61)	(55.80)	(75.87)
Misdemeanor	69.55	88.90	72.28	62.33	63.48	60.76
	(93.09)	(122.05)	(102.55)	(82.21)	(80.93)	(67.68)
Agg. Assault/Battery	16.51	17.87	17.51	14.96	15.51	16.72
	(23.35)	(26.71)	(25.79)	(21.33)	(20.81)	(22.06)
Alcohol Offenses	0.73	0.82	0.85	0.58	0.66	0.73
	(1.36)	(1.56)	(1.63)	(1.09)	(1.05)	(1.39)
Armed Robbery	0.08	0.12	0.10	0.01	0.07	0.10
	(0.43)	(0.56)	(0.46)	(0.12)	(0.32)	(0.53)
Arson	0.33	0.27	0.49	0.21	0.36	0.31
	(0.82)	(0.77)	(1.04)	(0.54)	(0.95)	(0.68)
Assault/Battery	22.38	26.31	22.58	20.42	22.09	20.49
	(29.47)	(35.70)	(30.89)	(25.28)	(29.49)	(25.19)
Att. Murder/Manslaughter	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.08)	(0.00)	(0.17)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Auto Theft	0.35	0.31	0.45	0.40	0.30	0.27
	(0.84)	(0.84)	(0.99)	(0.92)	(0.74)	(0.66)
Burglary	4.79	5.81	4.85	5.99	4.10	3.18
	(8.69)	(11.17)	(7.85)	(10.40)	(6.33)	(6.46)
Disorderly Conduct	17.62	22.45	17.24	15.49	16.64	16.28
	(25.75)	(32.47)	(27.89)	(23.35)	(23.54)	(19.84)
Escape	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.03
	(0.18)	(0.27)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.00)	(0.24)
Felony Drug	8.25	6.43	4.79	5.01	6.31	18.72
	(17.44)	(9.68)	(7.25)	(7.16)	(8.41)	(33.62)
Felony Vandalism	0.58	0.76	0.54	0.61	0.63	0.37
	(1.25)	(1.56)	(1.17)	(1.22)	(1.35)	(0.85)
Fraud Forgery Counterfeit	0.56	0.18	0.19	0.19	0.99	1.25
	(1.84)	(0.52)	(0.56)	(0.47)	(2.48)	(3.01)
Grand Larceny (excl Auto Theft)	4.44	6.10	5.57	4.49	3.57	2.45
	(6.54)	(8.48)	(7.54)	(6.49)	(4.85)	(3.59)
Hunt Fish Boat Laws	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01

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	(0.05)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.12)
Kidnapping	0.19	0.19	0.06	0.28	0.22	0.18
	(0.67)	(0.70)	(0.30)	(0.92)	(0.69)	(0.60)
Loitering Prowling	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.03
	(0.22)	(0.00)	(0.17)	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.17)
Misd. Obstruct Justice	1.54	2.07	1.52	1.42	1.24	1.45
	(3.14)	(5.29)	(2.63)	(2.53)	(1.84)	(2.21)
Misd. Sex Offenses	0.58	0.57	0.73	0.52	0.61	0.45
	(1.31)	(1.10)	(1.73)	(1.17)	(1.41)	(1.05)
Misd. Weapon/Firearm	0.25	0.40	0.21	0.18	0.16	0.31
	(0.65)	(0.85)	(0.48)	(0.55)	(0.45)	(0.78)
Misdemeanor Drug	15.93	22.09	17.64	14.30	12.93	12.67
	(28.94)	(42.36)	(35.90)	(22.56)	(18.60)	(15.34)
Murder/Manslaughter	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04
	(0.14)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.27)
Non-Felony Traffic Offenses	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.05)	(0.12)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Obstruct Justice	0.41	0.37	0.49	0.43	0.33	0.45
	(0.94)	(1.03)	(0.98)	(0.86)	(0.68)	(1.12)
Obstruct Justice Violent	0.53	0.60	0.63	0.33	0.48	0.61
	(1.21)	(1.36)	(1.44)	(0.66)	(1.08)	(1.36)
Other Fel. Sex Offense	1.35	1.60	1.19	1.06	1.42	1.49
	(2.34)	(2.55)	(2.13)	(2.07)	(2.28)	(2.62)
Other Misdemeanors	0.41	0.45	0.36	0.40	0.45	0.42
	(0.92)	(0.96)	(0.79)	(0.72)	(1.29)	(0.76)
Other Robbery	1.29	1.34	1.49	1.39	1.25	0.96
	(3.22)	(3.55)	(3.74)	(3.10)	(3.10)	(2.56)
Petit Larceny	3.13	4.43	3.75	3.19	2.30	2.00
	(4.86)	(6.82)	(5.12)	(4.57)	(3.55)	(3.04)
Sexual Battery	0.48	0.58	0.51	0.42	0.51	0.37
	(1.13)	(1.44)	(1.35)	(1.00)	(1.05)	(0.69)
Stolen Property	0.21	0.40	0.28	0.15	0.07	0.16
	(0.67)	(1.06)	(0.52)	(0.56)	(0.40)	(0.59)
Trespassing	5.27	7.06	5.61	4.36	4.87	4.48
	(9.68)	(13.81)	(10.23)	(7.50)	(8.32)	(6.97)
Vandalism	1.66	2.22	1.76	1.40	1.46	1.43
	(2.36)	(2.85)	(2.63)	(1.95)	(2.39)	(1.77)
Weapon/Firearm	7.02	8.16	6.64	6.88	6.58	6.85
	(11.50)	(15.27)	(10.69)	(11.28)	(9.80)	(9.84)
“Other” Felony	1.24	0.85	0.81	1.00	1.73	1.79
	(2.21)	(1.37)	(1.66)	(1.56)	(2.92)	(2.84)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

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Table 10. Means and standard deviations for school-level reports of school arrests

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
School Arrests						
Total	2.55	2.94	2.68	2.34	2.39	2.42
	(5.78)	(6.31)	(6.12)	(5.24)	(5.42)	(5.78)
Black	1.20	1.40	1.31	1.15	1.15	1.03
	(3.50)	(3.84)	(3.77)	(3.16)	(3.38)	(3.32)
White	0.92	1.02	0.93	0.80	0.89	0.98
	(2.30)	(2.42)	(2.39)	(2.07)	(2.09)	(2.49)
Hispanic	0.41	0.51	0.43	0.38	0.35	0.39
	(1.35)	(1.64)	(1.39)	(1.26)	(1.12)	(1.30)
Other Race	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.08)	(0.16)
Felony	0.99	1.00	0.97	0.89	0.94	1.13
	(2.35)	(2.30)	(2.36)	(2.05)	(2.11)	(2.79)
Misdemeanor	1.55	1.94	1.70	1.45	1.45	1.29
	(3.91)	(4.48)	(4.18)	(3.59)	(3.72)	(3.56)
Agg. Assault/Battery	0.30	0.29	0.33	0.27	0.29	0.31
	(0.93)	(0.99)	(1.04)	(0.82)	(0.85)	(0.93)
Alcohol Offenses	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.17)	(0.16)	(0.14)	(0.19)
Armed Robbery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.03)	(0.02)	(0.06)	(0.00)	(0.04)	(0.03)
Arson	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.12)	(0.06)	(0.10)	(0.08)
Assault/Battery	0.49	0.54	0.50	0.46	0.50	0.44
	(1.40)	(1.52)	(1.37)	(1.34)	(1.41)	(1.35)
Att. Murder/Manslaughter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.03)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Auto Theft	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
	(0.09)	(0.10)	(0.08)	(0.11)	(0.07)	(0.10)
Burglary	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.07
	(0.53)	(0.57)	(0.56)	(0.59)	(0.51)	(0.39)
Disorderly Conduct	0.39	0.47	0.41	0.35	0.38	0.34
	(1.58)	(1.63)	(1.73)	(1.46)	(1.64)	(1.44)
Escape	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.03)
Felony Drug	0.18	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.14	0.38
	(0.90)	(0.50)	(0.43)	(0.45)	(0.60)	(1.64)
Felony Vandalism	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00
	(0.14)	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.17)	(0.13)	(0.09)
Fraud Forgery Counterfeit	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.03
	(0.16)	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.05)	(0.21)	(0.25)
Grand Larceny (excl Auto Theft)	0.10	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.09	0.05
	(0.45)	(0.51)	(0.47)	(0.54)	(0.41)	(0.29)
Hunt Fish Boat Laws	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.02)
Kidnapping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
	(0.09)	(0.11)	(0.03)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.08)
Loitering Prowling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.04)	(0.00)	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.03)
Misd. Obstruct Justice	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03
	(0.22)	(0.28)	(0.22)	(0.20)	(0.19)	(0.22)
Misd. Sex Offenses	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
	(0.17)	(0.13)	(0.26)	(0.14)	(0.17)	(0.13)
Misd. Weapon/Firearm	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.08)	(0.12)	(0.07)	(0.09)	(0.07)	(0.06)
Misdemeanor Drug	0.38	0.54	0.44	0.35	0.30	0.28
	(1.21)	(1.53)	(1.44)	(1.09)	(0.95)	(0.95)
Murder/Manslaughter	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.04)
Non-Felony Traffic Offenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)	(0.00)
Obstruct Justice	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.08)	(0.10)
Obstruct Justice Violent	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.16)	(0.08)	(0.11)	(0.11)
Other Fel. Sex Offense	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03
	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.20)	(0.20)

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Other Misdemeanors	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.10)
Other Robbery	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
	(0.23)	(0.22)	(0.27)	(0.27)	(0.21)	(0.17)
Petit Larceny	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.05
	(0.38)	(0.52)	(0.42)	(0.37)	(0.29)	(0.27)
Sexual Battery	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
	(0.13)	(0.17)	(0.13)	(0.10)	(0.14)	(0.10)
Stolen Property	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
	(0.10)	(0.16)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.09)
Trespassing	0.12	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.12	0.09
	(0.54)	(0.67)	(0.57)	(0.44)	(0.50)	(0.50)
Vandalism	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
	(0.20)	(0.24)	(0.22)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.17)
Weapon/Firearm	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.14
	(0.54)	(0.65)	(0.55)	(0.51)	(0.49)	(0.52)
“Other” Felony	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.04
	(0.21)	(0.17)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.26)	(0.24)
Observations	9,972	1,840	1,922	1,924	2,064	2,222

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Table 11. Means and standard deviations for district-level reports of school discipline

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Disciplinary Outcomes						
OSS	2255.55	2467.79	2260.04	2075.48	2160.99	2313.45
	(3062.70)	(3482.24)	(3125.28)	(2780.29)	(2903.99)	(3053.11)
ISS	2832.82	2998.75	2884.07	2790.91	2681.10	2809.28
	(4010.86)	(4609.49)	(4178.79)	(3905.23)	(3613.05)	(3786.69)
OSS – White Students	699.58	728.58	690.78	653.88	686.39	738.25
	(801.60)	(821.19)	(809.47)	(761.21)	(794.87)	(840.36)
OSS – Black Students	937.98	1053.15	973.16	864.76	882.87	915.97
	(1528.06)	(1744.30)	(1604.72)	(1372.94)	(1445.90)	(1482.99)
OSS – Hispanic Students	505.70	576.21	486.28	450.99	478.15	536.90
	(949.80)	(1219.92)	(908.34)	(819.68)	(842.88)	(927.09)
Physical Restraint	13.43	9.72	9.09	7.94	7.57	32.82
	(27.16)	(21.60)	(19.54)	(17.73)	(15.89)	(42.85)
Observations	335	67	67	67	67	67

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Table 12. Means and standard deviations for school-level reports of school discipline

	Full Sample	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Disciplinary Outcomes						
OSS	50.50	.	.	.	49.84	51.11
	(69.40)	.	.	.	(68.47)	(70.27)
ISS	61.54	.	.	.	62.24	60.89
	(102.49)	.	.	.	(103.11)	(101.93)
OSS – White Students	22.78	.	.	.	22.72	22.83
	(29.73)	.	.	.	(28.54)	(30.79)
OSS – Black Students	24.01	.	.	.	24.02	23.99
	(35.73)	.	.	.	(35.84)	(35.64)
OSS – Hispanic Students	15.14	.	.	.	15.02	15.25
	(26.63)	.	.	.	(26.09)	(27.13)
Physical Restraint	0.25	.	.	.	0.09	0.40
	(1.42)	.	.	.	(1.01)	(1.70)
Observations	9,972				2,064	2,222

Note. School-level discipline data was only available from the state from 2017-18 onward

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Table 13. Regression coefficients and standard errors from models predicting behavioral incidents from officer presence for district-level and school-level analyses overall and by incident severity level

	Total Incidents		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Panel A: District-Level Analysis										
# Schools Served	0.00337**	0.00143*	5.09e-05	-0.00129*	0.00562**	0.00370**	0.00305*	0.00136+	0.00263*	0.000182
	(0.00112)	(0.000612)	(0.00258)	(0.000600)	(0.00132)	(0.000637)	(0.00119)	(0.000810)	(0.00104)	(0.000412)
Constant	4.225**	-0.424	-0.980	-11.46**	-0.299	-3.136	2.893**	-6.175+	4.403**	5.482+
	(1.031)	(2.759)	(1.605)	(4.109)	(3.034)	(6.367)	(0.832)	(3.533)	(0.971)	(3.274)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	335	335	309	309	329	329	335	335	331	331
Panel B: School-Level Analysis										
Officer Served	1.385**	1.024	1.642**	0.978	1.429**	1.230**	1.513**	1.006	1.273**	0.933
	(0.0359)	(0.0419)	(0.116)	(0.122)	(0.0643)	(0.0977)	(0.0458)	(0.0482)	(0.0455)	(0.0590)
Constant	0.169**	0.887	0.0258**	0.488+	0.0659**	0.355**	0.111**	0.858	0.200**	0.985
	(0.00890)	(0.104)	(0.00370)	(0.207)	(0.00595)	(0.0742)	(0.00657)	(0.115)	(0.0142)	(0.170)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
School Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	9,609	9,002	9,609	4,535	9,609	6,887	9,609	8,467	9,609	7,918

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. SE are clustered in district-level analysis. Sample sizes vary due to some districts with zero disciplinary incidents for outcome which is undefined when log transformed and some schools with all zero outcomes over time. Results in Panel A are from OLS regression with log transformed outcome, and results in Panel B are incidence rate ratios from conditional fixed effect negative binomial regressions. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Table 14. Regression coefficients and standard errors from models predicting behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement from officer presence for district-level and school-level analyses overall and by incident severity level

	Reports to Law Enf.		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Panel A: District-Level Analysis										
# Schools Served	0.00312**	0.00110**	2.69e-05	-0.00130*	0.00501**	0.00295**	0.00286*	0.000907*	0.00572**	0.00400**
	(0.00115)	(0.000319)	(0.00257)	(0.000616)	(0.000902)	(0.000418)	(0.00114)	(0.000382)	(0.00186)	(0.00115)
Constant	2.127+	0.934	-0.996	-11.65**	-0.633	3.052	1.244	0.478	-5.147**	6.696
	(1.123)	(4.655)	(1.618)	(4.212)	(1.257)	(5.946)	(1.214)	(5.324)	(1.841)	(6.286)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	335	335	308	308	319	319	333	333	296	296
Panel B: School-Level Analysis										
Officer Served	1.648**	1.257**	1.655**	0.988	1.981**	1.354**	1.483**	1.186*	1.745**	1.692**
	(0.0572)	(0.0728)	(0.118)	(0.124)	(0.114)	(0.147)	(0.0603)	(0.0821)	(0.138)	(0.233)
Constant	0.0946**	0.900	0.0250**	0.500	0.0794**	0.545+	0.0785**	1.078	0.0567**	0.350**
	(0.00628)	(0.155)	(0.00362)	(0.216)	(0.00865)	(0.183)	(0.00590)	(0.217)	(0.00740)	(0.115)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
School Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	9,609	7,881	9,609	4,474	9,594	5,975	9,609	7,008	9,594	4,121

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. SE are clustered in district-level analysis. Sample sizes vary due to some districts with zero disciplinary incidents for outcome which is undefined when log transformed and some schools with all zero outcomes over time. Results in Panel A are from OLS regression with log transformed outcome, and results in Panel B are incidence rate ratios from conditional fixed effect negative binomial regressions. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Table 15. Regression coefficients and standard errors from models predicting public school arrests from officer presence for district-level and school-level analyses

	Total Arrests		Felonies		Misdemeanors		White		Black		Hispanic	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Panel A: District-Level Analysis												
# Schools Served	0.00167+	0.000713	0.00128	0.000145	0.00212*	0.00162	0.00351*	0.00150	0.00145+	0.000905	0.00223+	0.00116
	(0.000904)	(0.000795)	(0.000829)	(0.000691)	(0.00106)	(0.00108)	(0.00152)	(0.00145)	(0.000861)	(0.000684)	(0.00120)	(0.000998)
Constant	-0.515	1.883	-0.521	-0.0800	-2.012*	1.308	-3.361**	-1.002	-2.320*	0.331	-4.729**	-1.460
	(0.780)	(4.315)	(0.778)	(4.135)	(0.896)	(4.840)	(0.967)	(5.978)	(0.966)	(3.483)	(1.037)	(6.613)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	331	331	319	319	327	327	326	326	313	313	243	243
Panel B: School-Level Analysis												
Officer Served	1.823**	1.401**	1.676**	1.439**	2.038**	1.399*	1.875**	1.376*	1.751**	1.136	2.069**	1.306
	(0.105)	(0.141)	(0.121)	(0.183)	(0.157)	(0.189)	(0.151)	(0.198)	(0.134)	(0.150)	(0.293)	(0.320)
Constant	0.0383**	0.862	0.0410**	0.400*	0.0248**	0.729	0.0628**	0.929	0.0138**	0.720	0.0126**	1.407
	(0.00406)	(0.243)	(0.00548)	(0.169)	(0.00326)	(0.242)	(0.00870)	(0.385)	(0.00201)	(0.302)	(0.00271)	(2.053)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
School Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	9,609	5,517	9,609	4,750	9,609	4,431	9,549	4,214	9,609	4,289	9,372	2,915

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. SE are clustered in district-level analysis. Sample sizes vary due to some districts with zero disciplinary incidents for outcome which is undefined when log transformed and some schools with all zero outcomes over time. Results in Panel A are from OLS regression with log transformed outcome, and results in Panel B are incidence rate ratios from conditional fixed effect negative binomial regressions. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Table 16. Regression coefficients and standard errors from models predicting disciplinary outcomes from officer presence for district-level and school-level analyses

	OSS		ISS		OSS - White		OSS - Black		OSS - Hispanic	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Panel A: District-Level Analysis										
# Schools Served	0.00246	0.000325	0.00184+	-0.000256	0.00289	-0.000153	0.00220	0.000384	0.00316+	-6.36e-05
	(0.00170)	(0.00109)	(0.000989)	(0.000368)	(0.00202)	(0.00101)	(0.00197)	(0.00130)	(0.00189)	(0.00109)
Constant	2.811*	-8.648	4.410**	4.836+	2.385+	-6.660	0.167	-15.68+	-1.831	-7.619
	(1.098)	(7.338)	(1.220)	(2.646)	(1.223)	(6.654)	(1.119)	(8.949)	(1.227)	(7.050)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	335	335	331	331	335	335	335	335	333	333
Panel B: School-Level Analysis										
Officer Served	1.149**	1.035	1.308**	0.932	1.258**	1.050	1.073+	1.050	1.139**	0.990
	(0.0401)	(0.0507)	(0.0549)	(0.0650)	(0.0471)	(0.0415)	(0.0443)	(0.0535)	(0.0491)	(0.0588)
Constant	0.171**	1.752**	0.0602**	1.297	0.736**	8.362**	0.101**	4.188**	0.243**	3.725**
	(0.0115)	(0.370)	(0.00514)	(0.285)	(0.0547)	(3.131)	(0.00862)	(1.409)	(0.0196)	(1.597)
Observable Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
District Fixed Effects	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	
School Fixed Effects		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes
Observations	4,162	3,764	4,162	3,428	3,161	2,508	3,161	2,502	3,158	2,484

Note. Standard errors in parentheses. SE are clustered in district-level analysis. Sample sizes vary due to some districts with zero disciplinary incidents for outcome which is undefined when log transformed and some schools with all zero outcomes over time. Results in Panel A are from OLS regression with log transformed outcome, and results in Panel B are incidence rate ratios from conditional fixed effect negative binomial regressions. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Appendix A. School district coverage in school-level analyses

School District	School-Level Analysis Coverage
Alachua	Complete
Baker	Complete
Bay	Partial – Only available for 17-18 and 18-19 school years
Bradford	Complete - Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Brevard	Partial– Only available for 17-18 and 18-19 school years
Broward	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Calhoun	Complete
Charlotte	Complete
Citrus	Complete – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Clay	Complete
Collier	Complete – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Columbia	Complete
Desoto	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Dixie	Complete
Duval	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Escambia	Complete
Flagler	Partial– Not available for 14-15 school year
Franklin	Complete
Gadsden	Complete
Gilchrist	Complete
Glades	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Gulf	Complete
Hamilton	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Hardee	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Hendry	Complete
Hernando	Complete
Highlands	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Hillsborough	Complete
Holmes	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data

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Indian River	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Jackson	Complete
Jefferson	Complete – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Lafayette	Complete
Lake	Complete – No data on charter schools
Lee	Complete
Leon	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Levy	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Liberty	Complete
Madison	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Manatee	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Marion	Complete
Martin	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Miami-Dade	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Monroe	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Nassau	Complete – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Okaloosa	Complete
Okeechobee	Complete
Orange	Complete
Osceola	Complete
Palm Beach	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Pasco	Complete
Pinellas	Complete
Polk	Complete
Putnam	School district and law enforcement agencies did not provide data
Santa Rosa	Complete
Sarasota	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies
Seminole	Complete
St. Johns	Complete
St. Lucie	Complete – Provided by school district and local law enforcement agency
Sumter	Complete

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Suwannee	Complete
Taylor	Complete
Union	Complete
Volusia	Partial – Not available for 14-15 school year
Wakulla	Complete
Walton	Complete
Washington	Partial – Provided by local law enforcement agencies

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Appendix Table B1. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting total reported behavioral incidents and incidents by level for district-level analysis

	Total Incidents		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE
# of Schools Served										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00337**	0.00143*	5.09e-05	-0.00129*	0.00562**	0.00370**	0.00305*	0.00136+	0.00263*	0.000182
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00701**	0.000521	0.00490	-0.00195	0.00745**	0.00223**	0.00724**	0.000501	0.00543*	-0.000215
Weighted OLS	8.824*	11.38**	-0.111	-0.109	3.463+	4.303**	2.680	4.581+	2.792**	2.601**
Unweighted OLS	13.37**	8.282**	0.281	-0.185	3.829	3.211*	7.226**	1.996+	2.035**	3.260*
Poisson	0.00394**	0.00122*	0.00307	-0.00143*	0.00823**	0.00198+	0.00350**	0.000696	0.00222*	-9.94e-05
Negative Binomial	1.009**	1.001	1.011+	0.999	1.009**	1.002+	1.008**	1.001	1.007*	1.000
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00151+	0.00135	-0.00201	-0.00219**	0.00194	0.00339**	0.00208**	0.00178	0.000258	-0.000398
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00234	-0.00105	0.000267	-0.00279+	0.00143	-4.88e-05	0.00326*	-0.000497	0.00160	-0.000943
Weighted OLS	5.967+	14.72**	-0.144	-0.107	-0.546	3.765**	2.642	6.734**	4.016**	4.326**
Unweighted OLS	5.131	5.338	0.0563	-0.177	-1.974	0.0834	3.258	0.554	3.792**	4.877**
Poisson	0.000830	0.00102	0.000777	-0.00223**	-0.00271	0.00287	0.00183+	0.000982	0.000816	-0.000534
Negative Binomial	1.002	1.000	1.001	0.998*	1.001	1.000	1.003	1.000	1.002	1.000

Note. Each coefficient is from a separate regression including observable controls, year fixed-effects, and, as specified in the column headers, either with or without district fixed effects. Boxes highlighted in blue show statistically significant positive relationships while those in orange show statistically significant negative relationships. The primary results are those shown in the top row. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Appendix Table B2. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting total behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement and incidents by level for district-level analysis

	Incidents Reported to Law Enforcement		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE
# of Schools Served										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00312**	0.00110**	2.69e-05	-0.00130*	0.00501**	0.00295**	0.00286*	0.000907*	0.00572**	0.00400**
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00595*	-8.09e-05	0.00475	-0.00210	0.00612**	0.00149+	0.00593*	0.000414	0.00817*	0.00194
Weighted OLS	3.096**	2.088**	-0.113	-0.108	1.289**	1.084**	1.729**	1.184**	0.191	-0.0717
Unweighted OLS	4.749**	1.758*	0.276	-0.185	1.043**	0.815**	2.873*	1.167*	0.557	-0.0386
Poisson	0.00402**	0.000925*	0.00307	-0.00144*	0.00533**	0.00244**	0.00387**	0.00106*	0.00746**	-0.000987
Negative Binomial	1.010*	0.999	1.011+	0.999	1.007**	1.001	1.010*	0.999	1.019**	1.002
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00117	-0.000285	-0.00199	-0.00224**	0.00316*	0.00189	0.00108	-0.000482	0.00584**	0.00277
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.000864	-0.00214+	0.000232	-0.00296*	0.00197	-0.00102	0.00116	-0.00127	0.00104	0.00105
Weighted OLS	2.685**	1.393	-0.144	-0.107	1.244**	1.040**	1.595**	0.615	-0.0102	-0.155
Unweighted OLS	2.668**	0.789	0.0556	-0.177	0.565+	0.333	1.662**	0.506	0.385	0.127
Poisson	0.00160+	-0.000887	0.000794	-0.00226**	0.00375**	0.00196+	0.00181+	-0.000775	0.00166	-0.00384+
Negative Binomial	1.000	0.998*	1.001	0.998*	1.003	0.992**	1.000	0.999+	0.999	1.000

Note. Each coefficient is from a separate regression including observable controls, year fixed-effects, and, as specified in the column headers, either with or without district fixed effects. Boxes highlighted in blue show statistically significant positive relationships while those in orange show statistically significant negative relationships. The primary results are those shown in the top row. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Appendix Table B3. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting school arrests for district-level analysis

	Total Arrests		Felonies		Misdemeanors		White		Black		Hispanic	
	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE
# of Schools Served												
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00167+	0.000713	0.00128	0.000145	0.00212*	0.00162	0.00351*	0.00150	0.00145+	0.000905	0.00223+	0.00116
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00383+	-0.000116	0.00389*	-0.000445	0.00417+	0.000326	0.00748**	0.00122	0.00318	-0.000212	0.00525*	0.000576
Weighted OLS	0.182	-0.0237	0.0493	0.0137	0.133	-0.0373	0.0311	-0.0941+	0.142	0.0332	0.0119	0.0409
Unweighted OLS	0.685	-0.0936	0.251*	0.0429	0.435	-0.137	0.247	-0.0314	0.410*	-0.0597	0.0254	-0.00497
Poisson	0.00231+	-4.25e-05	0.00194*	-0.000113	0.00267	-7.46e-05	0.00351*	-0.000722	0.00226+	0.000139	0.00252*	-0.000147
Negative Binomial	1.006+	1.000	1.006*	1.000	0.0119	0.0409	1.009*	1.000	1.005	1.000	1.008*	0.999
# of Officers												
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.000733	0.000653	0.000104	0.000191	0.00128	0.00143	0.00416**	0.00238*	0.000415	0.000893	0.00204*	0.000305
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.000119	-0.000718	0.000996	-0.000872	-0.000554	-0.000980	0.00424*	0.00110	-0.000219	-0.000940	0.00228	-0.000463
Weighted OLS	0.0890	0.0341	0.0879+	0.120+	0.00109	-0.0864	0.0151	-0.0794	0.0472	0.0217	0.0318	0.0984
Unweighted OLS	0.0738	-0.148	0.193**	0.117	-0.119	-0.265*	0.143+	0.0210	-0.0736	-0.204*	0.00171	0.0335
Poisson	0.000250	-0.000678	0.000297	-0.000571	-0.000112	-0.00115	0.00140	-0.000915	-0.000223	-0.000528	0.00129	-0.000686
Negative Binomial	1.000	1.000	1.001	1.000	0.999	0.999	1.002	1.000	0.999	1.000	0.999	0.998

Note. Each coefficient is from a separate regression including observable controls, year fixed-effects, and, as specified in the column headers, either with or without district fixed effects. Boxes highlighted in blue show statistically significant positive relationships while those in orange show statistically significant negative relationships. The primary results are those shown in the top row. ** p<0.01, * p<0.05, + p<0.1

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Appendix Table B4. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting school discipline for district-level analysis

	OSS		ISS		OSS - White		OSS - Black		OSS - Hispanic	
	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE	w/o FE	w/ FE
# of Schools Served										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.00246	0.000325	0.00184+	-0.000256	0.00289	-0.000153	0.00220	0.000384	0.00316+	-6.36e-05
Unweighted OLS w/ logged outcome	0.00592*	-0.000974**	0.00425*	-0.000315	0.00701**	-0.00135**	0.00625*	-0.00132*	0.00717*	-0.00148**
Weighted OLS	7.683	-0.613	-5.254	-3.422	2.593	-0.954*	4.599	-0.239	-0.0334	0.728
Unweighted OLS	24.37*	-6.103*	8.830	-5.213	5.746+	-0.861*	13.44**	-3.156	4.108	-2.004**
Poisson	0.00387**	-0.00118**	0.00200*	-0.000453	0.00489**	-0.00114**	0.00414**	-0.00138**	0.00357*	-0.000841
Negative Binomial	1.008*	0.999	1.006*	1.000	1.010*	0.999+	1.008*	1.000	1.010*	0.998**
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.000422	0.00138	0.000749	-0.000510	0.000748	0.000854	-2.91e-06	0.00152	0.00107	0.00106
Unweighted OLS w/ logged outcome	0.00140	-0.000772+	0.00188	-0.000640	0.00186	-0.000777	0.00116	-0.00119*	0.00108	-0.00117
Weighted OLS	-2.739	6.376	-7.503+	-2.980	0.234	-0.520	-1.340	2.743	-1.683	4.220
Unweighted OLS	6.250	-2.234	-3.367	-7.637*	1.456	-0.0508	2.705	-1.741	1.729	-0.500
Poisson	0.00109	-0.000788	-3.65e-05	-0.000981	0.000993	-0.000842+	0.00117	-0.00103	0.00204	0.000323
Negative Binomial	1.002	1.000	1.001	0.999	1.002	1.000	1.002	1.001	1.000	1.000

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Appendix Table B5. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting reported behavioral incidents for school-level analysis

	Total Incidents		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE
Officer Served										
Negative Binomial	1.385**	1.024	1.642**	0.978	1.429**	1.230**	1.513**	1.006	1.273**	0.933
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.234**	-0.119	0.376**	-0.00805	0.0120	0.0885	0.311**	-0.133	0.179**	-0.145
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.254**	-0.137*	0.406**	0.0316	0.0201	-0.0225	0.336**	-0.173*	0.176**	-0.124
Weighted OLS	8.327**	-8.967**	1.423**	0.123	1.181**	-0.307	3.792**	-4.181**	1.931**	-4.602**
Unweighted OLS	7.108**	-6.339**	1.215**	0.109	0.861*	-0.515*	3.492**	-3.263**	1.540**	-2.670**
Poisson	0.376*	-0.265**	0.786*	0.394*	0.0228	0.00772	0.485**	-0.321**	0.343**	-0.150
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.102*	-0.0854+	0.173**	0.0449	0.127**	-0.0398	0.141**	-0.114*	-0.0615	-0.0826
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.155**	-0.145**	0.226**	0.0344	0.0694	-0.123	0.223**	-0.176**	0.0137	-0.136+
Weighted OLS	3.739*	-6.352**	0.951**	0.0631	0.815*	-0.683*	2.059+	-2.892*	-0.0869	-2.840*
Unweighted OLS	5.475**	-6.176**	0.983**	0.0849	0.569+	-0.947**	3.518**	-2.848**	0.405	-2.466**
Poisson	0.153	-0.0788	0.395**	0.150	0.160	-0.133+	0.157	-0.136*	0.0429	0.0180
Negative Binomial	1.139**	1.017	1.366**	1.010	1.250**	0.980	1.162**	1.028	1.009	0.917+

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Appendix Table B6. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting behavioral incidents reported to law enforcement for school-level analysis

	Incidents Reported to Law Enforcement		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4	
	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE
# of Schools Served										
Negative Binomial	1.648**	1.257**	1.655**	0.988	1.981**	1.354**	1.483**	1.186*	1.745**	1.692**
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.408**	0.193*	0.361**	-0.00217	0.0358	0.149	0.354**	0.123	0.268**	0.0535
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.445**	0.199*	0.397**	0.0434	0.0629	0.114	0.409**	0.123	0.294**	0.0613
Weighted OLS	8.042**	-1.084+	1.420**	0.123	0.264*	0.0477	4.429**	-0.487	1.928**	-0.767**
Unweighted OLS	6.662**	-0.277	1.213**	0.109	0.319**	0.0543	3.764**	-0.0422	1.366**	-0.398*
Poisson	0.673**	0.256**	0.784+	0.396*	0.685**	0.235	0.612**	0.213*	0.730*	0.471*
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.199**	0.102+	0.170**	0.0516	0.117**	0.0638	0.161**	0.0927	0.0567	0.0105
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.275**	0.105	0.222**	0.0453	0.110**	0.0274	0.253**	0.0820	0.0922	0.0484
Weighted OLS	4.055**	0.357	0.946**	0.0695	0.492**	0.00848	1.602*	0.570	1.016*	-0.291
Unweighted OLS	4.737**	0.204	0.978**	0.0854	0.423**	-0.0164	2.458**	0.363	0.878**	-0.228
Poisson	0.279**	0.170*	0.398**	0.150	0.224+	0.0396	0.257**	0.186**	0.354**	0.160
Negative Binomial	1.208**	1.108*	1.381**	1.012	1.237**	1.052	1.165**	1.130**	1.264**	1.207*

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Appendix Table B7. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting school arrests for school-level analysis

	Total Arrests		Felonies		Misdemeanors		White		Black		Hispanic	
	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE
# of Schools Served												
Negative Binomial	1.823**	1.401**	1.676**	1.439**	2.038**	1.399*	1.875**	1.376*	1.751**	1.136	2.069**	1.306
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.172**	0.113	0.0137	-0.0104	0.111	-0.0636	0.143*	0.0199	0.144+	0.0814	-0.0411	0.209
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.211**	0.0838	0.0691	0.0107	0.131+	-0.183	0.143*	0.0108	0.205**	0.0837	-0.0672	0.0272
Weighted OLS	1.496**	0.126	0.161	-0.182	1.335**	0.308	0.777**	-0.118	0.784**	0.174	-0.0707	0.0773
Unweighted OLS	1.211**	0.0712	0.227*	-0.0598	0.984**	0.131	0.594**	-0.0344	0.652**	0.0724	-0.0398	0.0377
Poisson	0.566**	0.107	0.553**	0.280*	0.542*	-0.0177	0.633**	0.164	0.521+	0.00892	0.754**	0.370
# of Officers												
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	-0.00205	0.00965	-0.0452	0.0342	-0.0963	-0.189+	-0.108+	-0.114	-0.0974	-0.106	0.000881	0.0540
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.0753	0.0110	-0.00165	0.0310	-0.0352	-0.224*	-0.0366	-0.104	0.0174	-0.0755	-0.0277	0.0118
Weighted OLS	0.274	-0.460	-0.0841	-0.341	0.358	-0.119	-0.0999	-0.371*	0.246	-0.0960	0.133	0.0122
Unweighted OLS	0.822**	-0.253	0.179+	-0.179	0.643**	-0.0744	0.161+	-0.183*	0.578**	-0.0591	0.0837	-0.00419
Poisson	0.0670	-0.0627	0.0810	0.0247	0.0467	-0.144	0.197+	-0.0641	0.00362	-0.0942	0.135	0.00797
Negative Binomial	1.099*	1.055	1.113*	1.150+	1.085+	0.988	1.193**	1.039	1.027	0.938	1.103	1.107

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Appendix Table B8. Regression coefficients for sensitivity specifications predicting school discipline for school-level analysis

	OSS		ISS		OSS - White		OSS - Black		OSS - Hispanic	
	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE	District FE	School FE
# of Schools Served										
Negative Binomial	1.149**	1.035	1.308**	0.932	1.258**	1.050	1.073+	1.050	1.139**	0.990
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.254**	0.0181	0.446**	0.106	0.160**	0.0523	0.171**	0.081	0.152**	-0.0262
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.226**	-0.00379	0.477**	0.142	0.140**	0.0821	0.166**	0.0917	0.141**	-0.00670
Weighted OLS	32.59**	-2.272	7.492	1.528	15.80**	-1.015	10.09**	-0.303	5.385*	-1.339
Unweighted OLS	22.99**	-0.581	7.808+	1.491	11.12**	-0.106	8.375**	0.397	2.922*	-0.828
Poisson	0.226*	0.0333	0.474**	0.142*	0.218**	0.0390	0.233*	0.0396	0.193*	-0.00232
# of Officers										
Weighted OLS with logged outcome	0.240**	-0.115	0.336**	0.0563	0.0943*	-0.0208	0.127*	0.0174	0.0766	-0.0693
Unweighted OLS with logged outcome	0.222**	-0.0944	0.391**	0.0921	0.0921*	-0.00254	0.156**	0.0431	0.105*	-0.0229
Weighted OLS	15.10**	-6.102*	20.52**	-0.440	4.139*	-2.703	8.035**	-1.100	1.369	-1.743
Unweighted OLS	15.58**	-3.430+	17.03**	0.218	4.738**	-1.478	8.027**	-0.418	1.964+	-1.044
Poisson	0.168**	-0.0131	0.186*	0.0650	0.151**	-0.00655	0.190**	0.00418	0.0649	-0.0347
Negative Binomial	1.088**	0.951	1.234**	0.934	1.130**	0.992	1.055	1.002	1.031	0.945

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NFL vets: 'Stand your ground' expansion meant to scare protesters | Commentary

By ANQUAN BOLDIN AND TAKEO SPIKES GUEST COLUMNIST | NOV 25, 2020 AT 6:00 AM

Gov. Ron DeSantis has drafted legislation to expand Florida's infamous "stand your ground" law. That's right — he wants to expand the reach of a law that already gives private citizens a license to kill. And he wants to expand its reach to elevate property over human life.

But let's be clear — DeSantis' actions have nothing to do with public safety, protecting life, or even valuing property, and everything to do with trying to scare protesters who oppose his policies by providing his supporters with legal cover to use lethal force.

Under his proposal, Floridians would be able to use deadly force against individuals whom they personally deem to be "looters" or "violent" protesters. But whether a protester is, in fact, "violent" rests in the eye of the beholder, as the proposed legislation fails to adequately define or clarify the circumstances or behaviors that would warrant such a designation. For example, the new legislation would allow the use of force against people who engage in **"criminal mischief" resulting in the "interruption or impairment" of a business**. It is dangerously unclear, though, what qualifies as "criminal mischief" or "interruption or impairment" of a business.

DeSantis claims the proposal is needed to stop what he**calls** "violent and disorderly assemblies," but the truth is that protests have been "**overwhelmingly peaceful."** It is clear the real goal here is to deputize people in Florida to use deadly force as they see fit, giving them legal cover to shoot first and ask questions later. This is **terrifying**, especially if you're Black. That's because **Florida's** "stand your ground" law is typically a defense or justification **only made available** to people who kill *Black* people. If the victim is Black, the killer is more likely to be extended the benefit of the doubt that they "stood their ground." The reverse has **proven** not to be true.

It is unconscionable that a governor would respond to calls for change and progress with a plan that will only increase violence in our state — and increase violence against Black people, in particular.

It is unconscionable, but it is not new. Obstacles to racial equality have come in a variety of shapes and forms, but the underlying message has always been the same: where there is a glimmer of progress, fear-mongering and terror are sure to follow.

Progress rarely comes quickly or easily. All great movements for racial equality in American history have been met with swift and usually dangerous consequences for people of color, especially Black Americans. Remember the poll taxes and literacy tests when Black Americans fought for equal access to the ballot box? The fire hoses and dogs that were unleashed when Black Americans fought for civil rights?

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The **racial terror lynchings**? Cross burnings under the cover of night? Church bombings?

As the momentum for racial justice swelled in the months following George Floyd's death, the consensus was clear: Americans possessed a collective will to fight systemic racism in our society. With a **majority of Americans** believing there is a larger, systemic problem of racism and police brutality in this country, we might actually be on the brink of real, sustainable change.

But just as Americans, particularly Black Americans, are demanding an end to police brutality and a basic affirmation that Black lives matter, obstructionists are returning to the drawing board to develop new intimidation tactics to block progress.

Gov. DeSantis' "anti-mob" legislation expanding the state's "stand your ground" law is one such intimidation tactic. It is textbook resistance to progress, harkening back to a time to which none of us should wish to return. If history is any teacher, we should have learned by now that Black Americans are disproportionately targeted and victimized by laws — official and unofficial — that empower private citizens to take the law into their own hands. And that's exactly what DeSantis' proposed legislation does — it endorses vigilante justice and puts a target on the backs of Black people, all under the guise of law and order.

At a time when Floridians, and Americans of all stripes, are asking for an end to state-sanctioned violence, DeSantis seeks to further entrench it with this proposed legislation. The Florida Legislature should reject it out of hand and fail to even advance it out of committee.

Letting private individuals define who is or is not a "looter" or "violent" protester, and then empowering them to use potentially deadly force in response to that perception, is not only terrifying in theory but will be in practice, as well. Just terrifying enough to make us want to stay home and refrain from protests, altogether, no matter how peaceful. And that, my fellow Floridians, seems to be the point.

Anquan Boldin, a retired NFL wide receiver, is the co-founder of Players Coalition, a group of athletes in all sports working toward social justice and racial equality. Takeo Spikes is a retired NFL linebacker who now works as a TV and radio analyst.

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Subject: On HB1: oppose it!

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.

VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
Ali Talwar

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To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
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Subject: Oppose HB1 and Protect Floridian's First Amendment Rights

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Meagan Hebel,

HB 1 is clearly unconstitutional. It invites government infringement on our individual liberties- our first amendment rights- and paves the way for State overreach into local matters.

You each took an oath to uphold and defend the constitution. So with that in mind, it should be very simple for you to vote no on HB 1 and kill it in this committee.

Thank you

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Meagan Hebel,

I am writing to you to ask you to please OPPOSE HB1 at the House Justice Appropriations meeting when it is scheduled for a hearing.

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I am a Mom/Grandma.

I am a Veteran, Service Connected Disability.

I am a Retired Federal Employee.

I am done being quiet about a number of Issues.

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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 10:27 AM EST
To: Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>
Subject: OPPOSE HB1 and PROTECT Floridian's First Amendment Rights

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To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Oppose HB1 and Protect Floridian's First Amendment Rights

Meagan Hebel,

Good Day,

I am a Mom/Grandma.

I am a Veteran, Service Connected Disability.

I am a Retired Federal Employee.

I am done being quiet about a number of Issues.

Florida Legislators I am Putting You All On Notice.

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This bill would destroy my constitutional right to peaceful protest. I emplore you to do the right thing and vote "NO".

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I oppose this bill. Enforce the laws we have, fairly, and we don't need more, This one is outrageous. trump's Jan 6 behavior would would be cause for his arrest under this. I am so sick of having to fight like heck to stop unconstitutional legislation from being enacted, but it is the cost of being a free society. There are always some who want to take that freedom away, like DeSantis. This is another way to suppress voting, also, with the threat of FELONY charges. We have the right to protest peacefully. I see lots of abuse of this "law" in the future, as I imagine Desantis is aware with police self defining its interpretation. Do not support this bill, please!

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Natalie Brown,

The 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution specifically addresses the freedom for people to assemble peacefully to voice their dissent with the government. I am writing to stongly oppose and disagree with passage of HB1.
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I am a Mom/Grandma.

I am a Veteran, Service Connected Disability.

I am a Retired Federal Employee.

I am done being quiet about a number of Issues.

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Kimberly Simon,

The 2nd Amendment of the U.S. Constitution specifically addresses the freedom for people to assemble peacefully to voice their dissent with the government. I am writing to stongly oppose and disagree with passage of HB1.
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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 1:09 PM EST
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Oppose HB1 and Protect Floridian's First Amendment Rights

Meagan Hebel,

Hi,

I moved to Florida in 2019. I am a retired attorney, and I am aghast that HB1 even made it out of committee. Please oppose this bill, as it is redundant in its punishment of violent demonstrators, it clearly infringes on our constitutional rights of free speech and assembly, and it will cost this state a great sea of money in the challenges that are sure to follow if it is unwisely passed.

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Subject: Oppose HB1 and Protect Floridian's First Amendment Rights

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You each took an oath to uphold and defend the constitution. So with that in mind, it should be very simple for you to vote no on HB 1 and kill it in this committee.

Thank you

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I abhor violence and destruction, and have never engaged personally, but I have attended protests. I have seen how some peaceful protestors are manhandled and when that happens, that is not right and will get people angry.

I think Black Lives Matter and I firmly believe that Black people are often treated worse and more roughly by police. I'm not saying all police are authoritarian and racist, but quite a few are and FBI studies show white supremacists have infiltrated law enforcement. It's real.

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When something is really wrong, and has been for decades (I've lived long enough to remember the 1960s- Newark, Detroit, etc.) and nothing is done about it, and unarmed black people continue to be killed on the streets over small things (fake currency, loose cigarettes being sold) THAT is the problem, not people being sick of it.

Get to the root problems, solve those, and make it so there isn't anything to protest.

Back to the original point: we have laws for property destruction, violence, etc. No need to make anyone who is innocently involved in a protest responsible for what one person might do. Go after the guilty party/ies and don't consider everyone guilty by association unless they've actually done something or can be proved to have encouraged someone else to do something violent or destructive.

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I could write a lot about it, but basically, it isn't needed, and seems an attempt to stop people from protesting.

I abhor violence and destruction, and have never engaged personally, but I have attended protests. I have seen how some peaceful protestors are manhandled and when that happens, that is not right and will get people angry.

I think Black Lives Matter and I firmly believe that Black people are often treated worse and more roughly by police. I'm not saying all police are authoritarian and racist, but quite a few are and FBI studies show white supremacists have infiltrated law enforcement. It's real.

Also, I think our LEO move much too quickly to maximum response and have too much "war" type training. They are dealing with fellow citizens. Police shouldn't act like they are dealing with the "enemy."

When something is really wrong, and has been for decades (I've lived long enough to remember the 1960s- Newark, Detroit, etc.) and nothing is done about it, and unarmed black people continue to be killed on the streets over small things (fake currency, loose cigarettes being sold) THAT is the problem, not people being sick of it.

Get to the root problems, solve those, and make it so there isn't anything to protest.

Back to the original point: we have laws for property destruction, violence, etc. No need to make anyone who is innocently involved in a protest responsible for what one person might do. Go after the guilty party/ies and don't consider everyone guilty by association unless they've actually done something or can be proved to have encouraged someone else to do something violent or destructive.

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RE: Oppose HB1/SB484, Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

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I am Maureen Bush, Owner and CEO of NEAT Jax. Our business thrives on helping others. We believe in community above all else, and our motto is "helping others is the feeling of being human".

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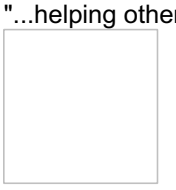

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Subject: Oppose HB1!

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2021 11:45 AM EST
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: OPPOSE HB1, Protect Florida's Citizens from a breach of their rights

Meagan Hebel,

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Kimberly Simon,

I am writing to you to ask you to please OPPOSE HB1 at the House Justice Appropriations meeting when it is scheduled for a hearing. I am personally outraged that this legislation has even been assigned to a public hearing, much less that it has been fast-tracked through the House on party lines. Florida currently faces the worst economic and public health crisis in history and instead of working to find solutions, HB1 criminalizes free speech, peaceful assembly, and dissent through unconstitutional language that is targeted at silencing Black voices demanding basic human rights, equality, and fair treatment by law enforcement. To me, it is despicable. It is a very clear violation of First Amendment Rights, and should not be considered a second time.

Addressing the housing crisis, the failing unemployment system, the underfunded healthcare system, the disorganized and chaotic education system, AND the rising number of deaths, poverty, job loss, and sickness in Florida should be a priority at the moment. However, HB1 repackages legislation put forward by Governor DeSantis as a “response to the violent insurrectionist mobs” that attempted a coup on the nation’s Capitol. This language is a smokescreen for the true intent of the bill which is to circumvent the mess that Florida has as a consequence of the pandemic and lack of support for Florida’s poverty impacted and oppressed. I am not fooled by this. Nobody is fooled by this. This is the same legislation it was back in September with the same purpose - to limit the basic civil rights of BLM protestors, rights that are guaranteed to all people under the US Constitution.

I believe that HB1 is being used to distract media and organizers from focusing on the real problem: lack of support for those in need across the state. How dare the Governor and the Florida Legislature waste taxpayer time and money on proposing solutions to a made up problem. Section 870 of the Florida Statute already criminalizes riots, unlawful assemblies, and looting but this legislation would actually make it legal for motorists who strike protestors with their vehicle, even if the incident results in someone’s death. It limits people’s ability to apply to Florida’s already broken unemployment system if they have been convicted under the proposed legislation and allows victims of violent crimes to recover civil damages from a local government that is deems responsible for grossly negligent “policing” during a “riot”. Meanwhile, the Florida Legislature is fast-tracking HB7/SB72 to create COVID19 liability immunity for the real victims of negligence by businesses, government agencies, schools, and religious organizations who have caused the spread of COVID-19. This is an embarrassment for our state. The priorities and lack thereof being shown by those in the government makes me ashamed to be not just a Florida citizen, but an American citizen. What country of the free are we if we continue stripping away basic civil rights?

The Executive Director of the ACLU of Florida, Micah Kubic, stated that “This (bill) is not an attempt to make our communities safer. This proposed legislation by DeSantis is nothing more than a campaign political stunt. Now, it is being disguised as a response to the failed violent coup at the US Capitol. And, it is just as unconstitutional.”

A statewide survey of Florida voters put out after the attack by Donald Trump’s supporters on the US Capitol suggested a lack of support for HB1 and Governor DeSantis’ push to amp up criminal penalties for “disorderly” protests. Ninety-percent of those asked stated their support for “protecting our constitutional right to free assembly and free speech by legally protesting without fear of criminal charges”. Seventy-one percent of Democrats and 74% of Republicans deemed the issue a top priority. Eighty percent of respondents said they were more likely to support a legislator who voted to protect that priority, and 56% were “much more likely”. On the other hand, 83% of respondents thought that it was important to strengthen unemployment protections for people who lost their jobs because of COVID-19, 63% said that this was “very important”. (1)

Finally, this legislation also creates a preemptive attack on local municipalities that might want to “defund” the police and put their money towards more humanitarian initiatives to provide real solutions to small business and economic crises caused by the pandemic. Instead of restricting local government’s ability to find solutions, we need legislation that answers the call of the people in the streets. People only protest when they are being abused, oppressed, marginalized,

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or violated. It's time the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee address the calls of Florida voters and people who cared enough to peacefully assemble. We need to face the issues head on and answer to the humanity and dignity of working class, black, brown, and immigrant families in Florida who are suffering with workable policies that help the state grow and prosper.

If this legislation passes I will be letting people know that they should not travel in Florida, they should not move to Florida, they should not visit Florida, because our government does not support them and keep them safe. My family and my community members are all on the idea of doing everything we can to separate ourselves from this State should this pass. Florida is not a home for anybody let alone a proper state within this country if it passes a legislation that violates many basic human rights at once. Florida needs to step up and begin taking action on things we actually need, and that the community has been begging for all this time. Public health and the economy should be your number one priority. Please OPPOSE HB1 and support legislation that provides real solutions to the real problems Floridians face today. Please.

(1) EMC Research. “Florida Statewide Poll on Legislative Priorities”. https://s3.amazonaws.com/s3.progressflorida.org/images/emc-memo-11920.pdf

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you,

Sara Mahmoud

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While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Hello Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
~Mary Edwards

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you
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Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you
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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,

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Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you,

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In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

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As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you
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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you,
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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Thank you for your time,
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As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you
Jessica Machin

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While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear ‘mob intimidation’ language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the ‘intent’ of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; “bad apples.” This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American’s freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be ‘on alert’.

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As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Dear Elected Representatives,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear 'mob intimidation' language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the 'intent' of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; "bad apples." This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American's freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be 'on alert'.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision

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which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

Thank you

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO
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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear ‘mob intimidation’ language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the ‘intent’ of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; “bad apples.” This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American’s freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be ‘on alert’.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

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Thank you

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear ‘mob intimidation’ language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the ‘intent’ of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; “bad apples.” This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American’s freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be ‘on alert’.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

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Thank you
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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
Bryce Pate

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Thank you for your time,

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Thank you,

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder and looting which do not infringe on the due process protections of protesters.

I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear ‘mob intimidation’ language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the ‘intent’ of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; “bad apples.” This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American’s freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be ‘on alert’.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

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Thank you

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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear ‘mob intimidation’ language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the ‘intent’ of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; “bad apples.” This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American’s freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be ‘on alert’.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

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Thank you

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While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Alaina Begaye, a Navajo living in Nevada where I do endure prejudism and racism. My daughter should not have to be called "dirty" because of the color of her skin when we walk the isles of grocery stores. The BLM protests were necessary in addressing the problem and it seems to make politicians uncomfortable when people of color ask for the same courtesy of living life as a human rather than being seeing for the color our skin first.

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As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Please VOTE NO on HB1.

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Subject: Oppose HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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I was very concerned with the vote to push this bill through the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on 01/27/21, despite the overwhelming majority of commenters expressing opposition. It is as though our representatives are not representing the voice of their constituents, rather, attempting to fulfill their personal political agendas instead.

This bill will not stop assemblies, but it will fill more prisons; crowded prisons already at the mercy of covid-19, killing inmates and officers. Creating more felons is not the way to a better Florida.

In Florida, we had historic marches and businesses were not burned. In fact, many business owners supported the actions either financially, through goods and services, or by joining themselves, proud to make history. Protests brought communities across Florida together all summer, however, a bill like this will create an extra layer of fear and division.

It was shocking to see comments dismissed regarding the unclear ‘mob intimidation’ language, as well as the possibility that these restrictions would be used mainly to target communities of color protesting against police killings.

The response was that this is not the ‘intent’ of the bill, and that there are always some that can abuse any law; “bad apples.” This is concerning to me as a citizen because our lawmakers should care if even one American’s freedom is jeopardized. A law that can be manipulated to target innocent people is an unjust law, and that concern should not be brushed off. Giving bad apples more tools to exercise bad judgement is unnecessary.

The fact is, this bill language was drafted prior to the Capitol siege and targeted towards civil rights protesters, many of whom were proven innocent. We cannot ignore the hundreds of citizens, including the Tallahassee 19 and the over 70 protesters in Jacksonville, who were falsely targeted and arrested last summer. The police were wrong in their assessment, so it is very valid for people to not want more reasons for law enforcement to be ‘on alert’.

As a concerned Floridian, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision which could jeopardize the freedom of honest Americans. Please VOTE NO on HB1/SB484.

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Thank you
Alyse Santana
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While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
Lena Antoine

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Natalie Brown,

I am writing to you to ask you to please OPPOSE HB1 at the House Justice Appropriations meeting when it is scheduled for a hearing. I am outraged that this legislation even got assigned to a public hearing much less that it has been fast-tracked through the House on party lines. Florida currently faces the worst economic and public health crisis in history and instead of working to find solutions HB1 criminalizes free speech, peaceful assembly and dissent through unconstitutional language that is targeted at silencing Black voices demanding basic human rights, equality, and fair treatment by law enforcement.

Instead of addressing the horrendous housing crisis, the broken unemployment system, the failing healthcare system, the disorganized and chaotic education system, AND the rising number of deaths, poverty, job loss and sickness in Florida HB1 repackages legislation put forward by Governor DeSantis as a “response to the violent insurrectionist mobs” that attempted a coup on the nation’s Capitol. This language is a smokescreen for the true intent of the bill which is to circumvent the mess that Florida has as a consequence of the pandemic and lack of support for Florida’s poverty impacted and oppressed. I am not fooled by this. This is the same legislation it was back in September with the same purpose - to limit the basic civil rights of BLM protestors that is guaranteed to all people under the US Constitution.

I believe that HB1 is being used to distract media and organizers from focusing on the real problem: lack of support for those in need across the state. How dare the Governor and the Florida Legislature waste taxpayer time and money on proposing solutions to a made up problem. Section 870 of the Florida Statute already criminalizes riots, unlawful assemblies, and looting but this legislation would actually make it legal for motorists who strike protestors with their vehicle, even if the incident results in someone’s death. It limits people’s ability to apply to Florida’s already broken unemployment system if they have been convicted under the proposed legislation and allows victims of violent crimes to recover civil damages from a local government that is deems responsible for grossly negligent “policing” during a “riot”. Meanwhile, the Florida Legislature is fast-tracking HB7/SB72 to create COVID19 liability immunity for the real victims of negligence by businesses, government agencies, schools, and religious organizations who have caused the spread of COVID19.

The Executive Director of the ACLU of Florida, Micah Kubic, stated that “This (bill) is not an attempt to make our communities safer. This proposed legislation by DeSantis is nothing more than a campaign political stunt. Now, it is being disguised as a response to the failed violent coup at the US Capitol. And, it is just as unconstitutional.”

A statewide survey of Florida voters put out after the attack by Donald Trump’s supporters on the US Capitol suggested a lack of support for HB1 and Governor DeSantis’ push to amp up criminal penalties for “disorderly” protests. Ninety-percent of those asked stated their support for “protecting our constitutional right to free assembly and free speech by legally protesting without fear of criminal charges”. Seventy-one percent of Democrats and 74% of Republicans deemed the issue a top priority. Eighty percent of respondents said they were more likely to support a legislator who voted to protect that priority, and 56% were “much more likely”. On the other hand, 83% of respondents thought that it was important to strengthen unemployment protections for people who lost their jobs because of COVID-19, 63% said that this was “very important”. (1)

Finally, this legislation also creates a preemptive attack on local municipalities that might want to “defund” the police and put their money towards more humanitarian initiatives to provide real solutions to small business and economic crises caused by the pandemic. Instead of restricting local government’s ability to find solutions we need legislation that answers the call of the people in the streets. People only protest when they are being abused, oppressed, marginalized or violated. It's time the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee address the calls of Florida voters and people who cared enough to peacefully assemble. We need to face the issues head on and answer to the humanity and dignity of working class, black, brown, and immigrant families in Florida who are suffering with workable policies that help the state grow and prosper.

If this legislation passes I will be letting people know that they should not travel in Florida, they

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should not move to Florida, they should not visit Florida, because our government does not support them and keep them safe. Public health and the economy should be your number one priority. Please OPPOSE HB1 and support legislation that provides real solutions to the real problems Floridians face today.

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Instead of addressing the horrendous housing crisis, the broken unemployment system, the failing healthcare system, the disorganized and chaotic education system, AND the rising number of deaths, poverty, job loss and sickness in Florida HB1 repackages legislation put forward by Governor DeSantis as a “response to the violent insurrectionist mobs” that attempted a coup on the nation’s Capitol. This language is a smokescreen for the true intent of the bill which is to circumvent the mess that Florida has as a consequence of the pandemic and lack of support for Florida’s poverty impacted and oppressed. I am not fooled by this. This is the same legislation it was back in September with the same purpose - to limit the basic civil rights of BLM protestors that is guaranteed to all people under the US Constitution.

I believe that HB1 is being used to distract media and organizers from focusing on the real problem: lack of support for those in need across the state. How dare the Governor and the Florida Legislature waste taxpayer time and money on proposing solutions to a made up problem. Section 870 of the Florida Statute already criminalizes riots, unlawful assemblies, and looting but this legislation would actually make it legal for motorists who strike protestors with their vehicle, even if the incident results in someone’s death. It limits people’s ability to apply to Florida’s already broken unemployment system if they have been convicted under the proposed legislation and allows victims of violent crimes to recover civil damages from a local government that is deems responsible for grossly negligent “policing” during a “riot”. Meanwhile, the Florida Legislature is fast-tracking HB7/SB72 to create COVID19 liability immunity for the real victims of negligence by businesses, government agencies, schools, and religious organizations who have caused the spread of COVID19.

The Executive Director of the ACLU of Florida, Micah Kubic, stated that “This (bill) is not an attempt to make our communities safer. This proposed legislation by DeSantis is nothing more than a campaign political stunt. Now, it is being disguised as a response to the failed violent coup at the US Capitol. And, it is just as unconstitutional.”

A statewide survey of Florida voters put out after the attack by Donald Trump’s supporters on the US Capitol suggested a lack of support for HB1 and Governor DeSantis’ push to amp up criminal penalties for “disorderly” protests. Ninety-percent of those asked stated their support for “protecting our constitutional right to free assembly and free speech by legally protesting without fear of criminal charges”. Seventy-one percent of Democrats and 74% of Republicans deemed the issue a top priority. Eighty percent of respondents said they were more likely to support a legislator who voted to protect that priority, and 56% were “much more likely”. On the other hand, 83% of respondents thought that it was important to strengthen unemployment protections for people who lost their jobs because of COVID-19, 63% said that this was “very important”. (1)

Finally, this legislation also creates a preemptive attack on local municipalities that might want to “defund” the police and put their money towards more humanitarian initiatives to provide real solutions to small business and economic crises caused by the pandemic. Instead of restricting local government’s ability to find solutions we need legislation that answers the call of the people in the streets. People only protest when they are being abused, oppressed, marginalized or violated. It's time the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee address the calls of Florida voters and people who cared enough to peacefully assemble. We need to face the issues head on and answer to the humanity and dignity of working class, black, brown, and immigrant families in Florida who are suffering with workable policies that help the state grow and prosper.

If this legislation passes I will be letting people know that they should not travel in Florida, they

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should not move to Florida, they should not visit Florida, because our government does not support them and keep them safe. Public health and the economy should be your number one priority. Please OPPOSE HB1 and support legislation that provides real solutions to the real problems Floridians face today.

(1) EMC Research. “Florida Statewide Poll on Legislative Priorities”. https://s3.amazonaws.com/s3.progressflorida.org/images/emc-memo-11920.pdf

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Comment or Question:
Committee on Banking and Insurance
Senator Jim Boyd, Chair
Committee Members

RE: Florida Automobile Minimum Insurance Coverage and Unlicensed Drivers

Dear Senator Boyd,

In late 2015 after 15 years of residing on the Florida west coast my husband and I moved to Tennessee where we found most everything less expensive except automobile insurance, though not by much.

In 2019 we returned to Florida and were SHOCKED at the increase in rates during the years of our absence. In Tennessee we had two newer vehicles, fully covered. Our current coverage per vehicle is essentially the same premium cost as it was to cover two vehicles in Tennessee! In other words Double the cost.

I asked my insurer, USAA, why automobile insurance has increased so much and I was given two reasons. First is the number of uninsured motorists and second underinsured motorists both involved in accidents. I see that minimum coverage is currently only $10,000 personal injury protection and $10,000 property damage liability; that is absurdly low. I believe these amounts have not been increased in at least 20 years when we first moved to Florida.

It is not equitable that responsibly insured drivers and their carriers overpay for those who abuse the privilege of driving on public roadways. Drivers who cannot or will not pay the cost of adequately insuring themselves and their vehicles have no right to this privilege and certainly not those who drive unlicensed.

I would respectfully request that you work with the governor, Florida House, law enforcement and insurance industry to substantially increase coverage limits to amounts more in line with today's costs and more aggressively deny nonconforming drivers the right to drive amongst us.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter,

Best regards,

Joanne Riddle

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Comment or Question:
Dear Senator Burgess,

I am a Florida college student who resides in Hillsborough County and am writing to express my strong opposition to the “Combatting Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act” proposed by Governor Ron DeSantis. This proposed legislation seeks to invalidate and villainize protestors who fight for justice while using the deceitful veil of imposing “law and order” to “protect” civilians and the community. DeSantis refers to protests as “mobs” however, I have personally heard numerous accounts of peaceful protesters being attacked and arrested by the police. I fully agree with Micah Kubic, executive director of the ACLU of Florida when he said DeSantis wants to “silence, criminalize, and penalize Floridians who want to see justice for Black lives lost to racialized violence and brutality at the hands of law enforcement.” In my opinion, it is abhorrent that DeSantis wishes to pardon those who inflict injury or death on protestors and restrict state grants and aid to local governments who reduce police funding. It would be of great benefit to the police and to communities if professionals and community members assisted with issues such as mental health and homelessness. Our state has more serious concerns than criminalizing protests and keeping the already inflated police budget intact. I appreciate your time and consideration.

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Comment or Question:
Senator Burgess,

I wanted to reach out and thank you for submitting the Combating Public Disorder bill. As a Floridian, I am very anxious and nervous about the future of our country given the current trend to suppress the Internet-based voice of any who does not align with "independent fact checkers". This situation is only made worse by a lack of even making the actions of people such as PCS Principal Counsel Michael Beller who was recorded suggesting conservative parents should have their children taken away for reeducation, or US Representative Ocasio-Cortez suggesting the southern states need to be "liberated" from conservatives. These suggestions are beyond political aspects and are treading dangerously close to human rights in some cases, and are direct human rights violations in others.

Thank you again for your proposed legislation and for protecting the free speech of all Floridians, regardless of their point of view.

Respectfully,
Stephen Hohman
Ponte Vedra, Florida

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Comment or Question:
Danny,
This idea that your Anti-Mob legislation bill is about public safety is disingenuous to the public. It gives police and antifa type citizens the power to attack people that are peacefully protesting. Stop saying that this is only about rioters. This bill does not help to stop racism in this country. Please move away from trying to pass this law or you should fear never getting elected to public office again.

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Comment or Question:
Since July 1, 2018, an incalculable number of lives have probably been saved because on that day, Georgia State Representative John Carson's (R-Marietta) new hands-free driving law, House Bill 673, the Hands-Free Georgia Act, went into effect.

This new hands-free driving law prohibits drivers from holding or supporting a wireless telecommunication device or a stand-alone electronic device while operating a vehicle. Additionally, the law maintains the ban on texting, emailing and internet browsing while driving, but also prohibits watching or recording videos while driving. GPS navigation and voice-to-text features will still be permitted. Additionally, the law does not contain a 90-day grace period for enforcement.

As a Floridian since 1987, I have been increasingly horrified at the inability of drivers on our Florida roadways to respect and follow our current distracted driving law. Although our current law was a huge step in the right direction, it is far from what is needed in our State to force anyone behind the wheel in the State of Florida to take the law seriously. We must move forward and take the next steps to strengthen our existing distracted driving laws and make sure anyone breaking this law experiences harsh financial consequences for doing so. We must take a stronger stand on this issue and make sure drivers know this behavior will not be tolerated.

Florida is the 2nd worst state in the nation (Louisiana is the 1st) regarding distracted driving accidents; every year more than 3,500 Florida drivers will be seriously injured due to a distracted driver, or nearly 10 people a day and another 200 or more will lose their lives due to distracted drivers in Florida. In one survey, more than 90% of drivers admitted to using their smartphone in some capacity while driving.

This irresponsible behavior, regardless of the driver's sex, race, citizenship or status, needs to be addressed now.. not later. Each and every day we continue to allow this behavior to continue .. more lives are lost...families devastated.

Will you consider courageously stepping forward to spearhead a campaign within the legislature to strengthen our current law to something similar to Georgia's law? Floridians deserve to know driving in the State of Florida while holding a cell phone will not be tolerated .. period.

Thank you.

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Comment or Question:
Dear Sen. Burgess,

I am formally inviting you to be a guest speaker on a panel for the Broward County Bar Association's annual Black History Month event. The event is a collaboration with various voluntary bar organizations such as the TJ Reddick Bar Association, Caribbean Bar Association, Haitian Lawyers Association, and the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association. It will be on February 24, 2021 at 12:00pm via Zoom.

We are composing a panel of diverse stakeholders to explore the after-effects of the worldwide Summer 2020 protests, from the community impact, to resulting legislation/policy changes, and ways to effect change beyond the protest. We are particularly interested in hearing more about SB 484 from one of its co-sponsors.

To that end, we would be honored if you were a panelist for this event. Please let me know if you would be interested in participating and feel free to call or text me with any questions.

Best,

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Comment or Question:
I have changed my party affiliation and will encourage anyone to leave the Republican party due to the spineless lack of support for freedom of speech and failure to hold big tech, communist Democrats, antifa and other extreme communist left radical groups accountable.
And, I believe they never will be held accountable.

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Comment or Question:
I wish to know how you voted or plan to vote on bill 370 Gun Control. This bill is a direct violation of our 2nd Amendment rights as American Citizens. When the government takes away or right to defend ourselves and our families, then that is not the American way, and only the criminals will have guns while we are left defenseless.

If this bill has not yet passed, then I ask that you vote against it. If it has already passed then I need to know now to begin a protest and get this unconstitutional bill repealed.

Please respond to my email.
Thank you.

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Comment or Question:
2021 SB 484

There are already numerous laws regarding much of what has been entered into 2021 SB 484 and others; I see no reason to add redundant laws except to conceal an agenda to further restrict freedoms of Florida citizens and municipalities.

"Authorizes residents of municipality to file an appeal to Administration Commission if municipality makes reduction to budget of municipal law enforcement agency." Especially in time of extreme loss of funding - such as during a pandemic- municipalities should have the right and RESPONSIBILITY to adjust the budget regarding law enforcement funding. Social services need to be added in order that someone clinically trained can be present to deal with those having a psychotic break, NOT participating in a criminal act. How many have been shot due to a psychological break? It's unknown, due to lack of transparency. And how many in law enforcement are specially trained to de-escalate situations? Military- type training is what is given to law enforcement for the past few decades - minimal to no training in de-escalation or care of someone experiencing an acute psychotic episode. Look at the stats IF you can find them. Why are law enforcement not held to the same accountability standards as citizens they are supposed to protect? Why are they protected from providing full disclosure?

"Revises minimum term of imprisonment for battery on law enforcement officer in furtherance of riot" I see nothing about revision of laws regarding law enforcement using military-like tactics against those peacefully protesting - or is that going to be called "rioting?"

Specifically, "prohibits specified assemblies from engaging in disorderly & violent conduct; prohibits inciting or encouraging riot" describes EXACTLY what happened in Washington DC Jan 6th, by not only the President of the United States, but many leaders of the Republican party, by continuously and loudly making the false claims (struck down in court by many of the judges Trump put in place) that the election was stolen from Trump. If it was stolen from him, WHY, on the SAME BALLOTS were so many other republicans elected/re-elected?

Why are there plans to name a highway (Hwy 27, which I drive every day) after an insurrectionist? Why is he not accountable to the same laws as others?

I want clear, concise answers, please, not political crap.

Constituent,
Colleen Swisher RN

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Comment or Question:
Dear Senator Rick Scott,

As a former Republican (now an Independent), I'm writing to you today to express my great disappointment with a great deal of the GOP, in the way in which it has misrepresented my needs, that of my family, and the will of the people of Florida (particularly House District 20). I have been greatly disappointed to hear and read the words that have come out of the mouths of Republicans, from our local leaders, all the way up to that of former President Trump's. So many issues that have plagued our state and nation for the 4 years have been sad, frustrating, downright wrong to witness!!

My husband and I simply don't believe that the GOP represents our values, needs, or true character. We are rather conservative, but we also believe in the effects of climate change and fossil fuels in our world, we support strong borders, but certainly not in the way that Trump went about it. I am a 1st generation American, eldest child of Peruvian naturalized citizens of this great nation. There must be a dialogue to take the needs, aspirations, and situations of dreamers and others that seek to find a better life here in America, whilst giving children born to American citizens an equal opportunity. You MUST support dialogue about police brutality on black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) and seek equality AND equity for all peoples that live in our great nation! We all deserve to live in peace, seeking and speaking TRUTH - regardless of who it might oppose or how it may affect you personally. We are pro-life, from conception to death, but understand that there are also circumstances that warrant conversation and understanding and that there is NO easy answer to these debates. There is so much more I'd like to communicate to you at this time, but I won't take any more of your valuable time!

Finally, my reason for writing to you today is regarding the recent events surrounding Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene. I have seen and heard EXACTLY how Ms. Greene has behaved and how she has spoken in the last 1+ year(s), the kinds of things she communicated to her potential constituents, and how she CONTINUES to express herself - with no true remorse or reflection! She won the vote to represent the people of her district in Georgia based on lies, conspiracy theories, and inciteful, hateful attacks. She is, in part, responsible for the actions of rioters and insurrectionists that stormed the Capitol building on 1/6/21! This kind of behavior and SHE have NO place within the walls of our democratic institutions. I am GREATLY disappointed that you did not vote for her removal from her committee assignments!!

I pray that you and the other representatives for my district and state, gain some perspective, reflect upon your own moral conscience, and begin to speak out and properly ACT OUT, so as to "walk the talk", not just "talk the talk"!! I am tired of watching Florida be an embarrassment to America and I hope and pray to see us rise up to be appropriately acknowledged and represented!

We are raising 2 God-fearing, level-minding, discerning, open-minded, and respectful young teenage girls that KNOW and LOVE the Gospel and Jesus' message to all - to love and serve HIM and ALL of his people, with words, actions, as the TRUE way of life!! They are watching and learning to advocate, research, learn, speak the truth, and effect change. They are our only hope at this point!!

Respectfully yours!
Karyn Colon
Frustrated and Disappointed Resident of the Senate District 20

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From: Brown, Natalie
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Subject: PACE draft Comments
Attachment(s): "17-00420-21 MC Comments (2).docx"

Good evening,

I had a conversation with drafting about the PACE bill and Michelle was nice enough to provide a document with some suggested edits/concerns.

Have a great day,

Natalie

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to improvements to real property; amending s. 163.08, F.S.; revising legislative findings to include reference to improvements in wastewater treatment, flood and water damage mitigation and resiliency, and environmental health; defining and redefining terms; authorizing property owners to apply to a PACE program for financing for qualifying improvements and to enter into PACE assessment contracts with local governments; authorizing local governments to enter into agreements with PACE administrators for a specified purpose; deleting a provision authorizing for-profit entities and not-for-profit organizations to administer qualifying improvement programs; authorizing local governments to enter into PACE assessment contracts for certain purposes; providing requirements that must be met by PACE programs before they enter into PACE assessment contracts; revising requirements for qualifying improvements; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising the written disclosure statement required to be given by sellers to prospective purchaser when executing a contract for the sale and purchase of certain properties; requiring PACE administrators to provide certain information to qualifying residential real property owners who enter into PACE assessment contracts; requiring PACE administrators to complete telephone calls with qualifying residential real property owners or

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authorized representatives of such owners; providing requirements for such telephone calls; requiring PACE administrators to confirm that qualifying improvements have been completed before making a final disbursement of funds to PACE contractors; prohibiting PACE administrators from directly disclosing certain information to PACE contractors and relevant third parties; providing that qualifying residential real property owners have the right to cancel PACE assessment contracts within a specified timeframe; prohibiting PACE assessment contracts from containing certain financing terms; requiring PACE administrators to make a determination as to whether property owners have the ability to pay the estimated annual PACE assessment based on certain information before such owners enter into PACE assessment contracts; requiring PACE administrators to maintain an enrollment process for contractors; providing review requirements for contractors who apply for enrollment; prohibiting PACE administrators from enrolling contractors unless certain requirements are met; prohibiting PACE administrators and PACE contractors from taking certain actions relating to marketing and advertising practices and from providing tax advice; prohibiting PACE contractors from engaging in certain project pricing practices; providing construction; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 163.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

163.08 Supplemental authority for improvements to real property.—

(1)(a) In chapter 2008-227, Laws of Florida, the Legislature amended the energy goal of the state comprehensive plan to provide, in part, that the state shall reduce its energy requirements through enhanced conservation and efficiency measures in all end-use sectors and reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide by promoting an increased use of renewable energy resources. That act also declared it the public policy of the state to play a leading role in developing and instituting energy management programs that promote energy conservation, energy security, and the reduction of greenhouse gases. In addition to establishing policies to promote the use of renewable energy, the Legislature provided for a schedule of increases in energy performance of buildings subject to the Florida Energy Efficiency Code for Building Construction. In chapter 2008-191, Laws of Florida, the Legislature adopted new energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction comprehensive planning requirements for local governments. In the 2008 general election, the voters of this state approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving a property's resistance to wind damage or the installation of a renewable energy source device in the determination of the assessed value of residential real property.

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(b) The Legislature finds that all energy-consuming-improved properties that are not using energy conservation strategies contribute to the burden affecting all improved property resulting from fossil fuel energy production. Improved property that has been retrofitted with energy-related qualifying improvements receives the special benefit of alleviating the property's burden from energy consumption. All improved properties not protected from wind or flood damage by wind or flood resistance qualifying improvements contribute to the burden affecting all improved property resulting from potential wind or flood damage. Improved property that has been retrofitted with wind or flood resistance qualifying improvements receives the special benefit of reducing the property's burden from potential wind or water damage. Further, the installation and operation of qualifying improvements not only benefit the affected properties for which the improvements are made, but also assist in fulfilling the goals of the state's energy and hurricane mitigation policies. All properties that do~~are~~ not use~~using~~ advanced technologies for wastewater removal contribute to the water quality problems affecting this~~the~~ state, ~~and~~ particularly ~~the~~ coastal areas. Improved property that has been retrofitted with an advanced onsite treatment system or that has replaced an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system with a~~converted to~~ central sewage system~~sewerage~~ significantly benefits the quality of water that may enter streams, lakes, rivers, aquifers, or coastal areas. All properties that are not protected from harmful environmental health hazards contribute to the environmental health burden affecting this~~the~~ state. The improvement of property~~Property~~

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~~that has been improved~~ to mitigate against environmental health hazards, which improves ~~benefits~~ the ~~general~~ environmental health of this state, benefits all citizens of this~~people within the~~ state. In order to make qualifying improvements more affordable and assist property owners who wish to undertake such improvements, the Legislature finds that there is a compelling state interest in enabling property owners to voluntarily finance such improvements with local government assistance.

(c) The Legislature determines that the actions authorized under this section, including, but not limited to, the financing of qualifying improvements through the execution of PACE assessment contracts, as defined in this section, ~~financing agreements~~ and the related imposition of voluntary assessments are reasonable and necessary to serve and achieve a compelling state interest and are necessary for the prosperity and welfare of the state and its property owners and inhabitants.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Local government" means a county, a municipality, a dependent special district as defined in s. 189.012, or a separate legal entity created pursuant to s. 163.01(7).

(b) "PACE administrator" means an entity with whom a local government contracts to administer a PACE program.

(c) "PACE assessment" means the extension of financing offered to an owner of qualifying commercial or residential real property for a qualifying improvement which~~that~~ is repayable through a non-ad valorem assessment.

(d) "PACE assessment contract" means the financing contract~~, under a PACE program,~~ between a local government and a property owner who are participating in a PACE program.

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(e) "PACE contractor" means a person or an entity who is an independent contractor whothat contracts with a property owner to install qualifying improvements on real property and who is not the owner of such property.

(f) "PACE program" means a program established by a local government, alone or in partnership with other local governments and/or a PACE administrator, to finance qualifying improvements on qualifying commercial real property or qualifying residential real property.

(g) "Qualifying commercial real property" means any of the following:

1. A multifamily residential property;

2. A commercial real property;

3. An industrial building or property;

4. An agricultural property;

5. A residential property owned by a business entity; or

6. Any other property that does not meet the definition of defined as a qualifying residential real property which , in each case of subparagraphs 1.-5., that will be, or is, improved by a qualifying improvement.

(h) "Qualifying improvement" includes any:

1. Energy conservation and efficiency improvement, which is a measure to reduce consumption through conservation or a more efficient use of electricity, natural gas, propane, or other forms of energy on the property, including, but not limited to, air sealing; installation of insulation; installation of energy-efficient heating, cooling, or ventilation systems; building modifications to increase the use of daylight; replacement of windows; installation of energy controls or energy recovery

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systems; installation of electric vehicle charging equipment; and installation of efficient lighting equipment.

2. Renewable energy improvement, which is the installation of any system in which the electrical, mechanical, or thermal energy is produced from a method that uses one or more of the following fuels or energy sources: hydrogen, solar energy, geothermal energy, bioenergy, and wind energy.

3. Wind resistance improvement, which includes, but is not limited to:

a. Improving the strength of the roof deck attachment;

b. Creating a secondary water barrier to prevent water intrusion;

c. Installing wind-resistant shingles;

d. Installing gable-end bracing;

e. Reinforcing roof-to-wall connections;

f. Installing storm shutters; or

g. Installing opening protections.

4. Wastewater treatment improvement, which includes, but is not limited to, the replacement or improvement of an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system with an advanced onsite treatment and disposal system or technology or the replacement of an onsite sewage treatment and disposal system with a central sewage system. For purposes of this subparagraph~~section~~, "onsite sewage treatment and disposal system" includes, but is not limited to, improvements defined in s. 381.0065.

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5. Flood and water damage mitigation and resiliency improvement, including~~which includes~~, but not limited to, projects and installation for any of the following:

a. The raising of a structure above the base flood

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elevation to reduce flood damage.~~;~~

b. A flood diversion apparatus ~~and/~~or sea wall improvement, which includes seawall repairs and seawall replacements.~~;~~

c. Flood damage~~-~~-resistant building materials.~~;~~

d. Electrical, mechanical, plumbing, or other system improvements that reduce flood damage.~~; or~~

e. Other improvements that qualify for reductions in flood insurance premiums.

6. Environmental health improvement, which is an improvement or a measure intended to mitigate harmful environmental health effects to property occupants, including, but not limited to, measures that mitigate~~do~~ any of the following:

a. The~~Mitigate the~~ presence of lead, heavy metals, polyfluoroalkyl~~polyfluoroalkl~~ substance ~~(PFAS)~~ contamination, or other harmful contaminants in potable water systems, which improvements~~. Improvements~~ may include, but are not limited to, conversion of well water to municipal water systems, replacing lead water service lines, or installing water filters.~~;~~

b. Lead~~Mitigate lead~~ paint contamination in housing built before 1978.~~; and~~

c. Indoor~~Mitigate indoor~~ air pollution or contaminants, including, but not limited to, particulate matter, ~~(PM),~~ viruses, bacteria, and mold.

(i) "Qualifying residential real property" means a single-family~~,~~ residential building not owned by a business entity~~,~~ that may be benefited by installation of a qualifying improvement.

(3) A local government may levy non-ad valorem assessments

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to fund qualifying improvements.

(4) Subject to local government ordinance or resolution, a property owner may apply to a PACE program ~~the local government~~ for funding to finance a qualifying improvement and enter into a PACE assessment contract ~~financing agreement~~ with the local government. Costs incurred by a PACE program ~~the local government~~ for such purpose may be collected as a non-ad valorem assessment. A non-ad valorem assessment shall be collected pursuant to s. 197.3632 and, notwithstanding s. 197.3632(8)(a), shall not be subject to discount for early payment. However, the notice and adoption requirements of s. 197.3632(4) do not apply if this section is used and complied with, and the intent resolution, publication of notice, and mailed notices to the property appraiser, tax collector, and Department of Revenue required by s. 197.3632(3)(a) may be provided on or before August 15 in conjunction with any non-ad valorem assessment authorized by this section, if the property appraiser, tax collector, and local government agree.

(5) Pursuant to this section or as otherwise provided by law or pursuant to a local government's home rule power, a local government may enter into a partnership with one or more local governments for the purpose of providing and financing qualifying improvements.

(6) A local government may enter into an agreement with a PACE administrator to administer a PACE program ~~qualifying improvement program may be administered by a for-profit entity or a not-for-profit organization on behalf of and at the discretion of the local government~~.

(7) A local government may incur debt for the purpose of

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providing such improvements, which debt is repayable ~~payable~~ from revenues received from the improved property~~,~~ or from any other available revenue source authorized by law.

(8) A local government may enter into a PACE assessment contract to finance or refinance the acquisition or installation of a qualifying improvement on qualifying commercial real property or qualifying residential real property ~~financing agreement~~ only with the record owner of the affected property. Any PACE assessment contract ~~financing agreement~~ entered into pursuant to this section or a summary memorandum of such agreement must ~~shall~~ be recorded in the public records of the county within which the property is located by the sponsoring unit of local government within 5 days after execution of the instrument ~~agreement~~. The recorded instrument ~~agreement~~ shall provide constructive notice that the assessment to be levied on the property constitutes a lien of equal dignity to county taxes and assessments from the date of recordation.

(9) Before entering into a PACE assessment contract, the PACE program ~~financing agreement, the local government~~ shall reasonably determine the following: ~~that~~

(a) That all~~All~~ property taxes and any other assessments levied on the same bill as property taxes are current and have been paid ~~and have not been delinquent~~ for the preceding 3 years or the property owner's period of ownership, whichever is less;

(b) That there are no involuntary liens, including, but not limited to, construction liens on the property;

(c) That no notices of default or other evidence of property-based debt delinquency have been recorded and not released during the preceding 3 years or the property owner's

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period of ownership, whichever is less;

(d) In consultation~~Confirm~~ with the property owner, the existence of ~~whether~~ any ~~other~~ PACE assessments that have been recorded or that have been funded and not yet been recorded on the property; and

(e) That the property owner is current on all mortgage debt on the property.

(10) A qualifying improvement shall be affixed or planned~~plan~~ to be affixed ~~before~~~~prior to~~ final funding to qualifying commercial real property or qualifying residential real property and constitutes ~~to a building or facility that is part of the property and shall constitute~~ an improvement to such property. A PACE assessment contract ~~the building or facility or a fixture attached to the building or facility. An agreement between a local government and a qualifying property owner~~ may not cover wind-resistance improvements in buildings or facilities under new construction or construction for which a certificate of occupancy or similar evidence of substantial completion of new construction or improvement has not been issued.

(11) Any work requiring a license under any applicable law to make a qualifying improvement shall be performed by a contractor properly certified or registered pursuant to part I or part II of chapter 489.

(12)(a) Without the consent of the holders or loan servicers of any mortgage encumbering or otherwise secured by the property, the total amount of the PACE ~~any non-ad valorem~~ assessment for a property under this section may not exceed 20 percent of the just value of the property as determined by the

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county property appraiser.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a PACE ~~non-ad valorem~~ assessment for a qualifying improvement defined in subparagraph (2)(h)1. or subparagraph (2)(h)2. which ~~subparagraph (2)(b)1. or subparagraph (2)(b)2. that~~ is supported by an energy audit is not subject to the limits in this subsection if the audit demonstrates that the annual energy savings from the qualified improvement equals or exceeds the annual repayment amount of the PACE ~~non-ad valorem~~ assessment.

(13) At least 30 days before entering into a PACE assessment contract ~~financing agreement~~, the property owner shall provide, or cause to be provided, to the holders or loan servicers of any existing mortgages encumbering or otherwise secured by the property a notice of the owner's intent to enter into a PACE assessment contract, ~~financing agreement~~ together with the maximum principal amount to be financed and the maximum annual assessment necessary to repay that amount. A verified copy or other proof of such notice shall be provided to the local government. A provision in any agreement between a mortgagee or other lienholder and a property owner, or otherwise now or hereafter binding upon a property owner, which allows for acceleration of payment of the mortgage, note, or lien or other unilateral modification solely as a result of entering into a PACE assessment contract ~~financing agreement~~ as provided for in this section is not enforceable. This subsection does not limit the authority of the holder or loan servicer to increase the required monthly escrow by an amount necessary to annually pay the PACE ~~qualifying improvement~~ assessment.

(14) At or before the time a purchaser executes a contract

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for the sale and purchase of any property for which a PACE ~~non-ad valorem~~ assessment has been levied under this section and has an unpaid balance due, the seller shall give the prospective purchaser a written disclosure statement in the following form, which shall be set forth in the contract or in a separate writing:

QUALIFYING IMPROVEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY, FLOOD MITIGATION, ~~OR~~ WIND RESISTANCE, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR WASTEWATER REMOVAL, OR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.—The property being purchased is located within the jurisdiction of a local government that has placed an assessment on the property pursuant to s. 163.08, Florida Statutes. The assessment is for a qualifying improvement to the property relating to energy efficiency, renewable energy, flood mitigation, ~~or~~ wind resistance, wastewater treatment, or environmental health, and is not based on the value of property. You are encouraged to contact the county property appraiser's office to learn more about this and other assessments that may be provided by law.

(15)(a) *Financial disclosures.*—A PACE administrator shall~~must~~ provide a financing estimate and disclosure to the qualifying residential real property owner entering into a PACE assessment contract which~~that~~ includes:

1. The total amount estimated to be funded, including the cost of the qualifying improvements, program fees, and

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capitalized interest, if any;

2. The annual estimated payment amount;

3. The term of the PACE assessment;

4. The fixed interest charged and the estimated annual percentage rate;

5. The qualifying improvement;

6. A disclosure that if the property owner sells or refinances his or her property, the property owner may be required by a mortgage lender to pay off the PACE assessment as a condition of sale or refinancing;

7. A disclosure that the PACE assessment will be collected along with the property owner's property taxes and will result in a lien on the owner's property from the date of the PACE assessment contract; and

8. A disclosure that failure to pay the PACE assessment may result in penalties and fees, along with the issuance of a tax certificate that could result in the property owner losing his or her home.

(b) *Confirmation telephone call.* ~~Call.~~ A PACE administrator shall complete, with a qualifying residential real property owner or an authorized representative of a qualifying residential real property owner, an oral confirmation call in plain language via a live telephone call, which shall be recorded in an audio format in accordance with state~~Florida~~ law. A voicemail left for~~to~~ the qualifying residential real property owner, or his or her authorized representative does~~will~~ not satisfy this requirement. During the course of the call, the~~A~~ PACE administrator~~, as part of this call,~~ shall:

1. Confirm that the qualified residential real property

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owner, or if there is more than one owner, at least one of them, or his or her authorized representative ~~qualifying residential real property owner~~ has access to a copy of the PACE assessment contract and financing estimates and disclosures;

2. Ask the qualifying residential real property owner or his or her authorized representative if he or she~~if they~~ would like to communicate primarily in a language other than English; and

3. Confirm with the qualifying residential real property owner or his or her authorized representative the following:

a. The qualifying improvement being financed;

b. The total estimated annual costs the qualifying residential real property owner must pay under the PACE assessment contract, including applicable fees;

c. The total estimated average monthly equivalent amount of funds the qualifying residential real property owner must ~~would have to~~ save to pay the annual costs of the PACE assessment, including applicable fees;

d. The estimated date the qualifying residential real property owner's first PACE related property tax payment will be due;

e. The term of the PACE assessment contract;

f. That payments for the PACE assessment contract will cause the qualifying residential real property owner's annual tax bill to increase, and that payments will be made through an additional annual assessment on the property which must~~, and will~~ be paid either directly to the county tax collector's office as part of the total annual secured property tax bill or ~~may be paid~~ through the qualifying residential real property

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owner's ~~mortgage impound (~~escrow~~)~~ account;

g. That the qualifying residential property owner has disclosed whether the property has received or is seeking additional PACE assessments and has disclosed all other PACE assessments or special taxes that are ~~or about to be~~ placed or are pending placement on the property;

h. That the property will be subject to a lien during the term of the PACE assessment contract and that the obligations under the agreement may be required to be paid in full before the qualifying residential real property owner sells or refinances the property;

i. That any potential utility or insurance savings are not guaranteed and will not reduce the PACE assessment payments or the total assessment amount; and~~,~~

j. That the PACE administrator or PACE contractor does~~do~~ not provide tax advice and that the qualifying residential real property owner should seek professional tax advice if he or she has questions regarding tax credits, tax deductibility, or other tax impacts of the qualifying improvements or the PACE assessment contract.

(c) *Confirmation of completion.* ~~Completion.~~ Before disbursing all funds for qualifying improvements on qualifying residential real property to a PACE contractor, a PACE administrator shall first confirm the work has been completed, either through written certification from the property owner, a recorded telephone call with the property owner, or a site inspection through third-party means.

(d) ~~)~~ ~~No~~ *Disclosure of* ~~Maximum~~ *PACE financing maximum eligibility prohibited.* A PACE administrator may~~shall~~ not

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directly disclose the maximum amount of PACE financing for which ~~amount~~ a qualifying residential real property owner is eligible to a PACE contractor or to any third party engaged in soliciting a PACE assessment contract from the qualifying residential real property owner.

(e) *Three-day right ~~hree Day Right~~ to cancel.* ~~A~~Cancel ~~– The~~ qualifying residential real property owner is entitled to ~~shall be given the right to cancel~~ the right to cancel, without financial penalty, a PACE assessment contract within 3 ~~no less than three~~ business days after signing the PACE assessment contract ~~without any financial penalty for doing so~~.

(f) ~~)~~ *Prohibited financing terms.* ~~Financing Terms –~~

1. ~~.~~ The term of the PACE assessment contract may ~~shall~~ not exceed the earlier of the useful life of the subject qualifying improvement ~~being installed~~ or, ~~the weighted average useful life of all qualifying improvements being financed~~ if multiple qualifying improvements are being financed, the weighted average useful life of all subject qualifying improvements, or ~~. In either case the financing term shall not exceed~~ 30 years.

2. ~~.~~ A PACE administrator may ~~shall~~ not offer PACE assessment financing on qualifying residential real property under a contract that includes any ~~one or more~~ of the following:

a. A negative ~~i. Negative~~ amortization schedule.

b. ~~, ii.~~ Balloon payments. ~~, or~~

c. ~~iii.~~ Pre-payment fees, ~~(~~other than nominal administrative costs. ~~).~~

(g) ~~)~~ *Affordability determination.* ~~Determination –~~

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Before a qualifying residential real property owner enters into a PACE assessment contract, a~~A~~ PACE administrator must~~shall~~ reasonably determine that the property owner has the~~an~~ ability to pay the estimated annual PACE assessment. ~~based on, at a minimum, the following:~~

1. ~~.~~ For property owners seeking PACE financing that will result in a ~~where the~~ total estimated annual payment amount~~(s)~~ of all PACE assessment contracts authorized on the property of~~are less than or equal to~~ $6,000 or less, the PACE administrator, ~~shall use~~ at a minimum, shall use the underwriting requirements in subsection ~~s. 163.08~~(9) and confirm that the property owner is not currently in bankruptcy in determining whether the property owner has a reasonable ability to pay the annual PACE assessment.

2. ~~.~~ For property owners seeking PACE financing that will result in a~~where the~~ total estimated annual payment amount~~(s)~~ of all PACE assessment contracts authorized on the property of more~~are greater~~ than $6,000, the PACE administrator, at a minimum, shall use ~~at a minimum~~ the underwriting requirements in subsection ~~s. 163.08~~(9), confirm that the property owner is not in bankruptcy, and determine that the total estimated annual payment amount~~(s)~~ of all PACE assessment contracts authorized on the property does~~do~~ not exceed 10~~ten~~ percent ~~(10%)~~ of the property owner's annual household ~~annual~~ income.

~~i.~~ Income may be confirmed using information gathered from reputable third ~~-~~parties which provides~~that provide~~ reasonably reliable evidence of the property owner's household income. Income may not be demonstrated~~confirmed~~ solely by a statement from the~~a~~ property

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owner.

(h) *Construction.*—)This subsection doessection shall not apply to qualifying commercial real property.

(16)(a)

(18) *Contractor application review.* Enrollment –

(a) Contractor Licensing, Bonding and Insurance – A PACE administrator shall maintain a process for applicants who wish tonot enroll as PACE contractors which includes reasonable review of the following for each applicant:

1. Relevant work or project history;

2. Financial and reputational background checks;

3. Criminal history background checks; and

4. The contractor's status on Better Business Bureau or other online platforms that track contractor reviews.

(b) *Contractor licensing, bonding, and insurance.*—A PACE administrator may not enroll a contractor for work in connection withthat offer PACE financing on qualifying residential real property unless both of the following requirements are met:

1. The PACE administrator determines that the contractor maintains in good standing any applicable state an appropriate license; from the state of Florida, if applicable, as well as any other permits, licenses, or registrations required by for engaging in its business in the jurisdiction in whichwhere it operates; and maintains all state required bond and insurance coverage.

2. A PACE administrator shall obtain a the PACE contractor's written agreement fromthat the PACE contractor that the contractor (s) and/or associatedrelevant third parties will act in accordance with applicable advertising and marketing

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requirements imposed by law, rule, or ordinance~~laws and regulations and all other applicable laws~~.

~~(b) Contractor Application Review, Approval, and Onboarding Processes.~~ ~~A PACE administrator shall maintain processes for onboarding new PACE contractors that include reasonable review of the following for each contractor:~~

~~1. Relevant work/project history,~~

~~2. Financial and reputational background checks, 3. Criminal background checks, and~~

~~4. Status on Better Business Bureau and/or other online platforms that track contractor reviews.~~

(c) *Construction.*~~)~~ This subsection does~~section shall~~ not apply to qualifying commercial real property.

(17)(a) *Marketing and advertising.*~~Communications.~~

~~(a) Permissible Marketing and Advertising Practices.~~ A PACE administrator or PACE contractor may not suggest or imply in its marketing and advertising any of~~are prohibited from~~ the following:

1. That ~~. Suggesting or implying in any way that~~ PACE is a government assistance program~~;~~.

2. That~~. Suggesting or implying that~~ qualifying improvements are free or that PACE assessment financing is a free program~~;~~ or

3. That the property owner who finances~~3. Suggesting or implying that financing~~ qualifying improvements using the PACE program is~~does~~ not required~~require the property owner~~ to repay the financial obligation.

(b) *Prohibition on tax advice.*~~(b) No Tax Advice.~~ A PACE administrator or PACE contractor may~~shall~~ not make any

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representation regarding~~as to~~ the tax deductibility of PACE assessments on qualifying residential real~~r eal~~ property. A PACE administrator or PACE contractor may encourage property owners to seek the advice of a tax professional regarding tax matters related to PACE assessments.

(c) *Project pricing.*—A PACE contractor may not present a higher price for a project on qualifying residential real property financed by a PACE assessment contract than he or she would otherwise reasonably present if the project were not being financed through a PACE assessment contract.

(d) *Construction.*—This subsection does not apply to qualifying commercial real property.

(18) A provision in any agreement between a local government and a public or private power or energy provider or other utility provider is not enforceable to limit or prohibit any local government from exercising its authority under this section.

(19)~~(16)~~ This section is additional and supplemental to county and municipal home rule authority and not in derogation of such authority or a limitation upon such authority.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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Subject: PACE loans
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CA staff are familiar with the issue. Senator Hooper filed a bill last year that unfortunately was never heard so we don't have access to a staff analysis.

Some of the articles about PACE loans are attached.

St. Lucie county passed local consumer protections, and I believe Broward did as well. Other counties have eliminated the program.

Some notes on the program:

- Energy improvements can be financed without a large up-front cash payment. Projects must be permanent improvements, for example new roofs, air-conditioning units, impact windows, and solar panels.
- Energy and insurance savings could be greater than the PACE assessment over time (a home energy survey or audit can help to project this).
- Improvements typical of PACE can potentially increase the value of the property.
- Eligibility determination includes evaluation of a property owner's payment history related to mortgage debt and property taxes for the preceding three years, confirmation that there are no involuntary liens and no notices of default within the preceding three years.
- PACE spreads repayment over many years. Interest rates and fees for the project are set by the PACE provider at the time that Financing Document/Agreements are finalized with the property owner. Rates vary and typically last for 15-20 years.
- PACE repayment, occurs through its placement on the tax roll as a non-ad valorem special assessment tied to the property rather than the homeowner.
- Failure to pay the PACE assessment is treated the same as nonpayment of taxes, which can trigger foreclosure.
- A PACE assessment is the priority lien on a property and therefore has a higher priority than most other liens on a property, including any mortgage.
- At a sale, the seller's lender or buyer's lender (i.e., mortgage company) of a home with an existing PACE may require pay off of the remaining outstanding balance of the assessment before the property can be refinanced or sold. Importantly, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, and FHA, require this).

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Florida energy efficiency loan reform not a priority yet for lawmakers

As of mid-December, no bills had been filed relating to the Property Assessed Clean Energy program.

As of mid-December, no bills were filed relating to the state's Property Assessed Clean Energy programs. Pictured are homes in Ruskin with solar panels, many of which were financed through PACE programs. [LUIS SANTANA | Tampa Bay Times]

By **Malena Carollo**

Published Dec. 24

A few months after Florida legislators said they would like to see changes in a state-authorized energy efficiency loan program, no bills have been filed. And with a number of high-profile issues to tackle in the 2021 session, efforts for reform may be challenging.

Property Assessed Clean Energy programs hold themselves out to homes and businesses as a way to finance costly energy efficiency upgrades, such as new air conditioners or weather-proof windows.

But a *Tampa Bay Times* investigation published in September found that the terms of the financing are often unclear to customers, and many find themselves with spiking property taxes that are difficult to afford. Some are in danger of losing their homes. The program has little state oversight.

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The largest provider of these “PACE” loans, Ygrene Energy Fund, is the subject of a consumer protection investigation by the Florida Attorney General’s Office. As of mid-December, the investigation is ongoing, spokeswoman Kylie Mason said.

Just a few days before Christmas, there were no bills proposed relating to PACE programs. Rep. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, said that if one is introduced, it will be competing with significant issues such as the state budget and pandemic measures.

“(There) could be a historic low number of bills passing,” he said.

Following the *Times*’ investigation, several Florida legislators said the program needs reform, largely around protections for consumers.

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RELATED: Florida legislators say an energy efficiency loan program needs reform

Two bills last year would have added a number of consumer protections, such as requiring that PACE loan providers check a customer's ability to repay the loan before giving it to them, but neither was voted on.

"My hope is that some legislator takes it on and says, 'We're going to fix the PACE program,'" said Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg.

Brandes, who sits on the Florida Senate's banking and insurance committee, previously told the *Times* he would like to see reform around a technical aspect of the program — who is paid first in a foreclosure. Typically, banks are first to collect funds from a foreclosure to pay off any remaining mortgage balance on the home. But Florida law allows PACE loan providers to move to the front of the line for those funds, leaving less for banks. This placement helps guarantee some return on investment for PACE providers.

Just before the election, PACE provider Ygrene gave $112,000 in Florida political donations to Republican candidates and committees, including a $50,000 check to Gov. Ron DeSantis' political committee.

RELATED: Energy efficiency loan firm spent $112,000 in October courting politicians

One Tampa Bay county — Pasco — still allows the program. Hernando County stopped its program in May. Hillsborough County commissioners at a December meeting said they would allow the program to expire this month, expressing concerns over what they said was a lack of consumer protections.

Pinellas County has never allowed the program for its residents.

RELATED: Hillsborough to let controversial PACE program expire as planned

Hooper said that while other large issues may take priority for legislators, how local governments interact with PACE programs may have an effect.

"If more local governments would take that same action, I think there would be more interaction with PACE loan providers to find a common ground and a consumer-friendly solution," he said.

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AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY FINANCE PROGRAM IS TRAPPING FLORIDA HOMEOWNERS IN DEBT.

Kathryn Meas was in a bind.

The air conditioner in her 672-square-foot home died in mid-spring, and she couldn't afford a new one. Poor credit and a fixed income put a traditional loan out of reach.

Her air conditioning company proposed a solution, a new program that helped finance energy-saving home improvements. No money down. No monthly payments. The loan was all but assured. The first payment wasn't due until the end of the year, the air conditioning salesman said.

Kathryn Meas, 61, sits in her nearly empty home. [OCTAVIO JONES | Times]

Meas, 61, agreed to the deal by signing an electronic tablet. She wasn't given any paperwork, and she didn't know the loan amount or the interest rate. She didn't understand at the time that her annual property taxes would spike from about $300 to $1,200.

The financial fallout eventually forced her to sell the home.

"I hate selling it," she said. "I love it here."

By Steel Bite Pro

In the last three years, more than 4,000 Tampa Bay homeowners financed projects through Property Assessed Clean Energy programs. Known as PACE, the initiatives help homeowners afford energy-efficient upgrades, such as new air conditioners and rooftop solar panels.

But the private companies that administer the programs have saddled low-income residents with risky loans tied to their property tax bills, a Tampa Bay Times investigation found.

The Times created a database of many of the state's PACE loans, analyzed thousands of official records and spoke with more than three dozen local homeowners, all of who expressed misgivings about the program.

Many homeowners didn't know their property taxes would skyrocket. Salespeople working for the contractors who perform the work emphasized the idea of no immediate payments — and downplayed the tax hit, homeowners said. One Brandon man's annual tax bill jumped from $900 to $6,250.

Some PACE recipients risk losing their homes because they can't pay the hefty loans and thousands of dollars in interest. Several properties in the Tampa Bay area are already slated for government auction.

The length of the loans will force some people to keep paying after the products stop working. The companies, for instance, write 15-year loans for new air conditioners, but they don't always last that long.

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PACE companies also granted loans to homeowners who were delinquent on their taxes, a violation of the program's eligibility requirements.

The state provides little oversight of the companies that run the program. Consumers have so little recourse that one county tax collector created his own system to ensure homeowners understand what they are buying before it's too late.

The companies financing the loans say the program works, and any problems are isolated or small in scale.

Mike Lemyre is the senior vice president of government affairs for Ygrene Energy Fund, the largest PACE provider in Florida. [Ygrene Energy Fund]

"Property owner benefits are numerous," said Mike Lemyre, senior vice president of Ygrene Energy Fund, Florida's largest PACE provider. "We got into this business to provide financing to make homes and communities more resilient and more efficient."

The Florida Attorney General's Office says it is investigating Ygrene's lending practices but declined to provide further details. At least one Florida county has temporarily banned PACE loans, and Hillsborough County commissioners voted in August to stop the program.

Absent any changes, consumer advocates and some public officials worry about widespread consequences.

"Honestly, the program should be shut down," said David Hiller, a lawyer who handled several PACE cases in California.

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PACE programs began in California in 2008 as a way to help more residents — including those with lower incomes — make their homes energy efficient. They later expanded to upgrades that protect against natural disasters, such as hurricane-resistant windows.

Many states have PACE programs for businesses. But Florida, California and Missouri also allow homeowners to participate.

Qualifying for a traditional mortgage or car loan typically hinges on someone's financial track record. The lender will look at credit scores, bank statements and incomes to ensure a borrower has the means to make monthly payments.

In Florida, PACE loans have no such requirements. Homeowners qualify based on the equity in their homes. They also must have paid property taxes on time for the previous three years.

There's another major difference: PACE loans are a tax lien tied to the home, not the homeowner. That means either the loan gets paid off when the home is sold, or the new owner takes over the payments. Homeowners pay their PACE loans through their annual property tax bill.

While the programs are outlined in state law, they are run by third parties. Three firms have dominated the state's residential PACE program: Ygrene, Renew Financial Group and

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Counterpointe Energy Solutions. Counterpointe said it is no longer issuing residential PACE loans, but instead is focusing on commercial financing.

The companies hire and vet the contractors who pitch the program and perform the work.

“PACE has lower interest rates and longer terms, resulting in lower monthly payments that make it more affordable,” said Lemyre of Ygrene, which passed $1 billion in Florida PACE projects this year.

Many of the homeowners the Times spoke to say they don’t have enough income to afford the bigger-than-expected loan payments. And too many of the contractors who perform the work target low-income, elderly and non-English speaking residents, who don’t understand how the program works, lawyers and consumer advocates told the Times.

Some of those same critics said the borrowers don’t get a break on prices, either. A few accused contractors of charging excessive amounts for solar panels and air conditioners.

Homeowners often sign the contracts on mobile devices or tablets, making it difficult to review the terms. And the ones who spoke with the Times complained that they didn’t always get an honest rundown of what they were signing.

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Meas talks on the phone with her title company a few weeks before moving out of her home. [OCTAVIO JONES | Times]

Meas had meticulously hand stamped her living room wallpaper with small, deep-green maple leaves, the same color as her carpet. Two large impressionist paintings hung on opposite walls.

“I was going for Italian countryside,” she said, when a reporter visited.

Meas has multiple sclerosis. Her immune system attacks her nerve cells, and heat makes the symptoms significantly worse. When she contacted her air conditioning company in 2017, she had gone nearly a week without cool air.

Her husband died in 2004, and she retired from part-time work in a medical office in 2014. Social Security, disability benefits and $350 a month from a roommate barely covered the bills.

A PACE loan felt like her only solution.

The air conditioning salesman, she said, told her the program wouldn’t cost anything up front. She should put $70 a month aside to help pay for the increase in her annual taxes, he said. The application could be approved that day.

“It was made to seem like it was a real new thing that just came over from California,” Meas said.

Jeffrey Tavernaro, 46, recounted a similar sales pitch when the air conditioner at his Pasco home broke in June 2017. The PACE loan, his air conditioning salesman said, would come with no interest, and the first payment wouldn’t be due for a year. Tavernaro also would get a tax break for installing an energy-efficient appliance, he remembers the salesman saying.

The new air conditioner cost about $14,000. He’d only need to set aside $100 a month, he was told. All he had to do was sign the tablet.

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But after about a year, when his property tax bill came due, his mortgage company told him he would need nearly twice as much to cover the loan. He also discovered that the loan wasn't zero interest; it was 7.69 percent. He didn't get a tax break for installing the air conditioner, either.

The program seemed to come with so many benefits, he said. "Then it turns out that's pretty much as far from the truth as you can get."

Tavernaro had the financial means to make the extra payments. Meas wasn't so lucky — she couldn't pay her full tax bill. A few months later, the Pasco County tax collector told her that she had two years to pay her delinquent taxes or her home would be auctioned. She decided to sell.

After paying off her mortgage, Meas used some of the remaining money to settle her tax bill. She also paid off the $5,000 PACE loan.

She now lives in an apartment, which doesn't feel as much like home.

"They don't let you paint the walls," she said.

As it turns out, Meas wasn't even eligible for the loan.

Under state law, homeowners can participate in PACE if they paid their taxes on time the previous three years. The requirement helps establish that homeowners can afford the loans as well as pay the rest of their annual property taxes.

But the Pasco County tax collector found 15 homeowners who got PACE loans despite recent tax delinquencies including Meas. Lenders also granted loans to four homeowners without filing a required disclosure form with the tax collector's office. One homeowner was behind on taxes and did not have a disclosure form on file.

Mike Fasano, the Pasco tax collector, was so dismayed with how the companies ignored the requirement that he said he would no longer collect money for those loans. The homeowners won't have to make any more payments, Fasano said, unless the PACE companies push back.

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PACE loans should not exceed 20 percent of a home's value, consumer advocates told the Times. Even with low interest rates, big loans can be burdensome, and understanding the cost of a PACE loan can be confusing, they said. Salespeople typically give verbal estimates for monthly payments — despite the bill being paid annually.

A salesman told Charles Hannor that a PACE loan could solve his problem. His 35-year-old Brandon home had leaky windows and doors. Hannor, 68, discovered later that he had taken out two loans, not one. He said he wasn't told the amount for either loan, or the interest rates.

A little over six months later, he found out that his property taxes would rise from $900 a year to more than $6,250 — a seven-fold increase. Public records show that his loans total more than an estimated $45,000 — about 26 percent of his home's value.

The Times identified 40 homeowners in Hillsborough County who had two or more PACE loans on a single property. One homeowner had three loans, all from different companies, amounting to roughly 30 percent of the home's value.

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Alice Vickers is the former director of the Florida Alliance for Consumer Protection. [Alice Vickers]

Alice Vickers, former director of the Florida Alliance for Consumer Protection, emphasized that even payday lenders must enter loans into a database so they don't give more than one to a customer. The state's PACE law has no similar requirement.

"It's just creating an opportunity to prey on these consumers," Vickers said.

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Workers install solar panels on a building in California. [U.S. Dept. of Energy]

PACE programs ran into similar problems in other locations.

In California, companies wrote about $300 million in PACE loans in 2014. Two years later, the number jumped to nearly $1.6 billion, according to the state treasurer's office. With the growth came a torrent of complaints — confused consumers, deceptive sales pitches, unaffordable payments.

In 2018, California passed sweeping consumer protections. The changes made it mandatory for PACE lenders to check that a person could repay the loan and required the companies to disclose the financing terms in more detail, similar to home mortgages.

Since then, PACE loans plunged by more than half.

"It was predatory before," said Hiller, the California lawyer. "It still is predatory, but it's put somewhat of a check on it."

In Florida, about 30 counties have a residential PACE program, including Pasco County. Pinellas County only participates in the commercial version. Pinellas commissioners considered opening it to homeowners in December 2018. But they tabled the idea, citing several concerns, including that companies didn't check whether homeowners could repay the loans.

Last year, the Naples Daily News detailed how PACE companies in Collier County dogged Habitat for Humanity residents with sales calls and gave them loans they couldn't afford.

Elena Mola, a lawyer who lives in Naples, raised concerns last year about PACE practices in Collier County. [Elena Mola]

Two months later, Elena Mola, a lawyer who lives in Naples and works in Washington, D.C., raised concerns about contractors taking advantage of low-income and non-English-speaking homeowners. At a Collier County Commission meeting, Mola presented research she said showed contractors who do the repair work charged significantly inflated prices for air conditioners and solar panels.

At the meeting, four representatives from PACE lender Ygrene, pushed back, saying any problems were isolated and that customer service was a top priority.

Unconvinced, the Collier County Commission banned the residential PACE program.

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Hernando County stopped the program in May. And in August, Hillsborough County commissioners barred it, too. Commissioner Sandy Murman said the program “preyed upon” consumers.

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One Thursday morning earlier this year, a group of Realtors gathered in Tampa for a meeting called “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of the Florida PACE program.”

The training session began quietly. But murmurs gave way to a flurry of questions as attendees learned how PACE loans can complicate buying and selling homes. Who pays off the loan when the home sells? How do buyers know if a home includes a PACE loan? Could sellers or their brokers be liable for failing to disclose a loan?

The loans can take months, even up to a year, to appear in tax records. That means some residents, the Realtors learned, might unknowingly buy homes that include PACE loans.

That’s what happened to a woman who bought a $150,000 home in Pasco County. The previous owner had taken out a PACE loan in the fall of 2019 to pay for an air conditioner. The tax lien hadn’t posted to the tax collector’s website at the time of the sale.

Mike Fasano, Pasco County Tax Collector, created his own system to protect consumers in Pasco who participate in PACE. [Mike Fasano]

A few months later, the woman called Fasano’s office for an explanation of an extra charge on her annual taxes. The charge, she discovered, was the annual payment toward a $20,000 loan for the air conditioner.

“That’s why we encourage you as Realtors to ask the simple question of the seller: Is there a PACE loan?” said Fasano, who led the meeting.

And there’s another factor: Under state law, PACE lenders are first in line to be paid if a home goes into foreclosure. They leapfrog banks and other lenders who issue mortgages.

For that reason, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac said in 2010 that they would stop backing mortgages on homes that had PACE loans. The financing giants hold about one-third of the country’s $16 trillion in mortgage debt. In 2017, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that homes with PACE loans would not be eligible for financing through the Federal Housing Authority. That can make it hard for homeowners to refinance, too.

Robert Salinas Jr., 71, said his PACE salesman didn’t tell him that. Salinas felt misled into signing a $13,225 loan to replace the central air conditioner on his 1,173-square-foot Brandon home. He’d like to refinance to free up cash to pay down the PACE loan faster. Otherwise, he’ll be 85 years old when the loan payments end.

“If you have a choice, take a traditional loan,” he said.

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Homeowners dissatisfied with PACE loans have little recourse. No government agency in Florida oversees the program, so complaints often end up with the companies that provide the financing. Tax collectors and other local government agencies also field complaints, but they have little or no investigative power.

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Homeowners can go to court, but they are often limited to suing contractors over shoddy or incomplete work. Proving they were misled into signing a contract is much harder.

There is no central repository for customer data in Florida, so would-be regulators cannot easily see whether someone has more than one loan, has a particularly high interest rate or whether a company is unfairly targeting a low-income neighborhood.

Tax collectors can see whether someone has more than one PACE loan. But even they don't know the total amount of someone's loan unless they specifically require the PACE companies to have contractors fill out a special form.

A bill proposed in the most recent Florida legislative session would have required verification that a homeowner could afford the loan. The bill died without a full vote of the House or Senate. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announced last year it was considering implementing similar consumer protections on the loans nationwide, but the rules have not been formalized.

Frustrated with a lack of consumer protections, Fasano set up his own safeguards in Pasco County. His office requires that the homeowner and the contractor sign a consumer protection form that outlines the loan in plain language. Samantha Bisconti, a customer advocate in Fasano's office, then calls homeowners to ensure they understand what they are buying, how much it costs and that they often have three days to back out.

Linda Neary, 72, wanted to reduce her energy costs at her Port Richey home. Solar panels seemed like the right solution, she said. A salesman left the impression that the loan was for about $1,200 to be paid over a year, she said.

"I thought, 'Well I guess I could scrape that up,'" she said, and signed the contract.

Bisconti called the next day. The loan, she explained, was for $25,800 paid over 30 years. With interest, Neary would have paid more than $50,000. Her yearly tax bill would have jumped from about $700 to just under $2,400.

Neary, who was within her three-day window, opted out.

Homes in Ruskin with solar panels purchased as part of the PACE loan program. [LUIS SANTANA | Tampa Bay Times]

PACE lenders argue that the program helps homeowners afford energy-efficient upgrades, particularly because there isn't any money required up front.

The long loan terms — typically 10 to 20 years — are a boon to consumers, said Lemyre, the Ygrene executive. The length allows for more affordable payments. And the interest rates, which can go up to about 9 percent, can be lower than the rates consumers would get through other financing.

"Unlike banks, the ultimate goal of these programs is not to earn interest for their shareholders," Ygrene's website said. "Rather, PACE options are implemented to help more people afford upgrades that will make their homes more efficient and more resilient."

Two days before the Times published this article, Renew sent a release about the results of a survey of its Florida PACE customers. It found they were highly satisfied with the program, and

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that Renew scored higher in customer satisfaction than “beloved consumer brands" like investment company Vanguard and luxury department store chain Nordstrom.

“As a company, we’ve been fortunate enough to help Floridians through hard times, including hurricanes Irma, Michael and Dorian,” Renew CEO Mark Floyd said in the release. "Even now, I’m heartened to see that we’re helping Floridians get through the COVID-19 crisis by not only providing access to the financing they need to make their homes safer, healthier and more comfortable, but also by treating them well along the way.”

Counterpointe declined to provide a response for this story for several months following two certified letters and several emails and calls. On Wednesday, a spokesman called and said the firm decided to stop issuing residential loans last year and instead will focus on commercial lending.

PACE companies also tout the low number of complaints. Renew Financial said in an earlier statement that more than 99 percent of its complaints aren’t about financing agreements, and most are resolved within 30 days. The company reported 440 complaints since the program launched, according to an agenda for a September meeting. The complaints, it said, most often centered around the quality of the work or how quickly it was done.

As for Ygrene, less than 1 percent of complaints focused on financing, Leymre said. He attributed the low rate to an enhanced disclosure process the company put in place.

“We provide the fastest service while still completing all of the requirements for the program,” he said.

Lemyre told the Times that he wasn’t aware that the state attorney general’s office was investigating his company.

“We are confident that in working with the (Florida Attorney General’s Office) it will show Ygrene’s steadfast commitment to our customers and effectiveness of our consumer protections,” he said in a later statement.

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A small but growing number of PACE customers have fallen behind on their property tax bills. In Florida, homeowners have two years to pay delinquent taxes. After that, homes can be sold to the highest bidder.

In Hillsborough, five PACE customers failed to pay their taxes in 2017. A year later, the number grew to 27, topping out at 32 in 2019, the most recent data available.

In Pasco, 17 fell behind in 2017. Another 48 joined them in 2018, followed by 69 in 2019. Pasco County has seven homes with PACE loans slated for auction later this year. None were scheduled in Hillsborough.

But those are just the struggling homeowners who are easy to spot in public records.

In some cases, banks that hold mortgages on PACE homes step in and pay the delinquent taxes. The intervention protects the homes from falling into foreclosure, where the banks risk losing some or all of the unpaid portion of the mortgages. In California, the problem grew to the

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point that the state set up a $10 million reserve fund in 2013 that would cover banks in the event they lost a PACE property to foreclosure.

The number of times banks have paid PACE assessments is difficult to track in public records.

Fasano warned: “This will be Florida’s next mortgage crisis if we’re not careful.”

Times staffer John Martin and former Times news researcher Caryn Baird contributed to this report. The lead photo was taken by Times photographer Luis Santana.

Got a PACE tip?

If you have a tip about PACE or want to share your experience with the program, please contact Tampa Bay Times reporter Malena Carollo at mcarollo@tampabay.com or (727) 892-2249.

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Partial Lane Closures on West Spruce Street and North Lois Avenue begin November 5 for Utility Maintenance Work

Tampa, FL (November 5, 2020) – Starting November 5th at 9 p.m., there will be temporary lane closures and turn restrictions on West Spruce Street and North Lois Avenue while a department contractor vacuum excavates and tests the thickness of a wastewater force mainline pipe in the area. This scheduled maintenance will impact the following areas:

- Partial closure of the left lane on North Lois Avenue between W Spruce Street and West Union Street.
- Left turns will be restricted from North Lois Avenue onto West Spruce Street.
- Motorists traveling east on West Spruce Street will be restricted at North Lois Avenue.
- Partial closure of the right lane on West Spruce Street at the intersection of North Lois Avenue.
- Right turns will be restricted from North Lois Avenue onto West Spruce Street.

These restrictions will remain in place until 4 a.m. on November 6th. The contractor will return at 9 p.m. on November 6th to complete the inspection. These partial lane closures and turn restrictions will again be in place. The streets will reopen to normal traffic patterns by 4 a.m. on November 7, 2020, weather permitting.

A high-resolution map of the work area and closures is embedded below. The City of Tampa recommends that motorists use alternative routes to avoid traffic congestion. See all road closures at www.tampagov.net/RoadClosures

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Pasco County Animal Services Offers Free Microchipping

~~"Show Them You Love Them" drive-thru event will help 200 pets February 6~~

LAND O' LAKES, FL ---- Pasco County Animal Services (PCAS) is showing dogs and cats how much we love them by offering free microchipping **Saturday, February 6, 2021,** in a special drive-thru event open to all Pasco County residents. *Please note, pre-registration is required beginning January 30.*

WHAT: "Show Them You Love Them" Microchipping

WHEN: Saturday, February 6, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Pasco County Fairgrounds
36702 State Road 52
Dade City, FL
In front of UF/IFAS Extension Office

You must **pre-register online beginning Saturday, January 30**, with a limit of three pets per vehicle. ***The registration link will GO LIVE Jan. 30 at 8 a.m.***

"Just before Valentine's Day, what better way to show love for your pets than to have them microchipped," said PCAS Director Mike Shumate. "We're excited to be able to continue providing a way to reunite lost pets with their families."

On the day of the event, staff and volunteers will direct you to the microchipping station when you arrive. Due to COVID-19 precautions, only one person can accompany a pet outside the vehicle, and face masks are required. Dogs must be on leashes and each cat in a hard-sided carrier.

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WHAT: "Home for the Holidays" Microchipping

WHEN: Saturday, December 5, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: PCAS 19640 Dogpatch Ln.
Land O' Lakes, FL
Parking lot of Building C,
behind Adoption Center

You can **pre-register online beginning Saturday, November 28**, with a limit of three pets per household. ***Please note the registration link will not be live until 8 a.m. on Nov. 28.***

Staff and volunteers will direct you to the microchipping station upon arrival. Due to COVID-19 precautions, only one person can accompany a pet outside the vehicle, and face masks are required. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in hard-sided carriers, with one cat per carrier.

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UPDATE
Pasco Enforcing Commercial Vehicle/RV/Boat Residential Parking

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PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County is resuming enforcement of codes and regulations with citations, following a period of relaxed rules for commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles, or boats parked in residential areas during the pandemic. The grace period earlier this year coincided with Florida's Safer At Home order in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The return to the use of citations to enforce County codes follows the Florida Supreme Court's guidelines associated with COVID-19.

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Subject: PIP Talking Points

Any discussion of the rate impact of HB 54 cannot be divorced from the fact that Florida's mandatory automobile insurance requirements under the Motor Vehicle No-Fault law are unfair and inadequate.

- The law is unfair because it does not require at-fault drivers to maintain insurance to pay for the injuries they cause other people.
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- It is necessary and good public policy that Florida increase the minimum limit drivers must carry for coverage of bodily injuries suffered in auto accidents.

This change will, on average, put downward pressure on rates.

- The majority of Floridians who currently purchase auto insurance with BI coverage of 25/50 or more will benefit from PIP repeal and the bad faith reforms in the bill. Those policyholders will not be required to purchase more insurance and can choose to not purchase MedPay. Those drivers will be able to drop PIP coverage they do not need and thus would pay less for insurance.
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- While the will should put downward pressure on rates, some policyholders will pay more for their auto insurance. Drivers that now do not purchase any PIP coverage may well pay more for their coverage, which is unfortunately necessary to require that drivers have adequate insurance.

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The Executive Director of the ACLU of Florida, Micah Kubic, stated that “This (bill) is not an attempt to make our communities safer. This proposed legislation by DeSantis is nothing more than a campaign political stunt. Now, it is being disguised as a response to the failed violent coup at the US Capitol. And, it is just as unconstitutional.”

A statewide survey of Florida voters put out after the attack by Donald Trump’s supporters on the US Capitol suggested a lack of support for HB1 and Governor DeSantis’ push to amp up criminal penalties for “disorderly” protests. Ninety-percent of those asked stated their support for “protecting our constitutional right to free assembly and free speech by legally protesting without fear of criminal charges”. Seventy-one percent of Democrats and 74% of Republicans deemed the issue a top priority. Eighty percent of respondents said they were more likely to support a legislator who voted to protect that priority, and 56% were “much more likely”. On the other hand, 83% of respondents thought that it was important to strengthen unemployment protections for people who lost their jobs because of COVID-19, 63% said that this was “very important”. (1)

Finally, this legislation also creates a preemptive attack on local municipalities that might want to “defund” the police and put their money towards more humanitarian initiatives to provide real solutions to small business and economic crises caused by the pandemic. Instead of restricting local government’s ability to find solutions we need legislation that answers the call of the people in the streets. People only protest when they are being abused, oppressed, marginalized or violated. It's time the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee address the calls of Florida voters and people who cared enough to peacefully assemble. We need to face the issues head on and answer to the humanity and dignity of working class, black, brown, and immigrant families in Florida who are suffering with workable policies that help the state grow and prosper.

If this legislation passes I will be letting people know that they should not travel in Florida, they

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should not move to Florida, they should not visit Florida, because our government does not support them and keep them safe. Public health and the economy should be your number one priority. Please OPPOSE HB1 and support legislation that provides real solutions to the real problems Floridians face today.

(1) EMC Research. “Florida Statewide Poll on Legislative Priorities”. https://s3.amazonaws.com/s3.progressflorida.org/images/emc-memo-11920.pdf

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The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

AGRICULTURE
Senator Rouson, Chair
Senator Bradley, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2021
TIME: 9:00—11:30 a.m.
PLACE: *Toni Jennings Committee Room,* 110 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Rouson, Chair; Senator Bradley, Vice Chair; Senators Ausley, Boyd, Burgess, Perry, Polsky, Rodriguez, and Thurston

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
	PUBLIC TESTIMONY WILL BE RECEIVED FROM ROOM A1 AT THE DONALD L. TUCKER CIVIC CENTER, 505 W PENSACOLA STREET, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301		
1	Update on the State Hemp Program by Holly Bell, Director of Cannabis, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services		
2	Overview of the Florida Department of Citrus by Shannon Shepp, Executive Director, and Dr. Marisa Zansler, Director of Economic and Market Research, Florida Department of Citrus		
3	Presentation by Thomas Mantz, President and CEO of Feeding Tampa Bay and Robin Safely, Executive Director of Feeding America		
4	Presentations on the effect of COVID-19 on the Agriculture Industry		
5	**SB 336** Rouson	Large-scale Agricultural Pollution Reduction Pilot Program; Creating a large-scale agricultural pollution reduction pilot program within the Department of Environmental Protection as a partnership with dairy farms for a specified purpose; specifying that pilot program participants are presumed to comply with water quality standards and are eligible for certain permit terms and funding; authorizing the department to grant general permits for certain department-approved large-scale dairy farm pollution reduction pilot program participants, etc. AG 01/27/2021 EN AP	

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6	**SB 374** Bradley	Fair Repair of Agricultural Equipment; Citing this act as the "Agricultural Equipment Fair Repair Act"; requiring original equipment manufacturers of agricultural equipment to provide certain manufacturing, diagnostic, and repair information to independent repair providers and owners; prohibiting the original equipment manufacturers from excluding certain information concerning security-related functions, etc. AG 01/27/2021 CM RC	
	Other Related Meeting Documents		

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Bill Summaries

SB 336 – Rouson

SB 336 creates a large-scale agricultural pollution reduction pilot program within the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in partnership with dairy farms to develop and maintain regional pollution reduction projects that eliminate water pollution in the state.

The bill establishes pilot program application and project selection requirements. All aspects of projects planned and developed must be available for inspection by the DEP, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and water management districts. The bill specifies that pilot program participants are presumed to comply with water quality standards and are eligible for certain permit terms and funding. The DEP is given discretionary authority to adopt rules to provide a general permit for the construction of systems and projects under certain circumstances.

The bill requires that the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability evaluate the pilot program using specified minimum criteria and report its findings to the Legislature. The pilot program is repealed as of October 2, 2025, unless reviewed and continued by the Legislature.

The bill authorizes the DEP to grant general permits for certain pilot program participants.

The bill provides for a nonrecurring appropriation in the 2021-2022 fiscal year of $1.3 million for the initial implementation of the program, of which $800,000 is to be spent in the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan and $500,000 in the Suwannee Basin Management Action Plan.

This act takes effect July 1, 2021.

SB 374 – Bradley

SB 374 creates the "Agricultural Equipment Fair Repair Act" requiring original equipment manufacturers of agricultural equipment to provide certain manufacturing, diagnostic, and repair information to independent repair providers and owners. Original equipment manufacturers are prohibited from excluding certain information concerning security-related functions.

The bill does not apply to motor vehicle manufacturers or motor vehicle dealers. Additionally, a civil penalty may be collected from any original equipment manufacturer who is found to be in violation.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.

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Elected Representative,

My name is Courtney McClanahan, I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you to not allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
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Homeownership Experiences Following Criminal Justice Contact

Using data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97), this article considers the potential of a broad variety of criminal justice system interactions to shape homeownership experiences among young adults. Using a variety of models to address concerns of unobserved confounding varialbes, the author investigates how arrest, criminal charges, conviction, and incarceration relate to (1) probability of homeownership, (2) age of entry into first homeownership, and (3) homeownership duration. Results indicate that, like incarceration, these lower level forms of criminal justice contact are independently associated with lower levels of homeownership, delayed entry into homeownership, and shorter duration of homeownership among respondents who succeed in becoming homeowners. Given the importance of homeownership for individual wealth accumulation and racial wealth gaps, as well as sizable racial disparities in criminal justice contact in the United States, these findings illuminate a potentially important pathway through which racial disparities in socioeconomic well-being are reinforced.

Source: Office of Policy Development and Research of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Using Research to Improve Health and Health Care in U.S. Correctional Facilities

To implement policies and practices that foster positive health outcomes and fulfill the U.S. government's constitutional obligation to provide adequate health care to people who are incarcerated, researchers and practitioners must understand their health needs and the nature and quality of the care they receive. This brief provides an overview of what is known about health and health care in correctional settings and what must be investigated to improve treatment and health outcomes in correctional settings. This brief is part of a forthcoming research agenda for the Prison Research and Innovation Initiative—a five-year effort to leverage research and evidence to shine a much-needed light on prison conditions and pilot strategies to promote the well-being of people who live and work behind bars.

Source: Urban Institute

Australia's Third Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children, Priority Area 2

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Violence against women and children continues to challenge well-being in Australia, especially for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. In this report, the authors discuss their evaluation of the national government's Third Action Plan of the National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and Their Children, and specifically Priority Area 2: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women and Their Children. The national government provided funding to 14 different service providers across Australia that work specifically on family issues in Aboriginal communities. Aboriginal communities are mostly located in remote and sparsely populated areas, creating challenges for service delivery. The Third Action Plan funding was intended to help service providers deliver initiatives to address one or more of four categories: (1) trauma-informed therapeutic services, (2) men's behavior change programs, (3) intensive family case management and (4) victim services through legal service providers. Report findings include that interviewees from sites frequently described how a holistic approach to treatment provided positive results. Clinicians noted that storytelling and narrative therapeutic approaches were often quite effective, in part because these approaches fit well with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practices. Making sure to staff programs with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff was critical. Many communities have seen programs come and go over the years (often due to inconsistent funding) and have experienced broken promises from government entities or other efforts to address local problems. Data collection was extremely challenging for sites and site staff expressed a desire for more meaningful contact with other sites.

Source: RAND Corporation

EDUCATION

Higher Education: Department of Education Should Further Assess College Access Grant Programs

The U.S. Department of Education gives grants to schools and organizations that provide disadvantaged students with services to help them attend college. These eight grant programs are collectively known as "TRIO", named for the original three programs. The department could improve the information it has about TRIO programs in two areas: (1) grantee performance data, and (2) program assessments. Schools and organizations report data to the department to show how the TRIO grants they receive have been working. For example, organizations that receive grants to encourage students to complete college report on the numbers and percentages of students who received services and earned degrees. The U.S. Department of Education evaluates grantees' performance using the self-reported data, but has done little to verify the data. Accurate performance data are important because returning grantees can earn points for past performance in the next grant competition—increasing the likelihood that they will receive new grants. Almost 80% of recent TRIO grants went to returning grantees. Therefore, grantees may have an incentive to report a more positive picture than warranted. Officials from an organization representing TRIO grantees told us there is a risk that some grantees may report inaccurate information. As for assessing the individual TRIO programs, studies of some programs are outdated. In addition, the department has never assessed the effectiveness of three of the seven TRIO programs that serve students, and did not have any new assessments planned as of August 2020.

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office

Hate Crimes and Black College Student Enrollment

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Reported hate crimes have increased rapidly in recent years, including on college campuses. Concurrently, general racial animus has increased in the United States. Scholars have shown that the larger sociopolitical environment can directly impact the campus climate and experiences of all students, particularly students of color. However, little is known about how reports of hate crimes incidents relate to the college enrollment of students of color. This lack of evidence is especially troubling for Black persons, the most frequent targets of reported hate crimes both on and off campus. This paper helps to fill in that gap by exploring the association between Black students' college enrollment and the number of reports of hate crimes at two levels: the state and the institution. The authors examine a comprehensive dataset of institutional enrollment and characteristics, reported hate crimes, and Census data on state racial demographics from 1999 to 2017 using several techniques including institution fixed effects. The authors find that a standard deviation increase in reports of state-level hate crimes predicts a 20% increase in Black first-time student enrollment at Historically Black College and Universities (HCBUs). As the number of reported hate crimes is almost assuredly an undercount of the actual number of incidents, the authors explore the implications of this work while keeping that limitation in mind.

Source: Stanford Center for Education Policy Analysis

Media Literacy and Digital Citizenship

This resource provides an overview of media literacy and digital citizenship, including definitions as they appear in multiple settings. It also includes examples from three states (Utah, Virginia, and Washington) that address digital citizenship in legislation and one state (Colorado) that has convened a media literacy task force. Noted statistics include that 91% of teachers believe that digital citizenship is at least moderately effective in helping students make smart, safe, and ethical decisions online. Two-thirds of students were unable to tell the difference between news stories and online advertisements. And 96% of students did not consider how ties between an advocacy website and industry might affect the site's credibility. Colorado convened a media literacy task force in 2019 and their recommendations include 1) revising language arts and civics content standards to be more inclusive of media literacy; 2) strategies to support school districts with implementation that includes ways the state department of education can support local efforts; and 3) ways to recognize students and teachers who demonstrate excellence in media literacy.

Source: Education Commission of the States

How England Implemented Its Computer Science Education Program

Computer science education helps students acquire skills such as computational thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration. Computer science education can also reduce skills inequality if education systems make a concerted effort to ensure that all students have equitable access to curricula that provides them with the needed breadth of skills, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Based on prior analyses and expert consultations, the authors selected 11 computer science education country, state, and provincial case studies that may have lessons that can broadly apply to other education systems. These cases come from diverse global regions and circumstances and have implemented computer science education programs for various periods and to different levels of success. As such, they have examined information to extract lessons that can lead to successful implementation. This study will examine how England developed its computer science education program of study. Computer science concepts have been part of the official English curriculum for over a decade, but reforms have encouraged wider participation in the last six years. Given that this is a relatively long period of implementation compared to many other countries' computer science activities, this England case study can provide an understanding of how computer science education activities can be improved over time.

Source: Brookings Institute

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Farmworkers: Additional Information Needed to Better Protect Workers from Pesticide Exposure

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and states ensure compliance with the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) primarily through inspections of farms. The states collect some information—such as the number of inspections they conduct—and provide that information to EPA as part of cooperative agreements between EPA and the states. An EPA regulation allows farmworkers to designate a representative to find out which pesticides are used where they work. This information can help farmworkers with pesticide exposure illnesses get faster diagnoses and better treatment. The extent of use of the designated representative provision of the WPS, and its effect on the availability of pesticide information, are not known because EPA does not collect information on the use of the provision and does not coordinate with states to do so. By coordinating with states, through the cooperative agreements or some another mechanism, to collect information on the use of the designated representative provision, EPA would be better positioned to determine whether the provision is serving its intended purpose. Farmers have raised concerns that other farmers could be misusing pesticide information for competitive advantage. The EPA, state officials, and others told us they didn't know of any instances of misused information. But EPA guidance doesn't outline how pesticide information should be used. The authors made two recommendations, including that the EPA explain its expectations on the appropriate use of pesticide information.

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office

I-Street Initiative – Evaluation of Intelligent School Zone Beacon and Vehicle-Cyclist Detection and Warning System

The main purpose of this study is to evaluate a smartphone-based app called “TravelSafely” developed by Temple/AI. This app has the capability to alert drivers if they exceed a given speed threshold in an active school zone or when they are approaching a cyclist and a collision is possible. The authors collected trajectory and eye tracking data from 50 participants. Each participant drove a circuit twice and, in each circuit, drive through 4 school zones and one staged cyclist. The driving subjects were randomized across three conditions: (1) Stealth/OFF condition (drivers did not receive any alerts), (2) Audio ON (drivers received audio alerts), and (3) Audio/Visual ON (drivers received both audio and visual alerts). Overall, the experimental study suggests that the availability of an app decreases the probability of speeding in school zones and increased visual scanning behavior. These could translate into improved situational awareness and increased safety in school zones. In the case of the bicyclist, the results showed a significant increase the probability of seeing the cyclist with the availability of the app when the bicyclist was not expected. This suggest the value of the app in improving safety in locations in which cyclists are generally not expected. It is useful to acknowledge that these results are based on a relatively small sample of valid data points. Therefore, future studies with larger samples are warranted.

Source: Florida Department of Transportation

Fintech Borrowers: Lax-Screening or Cream-Skimming?

Financial markets have recently witnessed a disruptive force: the rise of online intermediaries and, more generally, fintech companies, i.e., firms that apply technology to improve financial activities. This report studies the personal credit market using unique individual-level data covering financial-technical fintech and traditional lenders. The authors show that fintech lenders acquire market share by first lending to higher risk borrowers and then to safer borrowers, and mainly rely on hard information to make credit decisions. Fintech borrowers are significantly more likely to default than neighbor individuals with the same characteristics borrowing from traditional financial institutions. Furthermore, they tend to experience only a short-lived reduction in the cost of credit, because their indebtedness increases more than non-fintech borrowers a few months after loan origination. However, fintech lenders' pricing strategies are likely to take this into account.

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research

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Elder Justice: Health and Human Services Could Do More to Encourage State Reporting on the Costs of Financial Exploitation

Elder financial exploitation—the fraudulent or illegal use of an older adult's funds or property—has far-reaching effects on victims and society. Understanding the scope of the problem has thus far been hindered by a lack of nationwide data. In 2013, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) worked with states to create the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS), a voluntary system for collecting adult protective services data on elder abuse, including financial exploitation. The authors were asked to study the extent to which NAMRS provides information on elder financial exploitation. This report examines (1) the status of HHS's efforts to compile nationwide data through NAMRS on the extent of financial exploitation and the challenges involved, and (2) what is known about the costs of financial exploitation to victims and others. The authors analyzed NAMRS data from Fiscal Year 2016 through 2019 (the most recent available); reviewed relevant federal laws; and interviewed officials from HHS, other federal agencies, elder abuse prevention organizations, and researchers. They also reviewed adult protective services documents and spoke with officials in eight states, including Florida, selected based on their efforts to study, collect, and report cost data; and reviewed studies on financial exploitation.

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office

Deaths: Final Data for 2018

This report presents final 2018 data on U.S. deaths, death rates, life expectancy, infant and maternal mortality, and trends by selected characteristics such as age, sex, Hispanic origin and race, state of residence, and cause of death. The race categories are consistent with 1997 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) standards, which are different from previous reports (1977 OMB standards). In 2018, a total of 2,839,205 resident deaths were registered in the United States, yielding a crude death rate of 867.8 per 100,000 population. The age-adjusted death rate, which accounts for the aging of the population, was 723.6 deaths per 100,000 U.S. standard population. Life expectancy at birth was 78.7 years. The top five leading causes of death in 2018 were 1) heart disease, 2) cancer, 3) accidents, 4) chronic lower respiratory disease, and 5) stroke. The age-adjusted death rate decreased 1.1% from 731.9 per 100,000 standard population in 2017 to 723.6 in 2018. Life expectancy for females was 5.0 years higher than for males, the same as in 2017. The difference in life expectancy between the sexes has narrowed since 1979, when it was 7.8 years. Among external causes of injury death, unintentional poisoning has been the leading mechanism of injury mortality since 2011.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Independent Evaluation of the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus: Third Annual Report

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This report to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services covers the first three years of Comprehensive Primary Care Plus for the 2,905 practices in regions that began the program in 2017. Comprehensive Primary Care Plus is the largest primary care payment and delivery reform effort tested in the U.S. to date. The report examines (1) engagement in the program by payer partners and health information technology vendors and participation by practices; (2) the supports practices received; (3) how practices were implemented by the program and changed the way they delivered health care; and (4) the impacts of the program on cost, service use, limited claims-based quality-of-care outcomes, and patient experience for attributed Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries three years into the five year model. Key findings include that the program continued to provide practices with substantial supports including enhanced and alternative payments, data feedback, learning activities, and health information technology vendor supports. The program practices built on their progress from the first two years to make important changes in care, including providing care management to high-risk patients and integrating behavioral health care into their practices. There were a few small favorable effects on some measures of service use, quality of care, and patient experience for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries. And when including enhanced payments to the program's practices, the program increased government expenditures for Medicare beneficiaries.

Source: Mathematica

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Wearable Sensor Technology and Potential Uses Within Law Enforcement: Identifying High-Priority Needs to Improve Officer Safety, Health, and Wellness Using Wearable Sensor Technology

Many wearable sensor technology devices on the market enable individuals and organizations to track and monitor personal health metrics in real time. These devices are worn by the user and contain sensors to capture various biomarkers. Although these technologies are not yet sufficiently developed for law enforcement purposes overall, wearable sensor technology devices continue to advance rapidly and offer the potential to equip law enforcement officers and agencies with data to improve officer safety, health, and wellness. For example, in the short term, they provide information on the officer's physical condition, fitness, and readiness. In the long term, they could be used to alert officers to emerging health concerns. Key findings from this report include that current wearable sensor technology devices are not sufficiently developed for law enforcement purposes overall because they lack the accuracy and precision needed to inform and support decision-making. The short-term focus should be on preparing for a time when technology will be more applicable to law enforcement roles. Now is the time for law enforcement to participate in the process of developing wearable sensor technology devices.

Source: RAND Corporation

Racial Disparities in Motor Vehicle Searches Cannot Be Justified by Efficiency

During traffic stops, police search black and Hispanic motorists more often than white motorists, yet those searches are equally or less likely to yield contraband. The authors ask whether equalizing search rates by motorist race would reduce contraband yield. They use unique administrative data from Texas to isolate variation in search behavior across highway patrol troopers and find that, across troopers, search rates are unrelated to the proportion of searches that yield contraband. These results imply that, in partial equilibrium, troopers can equalize search rates across racial groups, maintain the status quo search rate, and increase contraband yield.

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research

Alternatives to Arrests and Police Responses to Homelessness

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In response to unsheltered homelessness, communities often turn to punitive responses: issuing ordinances that criminalize homelessness, clearing homeless encampments, and arresting people. This results in people becoming trapped in a cycle of homelessness and jail. Until housing is available at the scale needed to end homelessness, communities can improve outcomes for people enduring unsheltered homelessness and for the community as a whole by considering promising innovations that prioritize inclusive public space management and shift the role of law enforcement agencies from policing homelessness to solving homelessness in partnerships with service providers. This report reviews the evidence for housing as the solution to homelessness and emerging evidence for inclusive public space and alternative crisis response policies and practices.

Source: Urban Institute

EDUCATION

Exploring Coherence in English Language Arts Instructional Systems in the Common Core Era

Coherence among components of an instructional system is key to changing teachers' instructional practices in standards-based reforms. Coherence involves working across traditional silos—or system components (e.g., curriculum, professional learning, assessment)—to integrate components to avoid fragmentation of experiences for educators and students. The authors set out to understand how districts and schools are activating various policy levers (i.e., instructional components) to drive instructional coherence and student learning in English language arts in the Common Core era. The authors investigate the coherence of teachers' instructional systems using survey data from state-representative samples of teachers and smaller samples of district leaders across three states: Louisiana, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Findings include (1) few English language arts teachers used standards-aligned curriculum materials in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, while most did in Louisiana; (2) in classrooms composed of more than half students of color, teachers were more likely to use standards-aligned materials than those with fewer; (3) teachers generally received multiple supports to implement their curriculum materials, but elementary teachers were more likely to receive these supports than teachers at higher grades; (4) teachers differed tremendously by states in their English language arts instructional systems, with teachers in Louisiana reporting teaching in systems that show evidence of far greater coherence; and (5) there is greater evidence of incoherent instructional systems for teachers serving more students with disabilities and for elementary teachers.

Source: RAND Corporation

The Transfer Landscape: A Survey of College Officials

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Given the environment surrounding higher education and the workforce, it seems like this should be transfer's moment. Transferring from one college to another has historically been harder than it should be, with impediments at many points along the way. The incentives for institutions and students to smooth out the process right now are greater than ever before, given the current and pending declines in traditional college-age students, the likelihood that COVID-19 will scramble students' college-going patterns, and the societal push for racial equity that is increasing pressure on colleges to diversify their student bodies. A new survey, however, underscores some of the attitudes and practices that have historically impeded the path for transfer students -- and identifies perceptual gaps between administrators at two-year and four-year colleges that could be difficult to overcome. Among the key findings of the report, which queried administrators who are involved with transfer policies or practices at two- or four-year colleges: roughly three-quarters of administrators at two-year and four-year colleges alike agree that students who transfer from one institution to another perform as well as or better at the receiving institution than do students who began at that institution. Additionally, o two-year college officials give themselves higher ratings at preparing students for transfer than do their four-year-college counterparts -- but even the community college officials don't rate themselves very highly. Officials from all institutions overwhelmingly agree that a, "centralized approach to credit evaluation works better for transfer student enrollment" than does leaving those decisions up to individual departments and professors. But four-year college administrators are two to three times likelier than their two-year-college peers to agree that, "faculty experts in individual academic departments are effective at deciding which and how many credits students may transfer to a major program."

Source: Inside Higher Ed

Expanding the Arts Across the Juvenile Justice System

In a one-day count in 2018, an estimated 37,529 youths resided in juvenile placement facilities across the United States. While the estimated number of juveniles in residential placement facilities has dropped by more than half over 20 years, alternative placement to other government juvenile facilities continues to remove youths from their community and education, creating inequitable, unreliable or inaccessible opportunities to engage in the arts. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified persistent inequities in the juvenile justice system, particularly access to resources related to youth well-being and developmental success, such as the arts. This report identifies considerations for effective and sustainable arts-based programming, identifies the key actors in policy and implementation for arts education, and considers the state and federal policy opportunities and barriers for implementing arts-based programming in juvenile justice systems.

Source: Education Commission of the States

Learning During the COVID-19 Pandemic: It Is Not Who You Teach, but How You Teach

The authors use standardized end-of-course knowledge assessments to examine student learning during the disruptions induced by the COVID-19 pandemic. Examining seven economics courses taught at four U.S. institutions classified as R1 doctoral universities with very high research activity, they find that students performed substantially worse, on average, in Spring 2020 when compared to Spring or Fall 2019. They find no evidence that the effect was driven by specific demographic groups. However, their results suggest that teaching methods that encourage active engagement, such as the use of small group activities and projects, played an important role in mitigating this negative effect. The results point to methods for more effective online teaching as the pandemic continues.

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research

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State Insights on Renewing a Cross-Government for Water Affordability

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This report explores what constitutes good water governance through the lenses of water affordability and equity. While the topic was selected prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, the pandemic has further revealed and exacerbated health and financial disparities across racial, gender, and geographic lines. The water sector has a unique opportunity to rethink how governments build the water infrastructure grid. Communities are still living on subsidized investments made by the federal government for water infrastructure from the 1950s to the 1980s. Ratepayers cannot finance that scale of investment to rebuild currently failing infrastructure. Going forward, the federal government will need to subsidize replacement costs and/or rethink current water infrastructure, particularly treatment technologies. This is especially true in the midst of the ongoing pandemic and economic recession. The economy cannot recover in communities that do not have clean water or sanitation. The costs of a modern water infrastructure grid could be less expensive if rebuilt differently. Envisioning a new water grid requires identifying what works and does not work with the current system. This includes revisiting plumbing codes, fire suppression systems, or centralized treatment technologies. The water sector must take this opportunity to shift its water paradigm before spending trillions to rebuild a water grid that struggles to meet the needs of the 21st century. A modern water grid must be equitable, sustainable, and affordable. A utility that is affordable for the community will be more affordable for their customers, including individual households.

Source: Aspen Institute

The U.S. Essential Workforce Ages 50 and Older: A Snapshot

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of the essential workforce. Spread across many industries and occupational groups, these workers have kept vital parts of the U.S. critical infrastructure, economy, and health care system in operation. Many of these essential workers, totaling about 16.1 million, are ages 50 and older. Women are more likely than men to be essential workers. Among workers ages 50+, 33.2% of women are designated as essential, compared with 27.2% of men. Among all race/ethnicities, Black/African American workers are most likely to be designated as essential. Black/African American women are the demographic of workers ages 50+ who are most likely to be essential workers. Despite the vital importance of the work they are doing, particularly during the pandemic, many U.S. essential workers of all ages, including the 50+, earn low wages.

Source: AARP Public Policy Institute

Economic Benefits of COVID-19 Screening Tests

The authors assess the economic value of screening testing programs as a policy response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. They find that the fiscal, macroeconomic, and health benefits of rapid SARS-CoV-2 screening testing programs far exceed their costs, with the ratio of economic benefits to costs typically in the range of 4-15 (depending on program details), not counting the monetized value of lives saved. Unless the screening test is highly specific, however, the signal value of the screening test alone is low, leading to concerns about adherence. Confirmatory testing increases the net economic benefits of screening tests by reducing the number of healthy workers in quarantine and by increasing adherence to quarantine measures.

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Organ Transplants: Changes in Allocation Policies for Donated Livers and Lungs

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The Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) develops allocation policies in the United States to determine which transplant candidates receive offers for organs, such as livers or lungs, that are donated from deceased donors. In July 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which oversees OPTN, directed it to change the liver allocation policy to be more consistent with federal regulations. The liver allocation policy changed in February 2020 from a system that, in general, offered donated livers first to the sickest candidates within the fixed boundaries of a donation service area or region to a system based on a candidate's level of illness and distance from the donor hospital. The current liver allocation policy offers livers first to the sickest candidates within 500 nautical miles of the donor hospital using a series of distance-based concentric circles, called acuity circles. This report outlines the changes to the liver allocation policy and the similarities and differences in the processes OPTN used to change the liver and lung allocation policies, and federal oversight of these processes, among other things.

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office

The COVID-19 Hazard Continues, But the Hazard Pay Does Not: Why America's Essential Workers Need a Raise

The United States has entered a third peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, with cases spiking across the country. Many experts anticipate that the winter months will be the worst yet, and a new study projects that the U.S. could surpass 500,000 COVID-19 deaths by the end of February. As the U.S. begins this even deadlier phase of the pandemic, the country's 50 million frontline essential workers are among the most vulnerable. This report looks at the state of hazard pay for COVID-19's frontline essential workers. The unequal sacrifices shouldered by low-wage frontline workers require policy solutions such as federal hazard pay during the pandemic and a higher minimum wage so that workers permanently earn a living wage. The pandemic has laid bare the wide gap between the low wages that frontline workers earn and the essential value they bring to society.

Source: Brookings Institution

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Capital Punishment, 2018 - Statistical Tables

This report presents information on persons under sentence of death on December 31, 2018 and persons executed in 2018. Tables show state-by-state statistics on the movement of prisoners sentenced to death during 2018, the status of capital statutes, and methods of execution. Data include offender characteristics, such as sex, race, ethnicity, criminal history, and time between the imposition of a death sentence and execution. At year-end 2018, a total of 30 states and the Federal Bureau of Prisons held 2,628 prisoners under sentence of death, which was 75 (3%) fewer than at year-end 2017. Eight states executed a total of 25 prisoners in 2018, with Texas accounting for more than half (13) of the executions. California (28%), Florida (13%), and Texas (8%) held about half of the prisoners under death sentences in the United States at year-end 2018. The largest declines in the number of prisoners under death sentences in 2018 were in Pennsylvania and Texas (down 11 prisoners each), followed by Washington (down 8) and then Alabama, Florida, California, and Nevada (down 6 each).

Source: U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics

Understanding Police Enforcement: A Multicity 911 Analysis

With more than 240 million 911 calls each year, a sizable proportion of police officers' time consists of responding to calls for service. Despite the importance of the 911 call system, little information exists on the nature of calls for service, how they are handled, and how police respond. The Vera Institute of Justice partnered with two police departments (Camden, New Jersey and Tucson, Arizona) to study this crucial component of the policing system. Researchers employed a five-pronged mixed methods approach: reviewing the literature on 911 calls for service; mapping the 911 call system process and analyzing 911 call audio records; analyzing computer-aided dispatch (CAD) data; applying Natural Language Processing techniques to assess narrative fields in CAD data; and analyzing linked CAD and record management system data. By combining these five research components, Vera sought to identify alternatives to traditional 911 call-processing practices that could potentially improve outcomes for community members, call-takers, dispatchers, and police officers. The most frequent incident type was noncriminal in nature; with the most frequent incident type some variation of a complaint or request for an officer to perform a welfare check. In addition, the most common priority types were nonemergency. These findings suggest the need for future research and local conversations about whether certain types of 911 calls for service require responses by police. There are critical gaps in knowledge regarding the underlying needs, causes, and consequences for these resource intensive calls for service that do not involve a crime.

Source: Vera Institute of Justice

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Using Natural Language Processing to Code Patient Experience Narratives

A Randomized Trial of Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Persons with High Use of Publicly Funded Services

Do sexual and gender minorities (SGMs) in the United States encounter disproportionate rates of victimization as compared with their cisgender, heterosexual counterparts? Answering this question has proved elusive because nationally representative victimization data have not included victims' sexual orientation or gender identity. The National Crime Victimization Survey, the nation's primary source of representative information on criminal victimization, began documenting sexual orientation and gender identity in 2016 and released data publicly for the first time in 2019. The authors find SGMs disproportionately are victims across a variety of crimes. The rate of violent victimization for SGMs is 71.1 victimizations per 1,000 people compared with 19.2 victimizations per 1,000 people for those who are not SGMs. Sexual and gender minorities are 2.7 times more likely to be a victim of violent crime than non-SGMs. These findings raise the importance of further considering sexual orientation and gender identity in victimization and interventions.

Source: Science Advances

Individual and Geographic Variation in Driver's License Suspensions: Evidence of Disparities by Race, Ethnicity and Income

Although access to a motor vehicle is essential for pursuing social and economic opportunity and ensuring health and well-being, states have increasingly used driver's license suspensions as a means of compelling compliance with a variety of laws and regulations unrelated to driving, including failure to pay a fine or appear in court. Little known about the population of suspended drivers and what geographic resources may be available to them to help mitigate the impact of a suspension. Using data from the New Jersey Safety Health Outcomes (NJ-SHO) data warehouse 2004–2018, the authors compared characteristics of suspended drivers, their residential census tract, as well as access to public transportation and jobs, by reason for the suspension (driving or non-driving related). In addition, they examined trends in the incidence and prevalence of driving and non-driving-related suspensions by sub-type over time. The authors found that the vast majority (91%) of license suspensions were for non-driving-related events, with the most common reason for a suspension being failure to pay a fine. Compared to drivers with a driving-related suspension or no suspension, non-driving-related suspended drivers lived in census tracts with a lower household median income, higher proportion of black and Hispanic residents and higher unemployment rates, but also better walkability scores and better access to public transportation and jobs. This study contributes to a growing literature that shows, despite public perception that they are meant to address traffic safety, the majority of suspensions are for non-driving related events. Further, these non-driving-related suspensions are most common in low-income communities and communities with a high-proportion of black and Hispanic residents. Although non-driving-related suspensions are also concentrated in communities with better access to public transportation and nearby jobs, additional work is needed to determine what effect this has for the social and economic well-being of suspended drivers.

Source: Journal of Transport and Health

EDUCATION

New Data Measuring High School to Postsecondary Transitions by State and Year

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Transitions from high school to college are challenging for many students, but key for long-term success. Thus, they are a major focus of education policy and research. However, systematically measuring how students progress from high school to college can be difficult, largely because it requires linking data from disparate K–12 and postsecondary systems. Currently, there is no central source of data on whether high school graduates are enrolling, persisting, and completing postsecondary education by the state of the high school they attended. In partnership with the National Student Clearinghouse, Mathematica embarked on an effort to use existing data to produce timely measures of high school to postsecondary transitions by year and state of high school attended. The resulting measures produced include college enrollment, persistence, and completion rates for the 2002 to 2019 cohorts of high school graduates in all 50 states. In Florida, the overall college enrollment rate (students who enter college by age 19) has ranged between 92% (for the 2002 cohort) to 75% (for the 2019 cohort).

Source: Mathematica

This is Not a Test, This is an Emergency: Special Considerations for Assessing and Advancing Equity in School-Year 2020-21

State policymakers are confronting well-documented intersecting crises – medical, economic, and racial – with especially dire implications for educational equity. State education leaders face a moral urgency to both understand and respond to the challenges students are experiencing and to do so in ways that address burgeoning equity gaps. Education assessment can play a crucial role in identifying these learning and related challenges, allowing policy leaders to direct resources to where the needs are the greatest. It will be incredibly challenging, however, to collect, interpret, and use high-quality state standardized test data this school year. This brief recognizes this conundrum and offers recommendations for state leaders regarding assessment in 2020-21 including: 1) Separate assessment from accountability. There are serious threats to producing valid data to support accountability decisions this year. Changes to accountability systems will require a waiver to state Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plans and possibly change in state law or regulation. 2) Plan now! State standardized tests operate on a long planning and quality-control-cycle, therefore, the time to act is now. Planning must begin almost immediately. Waiting until January or February will be too late to adapt testing systems to best understand and act on opportunity gaps and learning progress. Plans should also account for various contingencies, particularly due to remote and hybrid schooling, and allow for adjustment as conditions change. 3) Collect Opportunity-to-Learn information. States must design a system for collecting data to document and understand students' access to the resources, tools, and experiences they need to learn.

Source: Aspen Institute

Persistence and Convergence: The End of Kindergarten Outcomes of Pre-K Graduates and Their Nonattending Peers

The present investigation considers the differences in school readiness skills across the kindergarten year between a group of pre-K attenders and non-attenders who came from low-income and ethnically and linguistically diverse homes (n= 2,581). As part of this effort, the authors also consider the degree to which the benefits of pre-K diminish by the end of kindergarten (i.e., convergence) and the extent to which this convergence is a result of children without prior pre-K experience making ground (i.e., catch-up) or children with prior pre-K experience losing ground (i.e., fadeout). Results revealed that pre-K graduates outperformed non-attenders in the areas of achievement and executive functioning skills at the end of kindergarten, and also that the benefits of pre-K at the start of the year diminished by a little more than half. This convergence between groups' performance was largest for more constrained skills, such as letter-word identification, and was attributed to the fact that non-attenders made greater gains in kindergarten as compared with graduates of pre-K. Importantly, convergence in the groups' performance in kindergarten was not attributed to pre-K children's classroom experiences in kindergarten. Convergence was, however, attributable to preexisting individual differences, and there was support for the notion that even though children's skills are susceptible to improvement as a result of pre-K, their longer-term outcomes are likely to be impacted by factors that are outside the scope of early schooling.

Source: American Psychological Association

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2020 Survey of Admissions Leaders: A Mess of a Year

This year, fear and anxiety regarding college admissions spread throughout higher education, according to the 2020 Inside Higher Ed Survey of College and University Admissions Officials, conducted by Gallup between August 6 and 30, 2020. The survey of 433 senior admissions officials (only one per institution) found: 1) A record number were very concerned about filling their classes; 2) A majority (also a record) not only did not fill their classes by May 1 (the traditional deadline) but did not fill their classes by July 1; 3) A significant minority of private colleges said they were taking advantage of rules changes made by the National Association for College Admission Counseling to recruit students; 4) Most colleges expect enrollment to decrease this year; 5) A majority of those that went test optional or test blind during the pandemic do not expect to ever restore a standardized testing requirement in admissions; and 6) Private college officials were much more likely than their public counterparts to say they played a key role in deciding what the college would do this fall, with regard to campus openings.

Source: Inside Higher Ed

Keep It Simple: Streamlining Book Illustrations Improves Attention and Comprehension in Beginning Readers

This study used eye-tracking to examine whether extraneous illustration details—a common design in beginning reader storybooks—promote attentional competition and hinder learning. The study used a within-subject design with first- and second-grade children. Children (n = 60) read a story in a commercially available Standard condition and in a Streamlined condition, in which extraneous illustrations were removed while an eye-tracker recorded children's gaze shifts away from the text, fixations to extraneous illustrations, and fixations to relevant illustrations. Extraneous illustrations promoted attentional competition and hindered reading comprehension: children made more gaze shifts away from text in the Standard compared to the Streamlined condition, and reading comprehension was significantly higher in the Streamlined condition compared to the Standard condition. Importantly, fixations toward extraneous details accounted for the unique variance in reading comprehension controlling for reading proficiency and attending to relevant illustrations. Furthermore, a follow-up control experiment (n = 60) revealed that these effects did not solely stem from enhanced text saliency in the Streamlined condition and reproduced the finding of a negative relationship between fixations to extraneous details and reading comprehension. This study provides evidence that the design of reading materials can be optimized to promote literacy development in young children.

Source: Nature Partner Journals | Science of Learning

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How Can Cities Create More Equitable Transportation Systems?

All Americans need some form of transportation to access employment, education, health care, and other services. But not everyone has equal access to high-quality, reliable, and safe transportation. To understand the barriers to transportation and to identify ways transportation systems can become more equitable, the authors studied four metropolitan regions (Seattle, Washington; Lansing, Michigan; Baltimore, Maryland; and Nashville, Tennessee), each a distinct type in its transportation infrastructure, sprawl, fiscal health, population growth, and housing costs. Through data analysis and interviews with community leaders, the authors found that these varied cities share common barriers to equity—and common solutions. Common solutions include metro regions defining transportation equity in partnership with historically excluded residents, transportation departments having dedicated funding sources to allow for equitable and innovative transportation decisions, and cities collecting data to track transportation equity and create tools to help them make transportation decisions with equity as a key consideration.

Source: Urban Institute

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The Challenge of Decarbonizing Heavy Transport

Many jurisdictions are focused on achieving very low or net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by mid-century, bringing a spotlight to the biggest challenges in decarbonization. The transportation sector is responsible for about one-quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions and emissions are growing, even in the developed world where other emissions are generally flat. Liquid fuels made from oil dominate the sector; they are easy to transport and store, contain a great deal of energy for their weight and volume, and enable use of internal combustion engines. The degree of difficulty in decarbonizing transport varies across the sector. Electrification is relatively easy for smaller vehicles that travel shorter distances carrying lighter loads. For these vehicles, the added weight of a battery is less of a hindrance and the inherently simpler and more efficient electric motor and drivetrain (the system that delivers power from the motor to the wheels) make up for some of the weight penalty. However, the heavier forms of transportation are among the fastest growing, meaning that the nation must consider solutions for these more difficult vehicles as well. The challenge of decarbonizing these sectors and the technologies to overcome these challenges are global, but this paper focuses on policy options in the United States. Decarbonization of heavy transport lags behind other sectors, but spillover effects can help. For example, some advanced biofuel technologies produce a range of fuels, similar to making a range of fuels from crude oil. Today's supply of bio-jet fuel comes from such processes, despite a lack of policy for jet fuel decarbonization. More synergies could emerge if carbon capture becomes a common way to decarbonize difficult stationary sources of greenhouse gases, like some industrial processes. Captured carbon dioxide (CO_2) can be combined with hydrogen produced with renewable electricity to make liquid fuels. Technology exists to decarbonize the heavy transport sector, although many advanced technologies are expensive and not proven at scale. The challenge for policymakers will be keeping technology advances and policy in alignment as the technology advances.

Source: Brookings Institution

Voices from the Field: Engaging Employers to Connect Young Adults to Good Fit Employment

America's youngest workers are facing the most dire employment prospects since the Great Depression. At the start of 2020, nearly five million young people ages 16-24 were neither enrolled in school nor working. Today, their unemployment crisis has been greatly exacerbated by the pandemic. This disconnection, both before and after the arrival of COVID-19, has had an outsized impact on young workers of color. Across the country, workforce development and education providers are scrambling to meet the needs of these young people. Now more than ever, they need accurate information on available employment, including wages, health insurance, paid leave, scheduling, and safety, among other things. This report compiles insights from workforce professionals about the types of questions they ask employers. Two hundred and ten workforce professionals in Cleveland, Indianapolis, and Philadelphia responded to a survey about the kinds of conversations they have with business representatives on topics related to workplace practices, environment, and equity and inclusion in the workplace. Although the survey that informed this publication was conducted before the pandemic, the questions are increasingly relevant and important today. The report finds that businesses are using employer engagement survey results to inform capacity-building strategies to help workforce professionals, especially those who are new to the field, develop an understanding of how and why having learning-focused engagement with employers is important. An objective of this work is to equip workforce professionals to build standing and confidence for deeper engagement with employers about their workplace environment, workplace practices, and employees' experiences.

Source: Aspen Institute

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Child Care Facilities: Federal Agencies Need to Enhance Monitoring and Collaboration to Help Assure Drinking Water is Safe from Lead

The Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Child Care provides states with resources and technical assistance to help determine if drinking water in child care facilities is safe from lead. However, the office does not require that drinking water be tested because there is no requirement to do so under the Office of Child Care-administered Child Care and Development Block Grant, a key federal funding source for states to subsidize child care. Nonetheless, some states require child care providers to test their drinking water for lead. Children who are exposed to lead can experience serious developmental delays. Many young children spend significant amounts of time in child care settings. The authors were asked to review efforts to address lead in drinking water at child care facilities. The authors reviewed relevant laws, regulations and documents, and conducted a generalizable survey of 762 Head Start centers. To obtain information on lead testing and remediation, the authors also visited or interviewed 11 child care providers and Head Start grantees in four states that were selected for geographic variation and the presence of state laws for lead in drinking water. HHS's Office of Head Start has performance standards that require grantees to provide safe drinking water to children, but Office of Head Start does not ensure grantees comply with them. For example, the Office of Head Start does not require grantees to test their water or document that it is safe from lead, nor does the Office of Head Start check grantees' compliance with this standard during monitoring reviews. According to an Office of Head Start official, the office limits the number of standards it monitors to more efficiently use its limited resources. However, without documentation, the Office of Head Start does not have reasonable assurance that Head Start grantees provide safe drinking water. In fact, an estimated 43% of Head Start centers had not tested their drinking water for lead in late 2018 or 2019, and 31% did not know whether they had tested, according to the authors' nationwide survey. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded grants to help child care facilities test for lead in drinking water, but has not taken sufficient action to ensure its 2019 Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of Child Care and Office of Head Start, which encourages lead testing, is being executed. The authors make four recommendations including that Office of Head Start require grantees to document that water provided to children is safe from lead, and for EPA and HHS to improve their collaboration.

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office

Children's Uninsured Rate Rises by Largest Annual Jump in More Than a Decade

After reaching a historic low of 4.7% in 2016, the child uninsured rate began to increase in 2017, and as of 2019 jumped back up to 5.7%. This increase of a full percentage point translates to approximately 726,000 more children. Much of the gain in coverage that children made as a consequence of the Affordable Care Act's major coverage expansions implemented in 2014 has now been eliminated. The largest increase was observed between 2018 and 2019 when, despite a continued strong economy, the number of children without health insurance rose by 320,000. This increase in the number of uninsured children was the largest annual jump seen in more than a decade. Moreover, since this data was collected prior to the pandemic, the number of uninsured children is likely considerably higher in 2020, as families have lost their jobs and employer-sponsored insurance, though it is impossible to know yet by precisely how much. One-third of the total increase in the number of uninsured children from 2016 to 2019 live in Texas. The state saw by far the greatest coverage loss over the period with an estimated 243,000 more children living without health coverage. Florida has the next biggest loss, adding about 55,000 children to the uninsured count over the three-year period. Twenty-nine states experienced an adverse change for children from 2016 to 2019. The only state that bucked national trends and significantly reduced its number of uninsured children during this three-year time period was New York. These coverage losses were widespread across income, age, and race/ethnicity, but were largest among White and especially Latino children (who can be of any race).

Source: Georgetown University Health Policy Institute

Using Natural Language Processing to Code Patient Experience Narratives

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Patient narratives about experiences with health care contain a wealth of information about what is important to patients. These narratives are valuable for both identifying strengths and weaknesses in health care and developing strategies for improvement. However, rigorous qualitative analysis of the extensive data contained in these narratives is a resource-intensive process, and one that can exceed the capabilities of human analysts. One potential solution to these challenges is natural language processing, which uses computer algorithms to extract structured meaning from unstructured natural language. Because natural language processing is a relatively new undertaking in the field of health care, the authors set out to demonstrate its feasibility for organizing and classifying these data in a way that can generate actionable information. In doing so, the authors focused on two steps that must be performed by a machine learning system designed to classify narratives into such codes as those typically applied by human coders (e.g., positive or negative statements regarding care coordination). These steps are (1) numerically representing the text data (in this case, entire narratives as they are provided by patients) and (2) classifying the data by codes based on that representation. The authors also compared four related approaches to deploying machine learning algorithms, identified potential pitfalls in the processing of data, and showed how natural language processing can be used to supplement and support human coding. The success of the fairly simple models described in this pilot study supports the promise of these approaches for analyzing patient narratives at larger scale and there is labor-saving potential in leveraging the strengths of both machine and human coders, potentially in creative ways. Perhaps the most obvious opportunity for additional investment is increasing the size of the data set on which to train the models, which the authors expect would improve performance. Efficiency may be gained by contracting model building to specialized companies.

Source: RAND Corporation

A Randomized Trial of Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Persons with High Use of Publicly Funded Services

Homelessness is associated with high use of acute health care services, including emergency department and inpatient care. Among homeless individuals, a small group (referred to as “frequent users”) account for a large proportion of all acute service use. The purpose of this study was to examine whether randomization to permanent supportive housing (subsidized housing with closely linked, voluntary supportive services) versus usual care reduces the use of acute health care and other services among chronically homeless high users of county-funded services. Between 2015 and 2019, the authors assessed service use from Santa Clara County, California, administrative claims data for all county-funded health care, jail and shelter, and mortality. The authors enrolled 423 participants (199 intervention; 224 control). Eighty-six percent of those randomized to permanent supportive housing received housing compared with 36% in usual care. On average, the 169 individuals housed by the permanent supportive housing intervention have remained housed for 28.8 months (92.9% of the study follow-up period). The intervention decreased psychiatric emergency department visits and shelter use, and increased outpatient mental health care, but not medical emergency department visits or hospitalizations. Limitations included more than one-third of usual care participants received another form of subsidized housing, potentially biasing results to the null, and loss of power due to high death rates. Permanent supportive housing can house high-risk individuals and reduce emergent psychiatric services and shelter use. Reductions in hospitalizations may be more difficult to realize.

Source: Health Services Research

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jails in Indian Country, 2017-2018

This report is the 17th in a series that began in 1998. It provides statistics from the Bureau of Justice Statistics' Annual Survey of Jails in Indian Country on the demographic characteristics, most serious offense, and conviction status of the tribal inmate population, and it describes facility characteristics, including bed space and staffing. Highlights from this report include: 1) A total of 84 jails in Indian country held an estimated 2,870 inmates at midyear 2018, up from 2,820 inmates in 2017 and from 1,775 inmates (held in 68 facilities) in 2000; 2) Jails in Indian country were rated to hold an estimated maximum of 4,290 inmates at midyear 2018, up from 4,200 at midyear 2017; 3) From midyear 2000 to midyear 2018, the overall rated capacity of jails in Indian country increased by 107%, while the midyear inmate population increased by 62%; and 4) Occupied bed space declined from 86% of rated capacity at midyear 2000 to 67% at midyear 2018.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

California's 2019 Crime Rate is the Lowest in Recorded State History

California's crime rate fell by 3% from 2018 to 2019. This fact sheet reveals that crime rates have declined over the past decade amid statewide criminal justice reforms. Crime rates in the state fell by 12% from 2010 through 2019, with California jurisdictions reporting reductions in most major crime types, including burglary and robbery. There is variation across counties, which indicates the critical role that local policies play in crime trends.

Source: Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice

Education

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State Policy Landscape Report: K12 Climate Action

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This report looks at key areas where states have policies that can support schools in moving toward climate action. The report highlights opportunities for growth by focusing on state-level policy in the following focus areas: (1) Mitigation; (2) Adaptation; and (3) Education. With 98,000 public schools in the United States, the education sector has the opportunity to lead the nation into a new era that normalizes sustainable practices and equips the next generation to tackle the environmental challenges of the future. The report discusses key topic areas (including energy, transportation, food, adaptation and resilience, state standards, and career and technical education) and findings show that some states have started to work toward climate action, but there is more work to be done. Policymakers, school leaders, and educators can learn from the policy initiatives currently occurring across the country. The differences across states, the need to support schools in transitioning to environmental sustainability, and leadership from America's youth create an opportunity to further advance policy to support schools in addressing climate change. For example, 6 states have policies that target net-zero energy consumption in schools. Thirty-four states (including Florida) and Washington, D.C. have policies or programs to support local food in school meals. Twenty-nice states have career and technical education programs that prepare students for green careers.

Source: Aspen Institute

Supports for Social and Emotional Learning in American Schools and Classrooms

Researchers present results from a spring 2019 survey of a nationally representative sample of kindergarten through grade 12 (K–12) public school teachers about their approaches to supporting students' social and emotional learning and the factors that might influence those approaches. The authors explore teachers' social and emotional learning practices, including both classroom- and school-level approaches. The authors also examine teachers' beliefs about social and emotional learning, their emotional well-being, professional development related to social and emotional learning, school-level supports for social and emotional learning, and district and state social and emotional learning standards. All of these conditions can contribute to the likelihood that educators will adopt high-quality social and emotional learning practices. The findings shed light on how social and emotional learning practices and supports can depend on the population of students that a school serves and explore how multiple aspects of teacher well-being are related to social and emotional learning practices. Although these data were gathered before schools closed because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in spring 2020, the findings will continue to be relevant as educators work to enact social and emotional learning practices in both in-person and remote instructional contexts in future school years. The report finds that a large majority of teachers expressed confidence that they could improve students' social and emotional competencies. At the same time, many teachers believed that factors beyond their control had a greater influence on students' social and emotional learning than they did themselves, and that pressure to improve student academic achievement made it difficult to focus on social and emotional learning. Teachers' sense of well-being was positively associated with their reported emphasis on social and emotional learning practices. Teachers in lower-poverty schools reported higher levels of well-being compared with their counterparts in higher-poverty schools. Elementary teachers reported higher levels of school supports for social and emotional learning than secondary teachers did.

Source: RAND Corporation

Kentucky FAME: Fulfilling the Promise of Apprenticeship

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The economy is changing and, with it, America's need for postsecondary education and training. Not long ago, in the early 1980s, only one-third of U.S. jobs required more than a high school diploma. Today, two-thirds of jobs require some postsecondary education or training—not necessarily a four-year college degree, but some more specialized technical or nontechnical preparation for the world of work. The Federation for Advanced Manufacturing Education (FAME) began as a small, local initiative: Toyota Motor North America and a handful of other firms in central Kentucky came together to build a talent pipeline. Yet already in its early days, FAME was at the forefront of most of the trends that now define the nation's response to the changing nature of work. A national model of employer-provided training—founded, funded and managed by manufacturing companies—FAME stands at the crossroads of the push to expand apprenticeship and the drive to align it more closely with the nation's goals for postsecondary credential attainment. The message from Kentucky for policymakers, state and federal: redouble your efforts to take earn-and-learn training to scale. The report findings about Kentucky employment outcomes leave little doubt, and the good reviews heard from FAME graduates reinforce the point. Few approaches are more effective than apprenticeship in preparing learners for the workforce. Structured properly and offered in cooperation with a community college, earn-and-learn training can boost postsecondary credential attainment. And at a time of growing concern about economic inequality, Kentucky FAME shows what earn-and-learn programs can do to propel learners into the middle class.

Source: Brookings Institution

Optimizing Practice Scheduling Requires Quantitative Tracking of Individual Item Performance

Decades of research has shown that spacing practice trials over time can improve later memory, but there are few concrete recommendations concerning how to optimally space practice. The authors show that existing recommendations are inherently suboptimal due to their insensitivity to time costs and individual- and item-level differences. The authors introduce an alternative approach that optimally schedules practice with a computational model of spacing in tandem with microeconomic principles. They simulated conventional spacing schedules and their adaptive model-based approach. Simulations indicated that practicing according to microeconomic principles of efficiency resulted in substantially better memory retention than alternatives. The simulation results provided quantitative estimates of optimal difficulty that differed markedly from prior recommendations but still supported a desirable difficulty framework. Experimental results supported simulation predictions, with up to 40% more items recalled in conditions where practice was scheduled optimally according to the model of practice. This approach can be readily implemented in online educational systems that adaptively schedule practice and has significant implications for millions of students currently learning with educational technology.

Source: Nature Partner Journals: Science of Learning

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Measuring the Benefits of Ridesharing Services to Urban Travelers

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Ridesharing consists of drivers who provide private trips with their own car without intervention from a regulatory authority; passengers who use their smart phone to request transportation to various destinations; and transportation network companies, such as Uber Technologies, Inc. (Uber) or Lyft, which match passengers' demand for trips and drivers' supply of vehicles with a smart phone application. Ridesharing services have grown rapidly since 2010 when Uber launched its first on-demand car service, UberCab, in San Francisco. The dramatic growth of ridesharing drivers' labor supply has been aided by the absence of medallion permits or occupational licensing requirements that apply to taxi drivers. In addition, ridesharing drivers have flexible hours, which enable them to smooth income fluctuations. Finally, capacity utilization, measured by the fraction of business hours or miles that a fare-paying passenger occupies a shared vehicle, is much greater for UberX drivers than for taxi drivers in, for example, New York City and Boston. In this paper, the authors measure the benefits of ridesharing services to travelers in the San Francisco Bay Area by estimating a mixed-logit model of mode choice. They include Uber as a representative ridesharing service and they quantify the welfare gain that it provides to travelers by estimating the difference in total benefits with and without its service. Consumers gain roughly $1 billion annually from Uber's non-fare attributes, such as personalized pricing, more transparent fares, and higher service quality, which consumers value but taxis have not provided. Annual benefits to travelers in major U.S. cities are likely to amount to several billions of dollars. Regulations that limit the expansion of ridesharing services are not justified and are likely to reduce travelers' welfare without addressing the problems of the modes that they seek to protect.

Source: Brookings Institution

Impact of Information on Consumer Understanding of a Partially Automated Driving System

Recent advances in technology have made it possible for some vehicles, under certain circumstances, to control their speed and direction for an extended period of time without any input from the driver. These partially automated driving systems may give the impression that the car can "drive by itself," however, no vehicle available to consumers currently is designed to be used without an attentive driver who is ready and able to retake control of the vehicle at any time. Thus, it is imperative that drivers properly understand the capabilities and limitations of the technology in their vehicles. This report describes the results of an experimental study designed to investigate how seemingly small differences in marketing and training materials can influence consumers' initial understanding and expectations of a partially automated driving system. This study finds that consumer-oriented information emphasizing a partially automated driving system's capabilities, without commensurate emphasis given to the system's limitations, can produce inflated expectations regarding what the system can do and the situations that it can handle, with possible implications for safety. Results underscore the importance of providing consumer-oriented information that is not only technically accurate but also balanced, with appropriate emphasis given to the limitations of technology and the importance of driver engagement. These results add to the growing body of literature that suggests that the information drivers receive about driving automation technologies, including the name of the feature, can influence their expectations, and their actual use of the feature, in ways that have the potential to affect safety.

Source: Westat

Policy Strategies to Build a More Inclusive Economy with Cooperatives

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In this report, the authors provide an overview of how policy can help cooperatives build healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities. Cooperatives with engaged memberships that aspire to cooperative principles offer solutions to some of the country's biggest issues. For example, cooperatives help renters purchase homes, help people set up checking accounts or take out loans, help families access affordable child care, help older adults find reliable home care, and help people access fresh food. Examples of cooperatives are consumer cooperatives (e.g., grocery store cooperatives and credit unions) and worker cooperatives (i.e., businesses owned by some or all employees). The authors describe four broad policy goals: level the playing field, help grow the number of cooperatives in underserved markets, help grow the size and market share of existing cooperatives, and support cooperatives in reaching underserved people and communities. They also identify six specific ways policy can advance these goals, from enabling legislation to providing technical assistance. They conclude with steps that cooperatives can take to advance these policy goals such as building relationships with legislatures and collaborating with other cooperatives.

Source: Urban Institute

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Veteran's Affairs Health Care: Better Data Needed to Assess the Health Outcomes of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Veterans Health Administration analyzes national-level data by birth sex to assess health outcomes for women veterans. For example, it analyzes frequency data to identify their most common health conditions. However, the Veterans Health Administration is limited in its assessment of health outcomes for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) veteran population because it does not consistently collect sexual orientation or self-identified gender identity (SIGI) data. The Veterans Health Administration officials stated that providers may record veterans' sexual orientation—which can be used to identify lesbian, gay, and bisexual veterans—in non-standardized clinical notes in electronic health records. However, without a standardized field, providers may not be consistently collecting these data, and the Veterans Health Administration does not know the total number of these veterans in its system. The Veterans Health Administration officials recognize the importance of consistently collecting these data, but have yet to develop and implement a field for doing so. According to the VA, 89% of veterans' records lack gender identity data. Without this data, the VA may miss opportunities to provide appropriate health screenings and identify disparities. The authors recommended the VA improve its data collection and analysis to improve health equity and better understand the needs of LGBT veterans.

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office

Current Contraceptive Status Among Women Aged 15–49: United States, 2017–2019

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Nearly all women use contraception in their lifetimes, although at any given time, they may not be using contraception for reasons such as seeking pregnancy, being pregnant or postpartum, or not being sexually active. Using data from the 2017–2019 National Survey of Family Growth, this report provides a snapshot of current contraceptive status, in the month of interview, among women aged 15–49 in the United States. In addition to describing use of any method by age, Hispanic origin and race, and education, patterns of use are described for the four most commonly used contraceptive methods: female sterilization; oral contraceptive pills; long-acting reversible contraceptives, which include contraceptive implants and intrauterine devices; and the male condom. In 2017–2019, 65.3% of women aged 15–49 in the United States were currently using contraception. The most common contraceptive methods currently used were female sterilization (18.1%), oral contraceptive pills (14.0%), long-acting reversible contraceptives (10.4%), and the male condom (8.4%). Use of long-acting reversible contraceptives was higher among women aged 20–29 (13.7%) and 30–39 (12.7%) compared with women aged 15–19 (5.8%) and 40–49 (6.6%). Current condom use was higher among Hispanic women (10.5%) and non-Hispanic black women (11.0%) compared with non-Hispanic white women (7.0%). With higher education, female sterilization declined and use of the pill increased.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Association of the Built Environment With Childhood Psychosocial Stress

Emerging research suggests that factors associated with the built environment, including artificial light, air pollution, and noise, may adversely affect children's mental health, while living near green space may reduce stress. Little is known about the combined roles of these factors on children's stress. The objective of this study was to investigate associations between components of the built environment with personal and home characteristics in a large cohort of children who were assessed for perceived stress. In this cohort study, a total of 2290 Southern California Children's Health Study participants residing in 8 densely populated urban communities responded to detailed questionnaires. Exposures of artificial light at night (ALAN) derived from satellite observations, near-roadway air pollution determined from a dispersion model, noise estimated from the U.S. Traffic Noise Model, and green space from satellite observations of the enhanced vegetation index were linked to each participant's geocoded residence. Results show that children's exposure to smoke at home in addition to residential exposure to ALAN and near-roadway air pollution were associated with increased perceived stress among young adolescent children. These associations appeared to be partially mitigated by more residential green space. The findings may support the promotion of increased residential green spaces to reduce pollution associated with the built environment, with possible mental health benefits for children.

Source: JAMA Network

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Subject: Port Tampa Bay Tour

Senator Burgess,

Port Tampa Bay is Florida's largest and most diverse port. We also are West Central Florida's largest economic engine, boasting an economic impact of over $17 billion. We are also responsible for roughly 80,000-85,000 direct and indirect jobs, many of these people are your constituents.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Port Tampa Bay has remained in a strong position due to our diversity and strength of business. We would like to invite you come see us and tour our facilities at your convenience. We can provide a short briefing on all that the port has to offer, then take a tour on a Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office boat so that you can see it all from the waterside.

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful holiday and we hope to see you soon!

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Subject: Protect Florida Citizens and Our Rights

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Subject: PROTECT OUR RIGHTS TO FREE SPEECH!

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,

Maria I. Garcia

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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I am extremely concerned about the HB1 anti-protest bill. Why is the legislature attempting to take away our right to peaceful assembly? Making a peaceful gathering criminal, charging participants for being there with felonies and the possibility of jail. I hope to heck you vote against this awful bill. I refer you back to section 4 and 5 of the Florida State Constitution. Thank you for your consideration.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: chad@chadbarrlaw.com <chad@chadbarrlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:49 AM EST
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: jenna.stannard.fl@gmail.com <jenna.stannard.fl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 10:56 PM EST
To: Burgess, Danny (Web) <Burgess.Danny.Web@flsenate.gov>
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Comment or Question:
Good evening Senator Burgess,
I am concerned with Governor Desantis's new proposal. I believe that it would limit the right to assemble for Floridians, and may even incite violence. The measure provides a defense that someone may use to harm protesters, including the expansion of stand your ground as well as the immunity clause for vehicles hitting protesters. It also includes measures that will block state funding to cities that cut the budget to their city police. This proposal is clearly in response to the protests surrounding police violence around the country, and will not help the situation and if anything will incite more violence.
I implore you that you will not sponsor this legislation, and if it is brought to the senate floor, that you will vote to reject it. I think that it is important that our right to protest without fear is secured.

Thank you for reading and considering my opinion,
Jenna Stannard

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: bkt1965@yahoo.com <bkt1965@yahoo.com>
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Comment or Question:
Senator Burgess,
Thank you for sponsoring SB 484 Combating Disorder is crucial in the protection of our citizens and public officials. State and local Law enforcement needs to be mandated and have the authority to work with Federal agencies and DOJ to combat mob rule and disorder.
SB 484 needs stronger language, we can't allow extremists to strom our government buildings, occupy, enter illegally, cause property damage and threaten our public servants. I would ask you to consider proposing stronger language to the text by adding "alteration or removal" to SB 484 as currently written " prohibiting defacing, injuring or damaging a memorial."
Our memorials have been targets by extremists amd as you know, we currently have no protection of monuments, veteran memorials, government buildings and signs referencing names of past historical figures. These radical domestic terrorists have desecrated on left their marks spray painting, breaking and removing many of our sacred symbols of democracy.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

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Comment or Question:
As a constituent, I am very concerned about HB 1 / SB 484. I know that you sponsored this bill and submitted on the 6th. This unnecessary legislation silences Floridians and directly attacks our First Amendment rights. This is exactly the double speak that I expect from a republican. Small government but more infringement.
As a regular peaceful protester I condemn what Trumpism supports such as the insurrection at our capital, but is was fostered under YOUR party. As a regular protester I am familiar with laws regulations and would never infringe on others rights or resort to unlawful practices there are already laws to protect my rights and those of others, this legislation stands to limit my freedoms not protect them. This legislative double speak is a waste of time and I would like you to focus on the real issues of the day.

As you know, protests for civil rights, social justice, and environmental protection are the foundation of some of our most important laws. Like the right to vote, protest is one of the tools Americans have always used to create positive change in our country.

Therefore, I urge you to oppose HB 1/SB 484. The intent of this legislation is to silence and punish protesters. This legislation infringes on Floridians' civil rights and is an attack on our very democracy.

I am monitoring the progress of this bad bill and will check back to learn more about your vote. Thank you.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: olivia@chadbarrlaw.com <olivia@chadbarrlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:49 AM EST
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AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: adamfilinovich@gmail.com <adamfilinovich@gmail.com>
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Comment or Question:
Dear Sen. Burgess
I am a constituent in Wesley Chapel deeply concerned about the frankly fascist proposal of our Governor to legalize murder within 500 feet of a "disorderly assembly" is an incredible threat to human life (of all colors and beliefs) that is a veiled threat against our basic human rights to assembly and protest. The idea that we should have made it easier to murder the students marching for their lives after the 2018 Stoneman Douglas shooting, the idea that we should be enacting legislation to protect the terrorists like the Nazi who injured 28 in Charlottesville, NC, and the idea that we should allow protestors and counter protestors to exchange fire if someone throws something is dangerous, disgusting, anti-Christian, and un-American. I highly urge you and your colleagues to roundly reject this ludicrous proposal, and further urge you to consider impeachment and removal of Gov. DeSantis for his failure on the pandemic and the dangerous legislation he wishes to pass.
This kind of evil needs to be unanimously rejected. I trust you will put your state and your country before your party and work effortlessly to prevent the lethal pushes towards fascism and populism by our president and his friend.
If a Democratic governor had proposed such a dangerous law, I know you would have fought valiantly against it and him at every front.
Please, Senator. Do the right thing
Sincerely,
Adam Filinovich

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: olivia@chadbarrlaw.com <olivia@chadbarrlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:44 AM EST
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Comment or Question:
Dear Senator Burgess,

You and I attended law school together and I appreciate your service to the State of Florida. I have been practicing civil litigation, including personal injury and PIP, for the majority of my career. I would like to address your recently filed State Bill 54, which is set for Committee vote on January 26, 2021.

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Olivia Hock Miller

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

From: rparkerr555@yahoo.com <rparkerr555@yahoo.com>
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Comment or Question:
I am writing about a proposed gun bill, Bill 370.
It is a political bill and has nothing in it that reflects crime or gun use in Florida or the United States for that matter. Criminals rarely use "assault weapons". Actually, by definition, an assault weapon is a rifle that fires in different modes including fully automatic which are severely restricted by Federal Law, but "Assault Weapon" sounds scarier than a "semiautomatic rifle" so this term is used.
Some actual facts for you: According to the FBI's UCR report from 2014-2018 there were 48,549 gun crimes in the US. Hand guns accounted for 31,934 crimes/Deaths while all long guns were 1,437 (semiautomatic rifles were not separated out from other long guns). That is a percentage of just UNDER 3%! In fact in another FBI report in 2018, knives killed 5X's the number of people than guns!
So there are no facts that would support this draconian bill. Yes, I know about the Pulse and Sandy Hook massacres but before we impinge on our Second Amendment rights, which is the only right that says "shall not be infringed", we need to step back and deal with the reality rather than emotionally or simply because it is a political party's wish to make their supporters happy.
The reality is this. These restrictions will not stop shootings or mass shootings. States and cities with the toughest fire arms laws are still the same places with the highest crime and firearm death rates. When California passed their ban on large capacity magazines nobody in the L. A. Bloods said: Hey we're going to F up that party but remember don't use anything except those 10 round magazines! We don't want to get caught doing THAT!" The law changed nothing for the criminals.
The only affect these laws have is to make people that are already law abiding citizens criminals. A mistake, like forgetting there is a 30 round magazine in the bottom of your Range Bag can destroy a good person's life. That is all that will happen.
An actual solution, instead of a political one, is much more complex than simply passing a bill that hurts your constitutes with a law that has no basis in reality and as we've seen over and over does absolutely nothing to stop crime. Please note the INCREASE in crime in New York City despite the massive gun laws on their books.
Let's be honest. The bulk of these shootings are in urban/poor areas. We don't want to be called a racist, especially politicians, so we avoid that fact, just like the black community does. When Mr. Floyd was murdered it set off a year long series of protests, riots, fires and deaths. On this same extended weekend I checked 5 cities newspapers: Atlanta, Oakland, Minneapolis, Chicago and New York. In just those 5 cities there were over 50 people shot. 14 were killed including a beautiful elementary aged girl. Did you hear about that? Of course not. There are "Sandy Hooks" all the time, especially during the summer and they are almost always done with hand guns! Why hand guns? They are cheaper, easier to hide so they are very disposable.
The problem is poverty. While Democrats may pass a law like this and walk around patting themselves on the back, in the real world, in these areas, nothing has or will change. NOTHING. As long as we ignore the roots and causes of this cancer it will not stop. Period. We need to do things to bring jobs and therefore hope, to these areas.
Here's a suggestion. We give companies tax breaks or other incentives BUT we require them to hire X% of the workplace's workers to be from within 30 miles or whatever. When they say they can't find trained people for X job we provide free training or have the company train the people from their pool of applicants. This will create jobs and give the people a trade for life if they choose.
I love music. Go to YouTube and listen to Elvis's "In the Ghetto" or the words of Louis Armstrong before he sings 'Wonder World". THAT is how old this problem has been around and been ignored. Fix that Senator.

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From: willengland40@gmail.com <willengland40@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:49 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny (Web) <Burgess.Danny.Web@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Public Safety (flsenate.gov)

Preferred Response By: Email

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Receive updates via email: No

Comment or Question:
The recently filed SB 54 filed by Burgess and referred to the insurance and banking committee for vote on 1/26/21 will materially harm every Floridian and place many families in direct path of financial disaster. Specifically, under the current PIP law, all medical bills will be automatically paid by the insurer and the amount of medical liens and debt collections against patients is drastically lower than the proposed course in SB 54.

The automatic nature of PIP reimbursement has served the community, doctors, and patients well by making the treatment and reimbursement of same almost instantaneous.
Bodily Injury claims, routinely take years and numerous reports of debts on patients credit as well as living loans taken to pay for medical bills pending litigation.

Under SB 54, mandatory BI will be available to doctors and patients at some future point in time, which likely takes years and severe life interruptions. In addition to the the financial burden imposed on the insured's and people of Florida through the delayed process of Bodily Injury Litigation, the insured's will also not receive the $25,000 bodily injury limit promised, as the customary percentage taken by attorneys on such claims is usually 33%-40% ($10,000/$25,000). The people of Florida deserve better, and the current PIP structure is better than the onerously complex and drastically dilatory process proposed under SB 54.

All of that is before the unavoidable situations where a Floridian is injured or hurt in a automobile accident by an uninsured motorist or tourist. Under the current PIP (627.736), the insured's medical bills will be paid if they are not at fault or if they are at fault. under SB 54, you will undoubtedly have tourists fly into Orlando from other states or out of country, rent a vehicle, crash it into a Floridian, then subsequently leave the state or country, and not be able to be held accountable under Florida's jurisdiction or court system. under SB 54, the Floridian is left to suffer without any financial assistance of insurance coverage that they currently enjoy under PIP.

A vote in support of SB 54, is a vote to directly harm the people of Florida by removing their protections from uninsured motorists, tourists, greedy lawyers that will take almost half of the insurance benefits, and the strangling delays and debt that will accrue through protracted bodily injury litigation.

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From: intern@chadbarrlaw.com <intern@chadbarrlaw.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:26 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny (Web) <Burgess.Danny.Web@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Public Safety (flsenate.gov)

Preferred Response By: Email

Scarlett Roque
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This address is in Senate District 13.

Receive updates via email: No

Comment or Question:
Dear Senator,

I would like to address the recently filed State Bill 54, which is set for Committee vote on January 26, 2021. The harsh reality is that SB 54 will materially harm every Floridian and place many families in the direct path of financial disaster. Florida Statute * 627.736 provides $10,000 for payment of all medical bills incurred following a motor vehicle accident. With the number of visitors we have in the state, this monetary protection is often the only way Florida residents have to pay for necessary medical treatment due to the number of drivers who are either underinsured or uninsured. Under the current PIP law, the medical expenses that will be automatically paid by insurance companies, the medical liens against Florida citizens, and the debt collections against patients is far less than what will occur if SB 54 is enacted.

The automatic nature of PIP reimbursement has served our community, our medical professionals, and most importantly the patients, well by making the treatment and reimbursement of expenses almost instantaneous. Bodily Injury claims routinely take years of protracted litigation, especially at this time when our state courts are not holding jury trials. These medical expenses are reported to patients' credit reports when they are sent to collections, which has a devastating effect on their lives. This does not take into account when a Floridian is injured in an automobile accident caused by an uninsured motorist or tourist. Under the PIP statute, an insured's medical bills will be paid regardless of who is deemed to be at fault for the accident. Should SB 54 pass, Florida will undoubtedly have tourists fly into Orlando from other states or out of country, rent a vehicle, crash it into a Floridian, subsequently leave the state or country, and then not held accountable for their actions under Florida's jurisdiction or court system. Under SB 54, the Floridian is left to suffer without any financial assistance of insurance coverage that they currently enjoy under PIP.

Under SB 54, mandatory Bodily Injury will be available to doctors and patients at some future point in time, but as those details are not included in SB 54, it will leave a large gap for patients who desperately need medical treatment. In addition to the financial burden imposed on the insureds' and people of Florida through the delayed process of Bodily Injury Litigation, the insureds will be limited to the amount of money available to them, as the customary percentage taken by attorneys on such claims is 33%-40% of the amount recovered. Under the current PIP law, the injured party is entitled to the entire $10,000. As a practitioner of both bodily injury and PIP, I can say from experience that someone's PIP can often make or break a personal injury case. Without this extra, and guaranteed, medical payment fund, many more personal injury cases will go to trial, putting a strain on our already strained system.

A vote in support of SB 54 is a vote to directly harm every citizen of Florida by removing the primary protection from uninsured motorists or tourists without insurance policies. I would request that you reconsider the protection you are removing from citizens who count on you to advocate for policies and laws that help and protect all of us. Though there is no perfect solution to the unfortunately high number of drivers in our state without adequate insurance, Florida Statute * 627.736 is vastly better than what you are proposing.

Thank you for your time and should you have any questions, I am available at your convenience.

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From: Hebel, Meagan
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 2:41 PM EST
To: Gerson, Maggie <Gerson.Maggie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: ACLU

Thank you!

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel

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From: Gerson, Maggie <Gerson.Maggie@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: ACLU

Hey Meagan,

Below is the link to the article Senator Pizzo provided Senator Burgess.

https://www.aclufl.org/en/written-testimony-oppose-hb-1-and-sb-484-anti-protest-bill

Thanks,
Maggie

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From: Brown, Natalie
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2020 3:25 PM EDT
To: Eileen Westermann <eawestermann2016@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Amend HR7608

Mrs. Westermann,

Thank you for reaching out to our office. Senator Lee is a state senator, but your note references federal legislation. We recommend you reach out to your federal representatives, either your Congressman, U.S. Senator Rick Scott or U.S. Senator Marco Rubio.

Best,

Natalie Brown
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From: Eileen Westermann <eawestermann2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Lee, Tom (Web) <LEE.TOM.WEB@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Amend HR7608

Dear Senator Lee,

I'm writing to ask that you carefully evaluate HR7608 and the spending budget (Interior Appropriations bill) amendment for 2021 that requires "the Bureau of Land Management to utilize $11,000,000 of its Wild Horse and Burro Program budget to implement PZP humane, reversible fertility control to manage wild horse populations."

In and of itself, it does nothing to satisfy its stated objective to humanely manage wild horse populations. Why? PZP is a substance, not a method. Currently, PZP is primarily used as a relatively unmanaged part of helicopter captures and is not governed by the rigor required to ensure "humane, reversible fertility control." Without clear guidelines and constraints regarding its application and use, a desirable outcome is highly questionable

I am respectfully requesting that you propose an amendment to this spending bill that strictly prohibits funding for any sterilization process or any additional removals in, or from, any HMA that has failed to develop a robust, scientifically derived HMAP as required in BLM's own handbook, including transparent and inclusive public participation. Until we have established a rigorous planning process this program will never meet the expectations of the many Americans who support a humane, fair, and effective management plan for our wild horses and burros.

While PZP can be a useful tool, this amendment completely ignores an actual management plan. There is nothing in this legislation that defines how and when this product should be applied, a critical consideration. There are no stated guidelines for each herd to ensure genetic viability among herd populations, a key consideration when carefully managing a fertility control program. Other key components of a true management plan are simply absent, issues such as water access, critical habitat preservation, forage allocation, and adherence to animal welfare standards during invasive and dangerous roundups. Finally, AML (Appropriate Management Level), the numerical driver for removals, is, once again, left untouched and untempered by scientifically set goals.

In short, this amendment is nothing more than a directive to make a huge commodity purchase from one of the key backers of the so-called "Path Forward," a closed-door agreement (not a management document) made by corporate lobby groups. The substance (PZP) has value, but, in and of itself, it will not make any fundamental change to rectify the flaws that are pushing the program toward fiscal collapse or take an actual step toward the directive of sustainable management.

The 2013 National Academy of Sciences report clearly characterizes the unscientific processes and corresponding poor data quality used by BLM to "manage" this program — little has changed since that time. Of the 177 HMAs under BLM's control, only 7 have produced HMAPs (Herd Management Area Plan) in spite of a legal mandate to do so as outlined in BLM's own handbook.

Sincerely,
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Dade city, FL 33526

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From: Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 3:29 PM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Re: call with Sen. Burgess

9:45 will work

On Mon, Dec 14, 2020 at 3:14 PM Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon, I just wanted to touch base. I know it is short notice, but Senator Burgess has someone availability tomorrow morning and could do a quick call at 9:45 or 10:00 AM.
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> Do either of those times work for you?
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> Best,
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> Natalie
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> **From:** Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
> **Sent:** Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:42 AM
> **To:** Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
> **Subject:** call with Sen. Burgess
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> Natalie---hope all is well with you. Glad to see that you have joined the Burgess Team! He is a GREAT guy. I would like to schedule a short call with Sen. Burgess to discuss legislation to protect veteran's monuments and graves.
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Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 3:14 PM EST
To: Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: call with Sen. Burgess

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Best,

Natalie

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From: Brown, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2020 2:00 PM EST
To: Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: call with Sen. Burgess

Hello hello!

I hope you're well. I'll let Senator Burgess know you reached out and we will set something up as soon as possible. Do you have a draft you can send along?

Thank you,

Natalie

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From: Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:42:01 AM
To: Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: call with Sen. Burgess

Natalie---hope all is well with you. Glad to see that you have joined the Burgess Team! He is a GREAT guy. I would like to schedule a short call with Sen. Burgess to discuss legislation to protect veteran's monuments and graves.

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From: Hebel, Meagan
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 2:25 PM EST
To: Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Can You Join Us January 15?
Attachment(s): "image001.jpg"

We will be back in time from tally?

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel
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On Dec 11, 2020, at 12:53 PM, Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov> wrote:

I have registered Danny. One of you need to rsvp per his request.

Thanks

From: Burgess, Danny
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: Can You Join Us January 15?

Please reply and RSVP for me and a staff member. Thanks!

From: Rick Homans <rhomans@tampabay.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Can You Join Us January 15?

Dear Senator Burgess,

With 2020 nearly behind us, Tampa Bay leaders are coming together to assess the state of our region, and discuss what we can do to accelerate our recovery in the wake of COVID-19.

I am writing to personally invite you to join us as we convene virtually for the fourth annual State of the Region community event on Friday, January 15, 2021. You can register here. (Please note that this event is free of charge to all participants, but an RSVP is required.)

A few words about the event itself…

Just as we've done for the past three years, the research teams from the Tampa Bay Partnership and USF Muma College of Business will unveil the most recent data tracking our region's performance against 19 other communities in

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the United States.

This year, we'll also dig deeper into our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, explore racial disparities in Tampa Bay, and identify where the two critical issues intersect.

Joining us to provide context, best practices and insights about the region will be:

- **Lynn Casey, Chair of the Itasca Project** in the Minneapolis/St. Paul region. Lynn will address how her community consistently ranks at the top of the charts in so many economic and quality of life indicators, but was forced to confront its massive equity gaps following the death of George Floyd.
- **Gus Faucher, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist for The PNC Financial Services Group**, will compare the economic impact of COVID-19 on Tampa Bay to other key U.S. markets, and help us identify ways we can accelerate our economic comeback (or avoid falling further behind).
- **Brian Lamb, Global Head of Diversity & Inclusion at JPMorgan Chase & Co.**, will help us understand why racial equity is a critical economic issue, and offer suggestions – based on his long history of leadership in Tampa Bay, including as Chair of the USF Board of Trustees and the Tampa Bay Partnership – about how we can best address it here.

Following the main event, we will present six, simultaneous 15-minute break-out sessions, each one highlighting a best practice here in Tampa Bay that is moving the needle on one or more of the indicators that our teams are tracking. (We'll provide more information on these sessions as we get closer to the event.)

Finally, **thank you** for the good work that you are doing to support our community and move the needle on our collective prosperity.

I hope you can join us for this special event on January 15.

All the best,
Rick Homans

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From: DB <db6186@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 3:25 PM EST
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Re: For Review: Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law

Approved

Sincerely,

Danny Burgess
Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 15, 2021, at 14:30, Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov> wrote:

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel
Legislative Aide to Senator Danny Burgess
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From: "Betta, Katherine" <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>
Date: January 15, 2021 at 2:22:59 PM EST
To: "Hebel, Meagan" <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>, "Burgess, Danny" <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: For Review: Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law

Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law

SB 54 Repeals PIP, Requires BI Coverage, Creates New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

Tallahassee–State Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills) today filed Senate Bill 54, Motor Vehicle Insurance. The legislation repeals Florida's current Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, which requires drivers to carry personal injury protection coverage, instead requiring that drivers carry bodily injury liability coverage. The bill also creates a new framework to govern motor vehicle insurance claims for bad faith failure to settle.

"Florida is one of only two states in the country that does not currently require drivers to carry liability coverage that would immediately kick in if they cause the bodily injury or death of another person while operating a

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motor vehicle," said Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby). "PIP coverage is too expensive for the benefits it provides. It's the right time for Florida to move to mandatory coverage for bodily injury liability."

"Replacing our no-fault system with a bodily injury liability system more appropriately places liability where it should be – with the party that caused the accident," said Senator Burgess. "Additionally, the bill creates a new framework for handling bad faith litigation that provides a clear set of standards to govern the conduct of both parties in the claims handling process, which we believe will lead to better outcomes for both insured Floridians and their insurance companies."

Repeals No-Fault, Requires Bodily Injury Liability Coverage
SB 54 repeals the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law (No-Fault Law), which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. The bill enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:

- For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and
- Subject to that limit for one person, $50,000 for BI or death of two or more people in any one crash.
- Retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.
- Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
- Repealing the No-Fault Law eliminates the limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP insureds, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Requires Medical Payments Coverage
SB 54 requires insurers to offer medical payments coverage (MedPay) with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured. Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000, and may offer deductibles of up to $500. The bill requires that insurers must reserve $5,000 of MedPay benefits for 30 days to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.

Creates a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions
SB 54 creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance. The bill requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.

The bill establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:

- Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
- State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
- Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and the amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
- Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed the insured's policy limit.
- Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
- Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of the demand and the ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.

The bill allows the third-party bad faith claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a two hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets. The bad faith claimant may withdraw the demand for settlement after the EUO. If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, the insurer may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.

The bill provides that in a third-party action for bad faith failure to settle not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., the insurer is not liable for bad faith if the insurer tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a demand for settlement.

Allows for Named Driver Exclusions
SB 54 authorizes the exclusion of a specifically named individual from specified insurance coverages under a private passenger motor vehicle policy, with the written consent of the policyholder.

For more information, please visit www.FLSenate.gov.

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From: Tina Grier <TGrier@floridataxwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 5:58 PM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: Hi Natalie!
Attachment(s): "CovidImpactFINAL.pdf","CovidShieldFINAL.pdf"

Hi Natalie,
Please find the attached preliminary draft reports. They are embargoed confidential until Monday, January 11, 2021 at 11 am.
Thank you for all of your help, this week.
Have a wonderful weekend.
Tina

From: Tina Grier
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: Hi Natalie!

Will do. Thank you!!!
Tina

From: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Tina Grier <TGrier@floridataxwatch.org>
Subject: RE: Hi Natalie!

“Floridians have endured so much in this pandemic. Business owners and their employees must be allowed to earn a living and support their families amid changing guidance and regulations. As we continue to navigate the ongoing pandemic, limited liability protection legislation will help protect businesses who are trying to do the right thing from long-term economic consequences and the threat of potentially limitless civil liability.” – Senator Danny Burgess

Tina,

Please let me know if this works for you. If you and your team have any suggested edits, let me know.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Natalie

From: Tina Grier <TGrier@floridataxwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Hi Natalie!

Awesome. Thank you!
Tina

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 8, 2021, at 10:37 AM, Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov> wrote:
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> Thank you so much Tina,
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> Senator Burgess will not be able to attend the virtual rollout, but I will have a quote for you by the end of the day. Are there any other senators or representatives who will be quoted in the press release?
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> Senator Burgess and I will read through the report when it is released on Monday. Thank you all for your work on this issue.
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> Best,
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> Natalie
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> **From:** Tina Grier <TGrier@floridataxwatch.org>
> **Sent:** Friday, January 8, 2021 10:18 AM
> **To:** Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
> **Cc:** Dominic Calabro <DCalabro@floridataxwatch.org>; Tony Carvajal <TCarvajal@floridataxwatch.org>
> **Subject:** RE: Hi Natalie!

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Hi Natalie,
I am attaching a copy of our news advisory for Monday. Please let me know if he can join us and I will send you the zoom link.
Thank you!
Tina

From: Tina Grier
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 4:18 PM
To: brown.natalie@flsenate.gov
Cc: Dominic Calabro <DCalabro@floridataxwatch.org>; Tony Carvajal <TCarvajal@floridataxwatch.org>
Subject: Hi Natalie!

Hi Natalie,

It was good to speak with you, today. I am attaching a power-point that summarizes some of the key points regarding Florida TaxWatch's research on a COVID-19 Limited Liability Shield. The reports were written before the bills were filed and we are focusing on the compelling economic reasons for a liability shield.

We plan to release the research next Monday, January 11, 2021 at 11 am. The release will occur via zoom. We would invite the Senator to join us for the rollout via zoom. If he is unable to join us, we would welcome a quote from him on the importance and need for a limited liability shield. If appropriate, we would welcome comments about the bills. We would need that quote by the end of the day tomorrow.

If the Senator or staff would like to discuss the research further or receive a finalized copy of this report before release on Monday, please call Florida TaxWatch Executive Vice President, Tony Carvajal, at (850)-566-6232. Or you can email him at tcarvajal@floridataxwatch.org.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call at (850)-524-2838.

Thank you!
Tina

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The recent COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on Florida's economy and the health and well-being of its 21 million residents. Once the initial cases were reported in early March, the economic impacts of COVID-19 began to manifest themselves immediately. As businesses closed, tens of thousands of Floridians (including many workers in low-wage positions in Florida's tourism and hospitality industries) lost their jobs. Florida's unemployment rate, which had remained steady at 2.8 percent prior to the pandemic had increased to 14.5 percent as of May 2020. To date, more than 4.9 million reemployment assistance (unemployment insurance) claims have been filed.

Florida TaxWatch undertakes this independent analysis to better understand the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on each sector that makes up Florida's economy, and to offer industry-specific recommendations and options to help Florida recovery and ease the burdens created by the pandemic on Florida taxpayers. The recommendations contained in this report are by no means an exhaustive list. I recommend policymakers also consider the recommendations contained in the August 2020 T*axWatch COVID-19 Taxpayer Task Force Final Report*, and the November 2020 Final Report of the Restore Economic Strength through Employment & Tourism (RESET) Task Force, entitled *Working Together for a Better Florida.*

Florida TaxWatch is pleased to present this report and its findings and looks forward to engaging policymakers in discussion during the next legislative session and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Executive Summary

As Florida continues to deal with the constantly changing COVID-19 pandemic, questions remain as to how the state will reverse one of the worst recessions in history while at the same time maintaining prudent public health and safety measures. The difficulty lies in the unequal manner in which the virus has wreaked havoc on the state's various economic sectors. Due to the varied effects, understanding the nature and scope of each sector's unique pandemic challenges is crucial to providing substantive policy recommendations going forward.

While all economic sectors in Florida have been affected, the Leisure and Hospitality industry has been the state's hardest-hit sector in terms of lost employment and economic activity. In the second quarter of 2020 – April, May, and June – the state reported 60.5 percent fewer tourists compared to the previous year, a decline of around 18.5 million people, as the pandemic led to a standstill in international travel. With fewer tourists, businesses throughout the industry faced plummeting sales and revenue. Hotel demand dropped 77.6 percent year-over-year, leading to hotel revenues falling $416.5 million. Small businesses in the tourism industry experienced an average of 12.6 missed weeks of business and around 64.5 percent loss in revenue. Between March and April 2020, the sector recorded 482,000 job losses, far outsizing any other impacted industry and corresponding to 41.7 percent fewer jobs than in April 2019.

Due to a rapid decline in international trade and tourism alongside the state's stay-at-home order, Florida's Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector also experienced profound impacts during the pandemic. Economic data suggest total enplanements to Florida's airports numbered 3.1 million between April and June, down 87.7 percent from the same period in 2019. A reduction in cargo and cruise passengers led to a loss of $22.2 billion in total economic activity to the state's seaports. Waning consumer confidence coupled with large store closures meant total consumer spending in the state decreased 31 percent in April 2020 compared to January.

Elsewhere in the state's economy, businesses in other economic sectors faced differing impacts due to a variety of factors. Florida's real estate market, part of the state's Financial Activities sector, encountered a significant rebound by July 2020 when home sales rose 11.5 percent compared to July 2019 and homebuyers from across the nation began to relocate to Florida. Other industries, such as Professional and Business Services and Information transitioned more easily to remote work, partially offsetting some downward pressure in employment but disadvantaging some workers without telework capabilities.

Challenges with maintaining safety for workers while also mitigating economic losses were rather pronounced in the Education and Health Services industry. Florida hospitals lost around $8 billion through August 2020 due to increased costs from treatment, protective gear, and non-reimbursed costs. Outside hospital settings, the state halted elective surgeries and visitation to long-term care facilities, which ushered in a subsequent shift toward telemedicine visits. Across the education spectrum, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities face continued difficulty with expanding remote instruction while also dealing with falling revenues from reduced enrollment, costs from acquiring personal protective equipment (PPE) and uncertain government aid.

The Construction and Manufacturing sectors, Florida's two goods-producing sectors, experienced contrasting outcomes. The Construction sector was the one industry in the state that seemed to benefit from the statewide stay-at-home order, which reduced traffic and accelerated critical infrastructure projects valued above $2.1 billion. As a whole, the sector only witnessed a 1,400 decrease in employment. The Manufacturing sector, on the other hand, faced unique challenges when the pandemic disrupted international supply chains. At the pandemic's peak, the Manufacturing sector lost around 33,700 jobs, and over 78.3 percent of companies anticipated major financial impacts.

Florida's Government and Agriculture sectors were likewise not immune to the economic effects stemming from the ongoing pandemic. The state government reported general revenue collections were down nearly $1.9 billion when the state finished its fiscal year on June 30, 2020. For local governments in cities like Orlando, Miami, and Tallahassee, tourist development tax revenues dropped nearly 95 percent in some areas while taxable sales fell anywhere from 17 to 27 percent lower than in 2019. In the Agriculture industry, producers dealt with an estimated $522.5 million in crop losses through April 2020 as demand fell from large-scale buyers, including restaurants, school districts, and processing facilities.

To offset the pandemic's economic blow and encourage a robust recovery, policymakers from around the state should consider adopting various policy recommendations tailored to specific economic industries. Policy recommendations, such as continuing public investment in Florida's tourism marketing industry, will prove critical to the Leisure and Hospitality industry's recovery over the coming years. Likewise, targeted investment in the state's Manufacturing sector can help to diversify Florida's economy while at the same time boosting employment in high-wage, high-skill jobs. For the Retail Trade industry, enacting E-fairness legislation will help prevent unfair competitive disadvantages for physical retailers and small businesses already struggling under the pandemic.

Other policy recommendations, such as enacting a limited COVID-19 liability shield, would be overarching across economic sectors and would help businesses in various industries to reopen and resume operations. Such a policy measure would safeguard businesses, their agents, and individuals from predatory litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 while also ensuring customers have proper recourse in the event of gross negligence.

The pandemic has once again exposed a fundamental problem at the root of the state's economy: the heavy reliance on tourism and real estate development to foster economic activity. A diversified economy will be imperative in launching Florida's economy beyond the pandemic's end and lessening the likelihood of a future economic recession of the same magnitude. The first of many steps to accomplish this goal of economic diversification will be to understand the complicated way in which the virus has affected Florida's different sectors and provide relevant policy remedies in response.

Introduction

In the months since Florida reported its first positive COVID-19 case, Florida has faced an economic recession never before seen in the state's history. Public officials responded to the evolving public health emergency by issuing stay-at-home orders and shuttering non-essential businesses during the month of April. Though necessary to stem the exponential rise in COVID-19 cases, the resulting economic fallout affected businesses and workers across the state, creating a precarious path forward to recovery.

Nationally, the U.S. Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) fell by a historic 32.9 percent in the second quarter of 2020 (April-June),[1] and estimates in Florida predicted an even greater decline around 36.9 percent in the second quarter.[2] Unemployment quickly followed suit as Florida's unemployment skyrocketed to 1.3 million persons in May 2020, corresponding to an unemployment rate around 13.7 percent.[3] For a state economy largely dependent on tourism, only 12.8 million visitors traveled to Florida during the second quarter, a decline around 60.5 percent from the 32.4 million visitors during the same time in 2019.[4] The subsequent loss in economic activity left a notable impact on the state's revenue with General Revenue (GR) collections falling $1.9 billion short of expectations for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020.[5]

Even as businesses begin to re-open and reemployment assistance claims begin to taper off, challenges remain for Florida's recovering economy. Experts predict that the state's economy will not return to pre-pandemic levels until the end of 2021 or later due to the state's large emphasis on tourism,[6] and the state government will continue to grapple with largely fluctuating revenues over the next few years. Of course, the exact timing of a full economic recovery is far from certain and will likely depend on the course of the disease outbreak and the development of effective treatments and vaccines to combat the virus. Yet at present, much more must be done to analyze the current economic situation and come up with innovative solutions to spearhead recovery efforts in the years to come.

On the aggregate, the pandemic's statewide effects are clear; however, in recent months, there has been less attention toward the industry-specific effects for Florida's different economic sectors. Certainly, some industries have faced far larger economic contractions than other industries whose impacts were not as severe, yet still consequential.

In line with the industry classification system used by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), this report looks at the top ten major economic sectors in Florida along with the agricultural sector to determine the industry-specific effects and compare their overall magnitudes. The chosen list of economic sectors for this analysis is not exhaustive but simply follows similar classification standards by the Florida DEO and the U.S. BLS. The economic sectors are also presented according to their relative contributions to state GDP, with sectors contributing more in total output appearing first in the report.

Florida TaxWatch undertakes this independent analysis to analyze the specific ways the pandemic has affected the different sectors that make up Florida's economy in hopes of discovering the subtleties underneath the statewide economic impact. Additionally, TaxWatch provides industry-specific recommendations to guide policymakers in tailoring recovery measures to specific economic sectors. These measures include policy, regulatory, and tax-oriented actions. By seeking to shine a light on the economic picture for various industries, the hope is to help the Sunshine State recover in an efficient, cost-effective way while also ensuring the safety and well-being of all taxpayers.

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Financial Activities

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The Financial Activities sector is part of the service-providing industries group and consists of two specific sub-sectors:

- Finance and Insurance (NAICS 52) --- includes establishments primarily engaged in financial transactions (creation, liquidation, or change in ownership of financial assets) and/or in facilitating financial transactions. Entities include banks, credit unions, monetary authorities, financial investment companies, and insurance carriers.
- Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (NAICS 53) --- includes establishments primarily engaged in renting, leasing, or otherwise allowing the use of tangible or intangible assets. The assets may be tangible, as in the case of real estate and equipment, or intangible, as is the case with patents and trademarks.[7]

As shown in Table 1, the Financial Activities sector contributes more than $206 billion in total output to the state of Florida, with a large portion of the total coming from real estate and rentals. Comparatively, the Real Estate industry contributes around 16.1 percent of total state GDP, whereas the Finance and Insurance industry comprises 5.7 percent.[8] Despite the lower output, the Finance and Insurance industry employs 391,000 workers, or about 4.4 percent of the state's total employment. Alternatively, the Real Estate industry employs just under 200,000 workers, or about 2.2 percent of the state's total employment.

Annual wages for workers in the Real Estate industry are just on par with the state's average around $51,700. For those working in the Finance and Insurance industry, the average annual wage hovers just under $90,000, well above the state average.[9] Future employment growth is promising. Both the Finance and Real Estate industries are predicted to grow employment by 6.9 and 8.4 percent, respectively, by 2027.[10] No other sector contributes more to Florida's economy than the Financial Activities sector.

EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE SECTOR

Florida's housing market experienced a tremendous comeback from April 2020, when economic uncertainty was at its peak, to July 2020, when the housing market seemed to outperform itself a year ago. In April, when business shutdowns and unemployment permeated markets, Florida reported lower level of closed sales, pending sales, and new listings. According to data from Florida Realtors, April saw closed sales of single-family homes statewide drop 20.7 percent year-over-year, numbering 21,400 total sales for the month. New pending sales were 35.1 percent lower than the previous year, while new listings were 27.2 percent lower than April 2019. In addition, condo-townhouse sales declined by 36.5 percent, for a total of only 7,500 sales during the month. The only category to not experience downward trends during this time was median housing prices, which held a statewide median price of $275,000; up six percent from 2019.[11]

Despite these downward trends, Florida experienced a significant rebound in its housing market by July 2020, a mere few months since the pandemic's worst moments. Single-family existing home sales rose 11.5 percent compared to July 2019 to a total of 31,400 sales --- the best monthly performance since January 2020 before the pandemic. Pending sales also showed large increases with gains about 21.7 percent higher than 2019. For Florida's condo-townhouses, closed sales rose 19 percent higher when compared to July 2019.

TABLE 1. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES SECTOR (2019)

Sub-Sector	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Finance and insurance	$53,947	5.70%	391,457	4.41%	$89,560
Real estate and rental and leasing	$153,036	16.10%	197,606	2.23%	$51,981
Sector Total	$206,983	21.80%	589,063	6.64%	$70,771

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

7 Definition comes from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Industries at a Glance: Financial Activities. For further enumeration, visit the NAICS Code Manual 2017.

8 Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, April 2, 2020. See Appendix 1.

9 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2019. Retrieved from Florida DEO's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. See Appendix 2.

10 Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Florida DEO Employment Projections. See Appendix 3.

11 Florida Realtors, Monthly Market Detail – April 2020, https://archive.floridarealtors.org/ResearchAndStatistics/Florida-Market-Reports/Index.cfm.

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Both single-family homes and condo-townhouse properties experienced increases in their statewide median sales price for the 103rd consecutive month.[12]

Recent reports also show Florida has become a popular destination for homebuyers across the nation, especially from areas such as New York, Chicago, and Boston.[13] Fueled in part by the lower mortgage rates wrought on by the pandemic and the state's historic lack of an income tax, families are flocking to Florida despite the pandemic. New contracts for single-family homes and condominiums continue to rise in five south and central west coast counties. From Palm Beach County to Hillsborough County, sales continue to rise, outpacing trends in the Real Estate industry as a whole.[14]

Due to a robust housing market, and growing prominence among out-of-state homebuyers, Florida's Documentary Stamp Tax collections have been above estimates in recent months. The tax, which is routinely assessed on documents used in real estate transactions, came in $27 million above estimates in October 2020.[15] Compared to the previous year, the collections were 32 percent above October 2019. These above-estimate collections not only evidence the amount of economic activity in the state's housing market, but also underscore the importance of the real estate market to the state's tax base.

Despite the tremendous rebound in the housing market over recent months, some experts are cautioning that the upward climb may not last. According to researchers at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and Florida International University (FIU), eight out of ten key metro areas in Florida – including Tampa, Miami, and Orlando – are significantly overpriced compared to past long-term trends and may be arriving at their respective peaks.[16] Similar warnings come from Zillow where data suggest a seasonal slowdown may arrive in Florida over coming months with growth expected to resume next spring.[17] Exactly how the housing market will perform in 2021 will depend largely on changing patterns in the broader macroeconomy.

12 Florida Realtors, Monthly Market Detail – July 2020, https://archive.floridarealtors.org/ResearchAndStatistics/Florida-Market-Reports/Index.cfm.
13 The New York Times, "Florida Attracts More Northerners" Published Sept. 4, 2020.
14 Ibid.
15 Florida Office of Economic & Demographic Research, Monthly Revenue Report: October, Oct. 2020. http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/revenues/reports/monthly-revenue-report/newsletters/nloct20.pdf
16 Florida Atlantic University, "Florida's Housing Markets Overpriced as Buyers Stay Busy During Pandemic," September 17, 2020. http://www.fau.edu/newsdesk/articles/florida-home-prices.php.
17 Zillow, "Zillow Weekly Market Report, Data Through Oct. 31," Nov. 5, 2020. https://www.zillow.com/research/zillow-weekly-market-report-27151/.

The other portion of the Financial Activities sector, Finance and Insurance, faced a daunting test from the pandemic due to the large-scale rise in unemployment across the state and nation. Without jobs, many people were unable to pay back loans in full, creating a precarious situation for many financial institutions. Bank of America, the largest bank by deposit in Florida, saw profits fall by 45 percent in the first quarter. JPMorgan Chase, the fourth largest in Florida, saw earnings fall nearly 70 percent. Overall, the state's banking sector took a significant hit with a posted combined loss of $281 million in the first quarter of 2020, according to data from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. This figure compares to profits of over $467 million only one year earlier.[18] Despite these losses, however, analysts do not predict widespread closures since the recession is not tied to a housing market crash like in 2008.

In addition, many banks and credit unions have positioned themselves to be important facilitators for the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) which, in the first round, saw over 88,997 loans totaling $17.8 billion in Florida.[19] For Florida's insurance companies, much uncertainty exists whether business interruptions from COVID-19 are covered under many business insurance plans. Despite the ongoing litigation and uncertainty, many health insurance companies have taken proactive steps to aid their customers and assist the local communities. Florida Blue, for example, extended its premium due date for customers who needed extra time to pay premiums and also tripled its COVID-19 community investments to over $7 million.[20]

In total, the Financial Activities sector faced 14,100 job losses in Florida from February to July 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.[21] In the month of April, total employment averaged 573,000 --- about 2.6 percent lower than April 2019. Between the two industries, the Real Estate industry possessed a higher risk of losing jobs than the Finance and Insurance industry. The Real Estate industry had 116,500 potential jobs at risk compared to only 47,000 in the Finance and Insurance industry.[22] This observation can be explained in part to the fact that many banks and financial institutions convert-

18 News Chief, "Florida Banks Skid to Loss," Jun. 22, 2020. https://www.newschief.com/story/business/2020/06/22/florida-banks-skid-to-loss/41983255/.
19 Herald-Tribune, "Florida financial companies face new test from coronavirus," Published May 28, 2020.
20 America's Health Insurance Plans, Health Insurance Providers Respond to Coronavirus, September 10, 2020, https://www.ahip.org/health-insurance-providers-respond-to-coronavirus-covid-19/#F.
21 See Bureau of Labor Statistics Economy at a Glance: Financial Activities.
22 Florida Chamber of Commerce, Re-Open Florida presentation presented to Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force on April 20, 2020.

ed to remote work or drive-thru only, making it more bearable to weather the pandemic's initial effects. Despite the greater potential jobs loss for the Real Estate industry, recent trends indicate that Florida's housing market remains a robust seller's market as inventory falls and demand increases throughout a delayed homebuying season.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Florida Legislature should establish safeguards to protect businesses, their agents, and individuals from the threat of opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by customers and employees. These safeguards should also ensure that those who contract COVID-19 as a result of gross negligence or intent to harm by others are able to recover for their injuries.

As thousands of Florida businesses struggle to reopen or remain open in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are fearful of the threat of litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by their customers. If Florida's economy is to recover and regain its pre-pandemic prosperity, it is important that businesses, healthcare facilities, and other entities that are working hard to comply with public health directives or protective measures to reduce the risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 are protected from civil liability. It is also important to make sure that those acting in "bad faith" are held accountable for their negligence while ensuring that those who contract COVID-19 because of the gross negligence of others can recover for their injuries.

Recommendation 2

Reduce and ultimately eliminate the Business Rent Tax (BRT).

Florida is the only state in the nation that imposes a statewide sales tax to leases on commercial property. This tax creates a government-mandated increase of up to eight percent in occupancy costs for businesses that rent. Over the last several legislative sessions, the Legislature has slowly reduced the state tax from 6.0 to 5.5 percent; however, more must be done to eliminate the competitive disadvantage that many Florida businesses face. Policymakers should consider phasing out the BRT to lower costs for businesses already struggling under the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic to pay rent payments.

Recommendation 3

Relax state and local restrictions on vacation rentals while also providing unified guidance for all counties.

As part of the state's response to the virus in early March, short-term vacation rentals were ordered to cease operations to limit the number visitors from virus hotspots around the U.S. In late May, Governor DeSantis lifted the ban on vacation rentals for counties outside of South Florida with an important condition: counties had to individually submit proposed rental procedures and attain approval from the state Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DPBR). As of early October, 55 of the state's 67 counties had received approval to resume bookings.[23] Even with a majority of counties resuming vacation rentals, many owners and companies face conflicting guidance between various counties. At present, the patchwork of county rules and restrictions make it difficult for vacation rental owners with properties in multiple counties to adhere to special guidelines. Florida TaxWatch recommends state policymakers provide unified guidance on reopening vacation rentals with particular focus toward conflicting measures between counties.

23 Department of Business & Professional Regulation, Status of Vacation Rental Operations By County, http://www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/vacation-rental-status/.

Trade, Transportation & Utilities

INDUSTRY PROFILE

The Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector is one of several service-providing industries and is comprised of four primary sub-sectors:

- Wholesale Trade (NAICS 42) --- includes establishments engaged in wholesaling merchandise, generally without transformation, and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise.
- Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45) --- includes establishments engaged in retailing merchandise at the end of the distribution process. Retailers are organized to sell merchandise in small quantities to the general public for personal or household consumption.
- Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS 48-49) --- includes establishments that provide transportation of passengers and cargo, warehousing and storage for goods, or scenic and sightseeing transportation.
- Utilities (NAICS 22) --- includes establishments which provide utility services, such as electric, water, and sewage.

As shown in Table 2, of the four sub-sectors that comprise the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector, Retail Trade and Wholesale Trade combined for a total output around $140.9 billion in 2019, around 15 percent of total state GDP. These two sub-sectors combined accounted for around 1.5 million jobs in Florida, or about 16.5 percent of total jobs in 2019. Annual wages for Wholesale Trade were higher than the state average, whereas workers in the Retail Trade industry had lower average annual wages around $32,500.

Transportation and Warehousing was the next highest GDP contributor of the four sub-sectors with an annual output around $30.9 billion in 2019. Employment was around 358,000 ---slightly above that of Wholesale Trade. Average annual wages hovered around $54,500 in 2019. Finally, for the Utilities sub-sector, there was a GDP contribution around $15.4 billion, or about 1.6 percent of total state GDP. Utilities only accounted for a small portion of total state employment with just over 28,500 jobs; however, average annual wages were the highest in the group with wages being around $94,000 --- well above any other category in the sector.

EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE SECTOR

Compared to most other economic sectors, the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector is perhaps the most dynamically impacted by COVID-19 due to the constantly shifting nature of supply chains, state and local legislation, and consumer demand. In particular, sensitivity to diminished international trade and lower global/domestic tourism meant businesses such as airports, seaports, and other transportation hubs faced falling traffic. Furthermore, stay-at-home orders and other executive actions designed to stem the flow of COVID-19 forced many retailers to close doors, resorting to online sales only. At the same time, however, increased need for essential services, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, offset some of the decline in sales. In total, the pandemic's effect on this industry is complicated in scope, yet several aspects are highlighted in this section.

Due to the rapid decline in international trade and tourism, Florida's airports and seaports were some of the first to feel the effects of the virus. Between April and June, total enplanements to Florida's airports numbered 3.1 million, down 87.7 percent from the same period in 2019. Some airports, such as Fort Lauderdale International and Miami International faced 90 percent reductions in enplanements compared to the previous year.[24]

TABLE 2. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, AND UTILITIES SECTOR (2019)

Sub-Sector	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Utilities	$15,414	1.60%	28,689	0.32%	$93,983
Wholesale Trade	$67,535	7.10%	352,529	3.97%	$79,733
Retail Trade	$73,335	7.70%	1,112,165	12.53%	$32,549
Transportation	$30,878	3.20%	357,898	4.03%	$54,534
Sector Total	$186,162	19.60%	1,851,281	20.85%	$65,200

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

24 VISIT Florida, Florida Visitor Estimates and Travel Industry Trend Indicators, August 15, 2020.

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With virus concerns keeping potential visitors at home, and many governments from around the world instituting travel restrictions to and from certain locations, Florida felt the immediate effects when fewer flights led to fewer domestic and international tourists visiting the state.

A similar story occurs when considering the state's seaports --- major hubs for cargo containments carrying traded goods and cruises carrying passengers. According to an economic analysis study by the Florida Ports Council, the virus led to a loss of 5.6 million tons of liquid bulk cargo, 1.6 million tons of dry bulk cargo, and over 4.9 million cruise passengers. These impacts led to a loss of $22.2 billion in total economic activity to the state, consisting of $5.1 billion in direct revenue loss and $1.2 billion in lower respending and local consumption.[25] These economic impacts are expected to continue well into 2021, especially in light of a November 3, 2020 decision by members of the Cruise Lines International Association to force cruise lines to shut down their U.S. offerings for the remainder of 2020.[26]

Under the directive of many state and local government measures, retailers and wholesalers across the state experienced drastic reductions in sales as people avoided large stores and opted for shopping online instead. By the middle of April, total consumer spending in Florida decreased by 31 percent compared to January 1, 2020, following a general attrition of consumer confidence among the population.[27] These trends were witnessed across the nation as retail spending dropped a record 16.4 percent in April compared to March. Online retailers were the only ones to experience gains in spending with a 8.4 percent increase compared to March.[28] Companies such as J.C. Penney, Pier One Imports, and GNC were among some of the larger retailers to declare bankruptcy as a result of falling revenues. In Florida, gradual re-opening plans were met with enhanced cleaning and safety protocols to reduce the transmission in many stores. Mandatory masks, reduced capacity, and regular cleaning typified most store instructions.

Even as the state concludes the holiday season, there are signs that the usual uptick in sales was not as sizable this time around. After posting a strong surge in consumer optimism in September, Floridians' consumer confidence slumped from October to December according to the University of Florida's Consumer Sentiment Index.[29] Respondents signaled their growing pessimism as expectations about economic conditions meddled with rising COVID-19 cases across the nation. Especially for those making less annual income, expectations are that personal financial situations may not improve any time soon. For businesses, these trends may be a worrisome sign of continued impacts to retail trade in Florida.

For the Utilities sector, the pandemic has created a contentious battleground between certain electricity companies and customers. During the pandemic's early months in the spring, major utilities companies suspended disconnections for customers who were unable to make timely payments. As the downturn dragged on, some municipal and private power companies, such as Duke Energy, Tampa Electric Co., and Florida Power & Light resumed disconnections. These companies maintained that resuming disconnections was necessary to recover unpaid costs from roughly 1.25 million residential customers throughout the state. Duke Energy, for example, reported it had around $18 million in deficits between April and June compared to the same period in 2019.[30] The decision to resume disconnects was met with stiff resistance as legal petitions were filed in court to impose a 90-day moratorium on behalf of customers. The challenges remain wrapped up in court and represent a tense standoff between energy companies, customers, and utility regulators.

Altogether, the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities economic sector experienced a 160,000 reduction in its labor force from March to April 2020. By June, employment totaled 1.7 million in the state, about 3.5 percent lower than at the same time in 2019. According to analysis by the Florida Chamber of Commerce, the Retail industry has 736,000 vulnerable jobs, second only to those jobs in the tourism industry.[31] Seventy-three percent of these total vulnerable jobs centered in large-size firms with over 500 employees. The Transportation in-

25 Florida Ports Council, Economic Impacts of COVID-19 on Florida Ports and the State's Economy, August 2020, http://scdn.flaports.org/wp-content/uploads/Economic-Impact-of-COVID-on-FlaPorts-2020-v5-web.pdf.
26 Cruise Lines International Association, "CLIA Ocean-Going Cruise Line Members – Reaffirming Commitment to Stringent Protocols – Voluntarily Extend Suspension of U.S. Operations," Nov. 3, 2020. https://cruising.org/en/news-and-research/press-room/2020/november/clia-cruise-line-members-voluntarily-extend-suspension-of-us-operations.
27 Harvard University, Opportunity Insights: Economic Tracker, Percent Change in All Consumer Spending: Florida, Retrieved on Nov. 12, 2020.
28 U.S. Census Bureau, Monthly Retail Trade. April 2020 Report.
29 Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, Florida Consumer Sentiment Index in October.
30 Tampa Bay Times, "Florida Power Companies Face Legal Challenge on Disconnections During Pandemic," Sept. 22, 2020. https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2020/09/22/florida-power-companies-face-legal-challenge-on-disconnections-during-pandemic/.
31 Definition comes from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Industries at a Glance: Trade, Transportation, and Utilities.

dustry was the next most vulnerable in this sector and had around 118,000 potential jobs at risk due to proximity to the public and other employees. Utilities and Wholesale Trade were considered medium-risk for having fewer total vulnerable jobs at risk of being lost throughout the pandemic. Nevertheless, these two industries faced layoffs numbering around 101,000 total workers.[32]

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

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Recommendation 2

Enact E-Fairness legislation similar to bills filed in 2019.

As it stands today, Florida does not currently collect sales tax on sales to Florida customers by remote (out-of-state) sellers. Remote vendors sell their personalized products to Florida consumers by internet, telephone, or by mail. By not collecting sales tax on these remote sales, Florida's state and local government miss out on legally owned revenue. Non-collection also creates a competitive disadvantage for many of Florida's brick-and-mortal retailers already struggling under the weight of the pandemic.

32 Florida Chamber of Commerce, Re-Open Florida presentation presented to Governor Ron DeSantis.

To date, Florida is one of only two states (out of 45 that levy sales taxes) that have not implemented a remote sales tax following a U.S. Supreme Court decision[33] indicating its constitutionality for states. The Florida Revenue Estimating Conference found that not collecting sales tax on remote sales tax costs Florida state and local governments around $612 million a year, a figure that will grow to $870 million annually in five years.[34] With the virus leading to a surge in online sales, the estimate from 2019 likely underestimates the true value of missed remote sales tax revenue. Florida should enact legislation to require marketplace vendors without a physical presence in Florida to collect sales tax and provide it to respective state and local government entities. Past legislation, such as SB 126 and HB 159 in 2020, are frameworks for instituting such legislation.

Recommendation 3

Support sales tax holidays which are important to many businesses in the Retail industry.

Sales Tax Holidays, specifically Back to School days, have become important to many consumers in Florida. These holidays are crucial to the Retail industry and have made the Back-to-School Holiday the second biggest shopping weekend in Florida behind only Black Friday. In the past, Florida taxpayers have been found to save nearly $543 million in state and local sales taxes from the exemptions.[35] For retailers, the sales tax holidays lead to higher gross sales and greater purchases of particular items. Continuing these holidays will be essential for retailers and small businesses already struggling to maintain consistent sales during the pandemic. Of course, proper safety measures should be prioritized for any sales tax holiday. Florida TaxWatch recommends policymakers continue supporting sales tax holidays due to their cost-saving, revenue boosting properties for consumers and businesses alike.

Recommendation 4

Invest in the expansion of the state's transportation infrastructure network, including airports, seaports, spaceports, highways, and railways part of the State Intermodal System (SIS).

The population growth and economic expansion that will inevitably follow the pandemic's end will require a resilient transportation network well-equipped to handle the increased traffic and trade. In recent years, Flor-

33 South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc., 585 U.S. __ (2018)
34 Florida Revenue Estimating Conference, results from Impact Conference, page 159-176, December 20, 2019.
35 Florida TaxWatch, Supporting Sunshine State Shoppers, February 2017.

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ida's infrastructure spending has been inadequate to meet growing needs, hampered by falling transportation funding. By 2040, it is estimated that Florida's will face a $161 billion shortfall between transportation needs and projected revenues. For airports and seaports, two groups especially hard hit by the pandemic, unmet funding is around $10 billion.[36] To remedy this issue, policymakers must prioritize strategic investments in crucial infrastructure vital to facilitating the movement of people, goods, and services across the state. Targeted investments will have clear economic implications for the entire state as transportation infrastructure supports more than 210,000 jobs, creates $7.2 billion in economic activity, and contributes more than $1.3 billion in taxes—not to mention the importance to attracting new businesses and tourists.[37]

36 Florida TaxWatch, Meeting Florida's Transportation Investment Needs, February 2016.
37 Id.

Professional and Business Services

Industry Profile

The Professional and Business Services sector is part of the service-providing industries group and includes three principal sub-sectors:

- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (NAICS 54) --- include establishments that specialize in providing technical expertise for others. Activities include legal advice, accounting, payroll services, engineering, computer services, consulting, and more.
- Management of Companies and Enterprises (NAICS 55) --- include establishments that administer the strategic or organization planning for another company or enterprise.
- Administrative and Support and Waste Management (NAICS 56) --- includes establishments that perform routine support activities for the day-to-day operations of other organizations. Examples include office administration, clerical services, security and surveillance, janitorial services, and waste disposal services.[38]

As shown in Table 3, Florida's Professional and Business Services sector contributed around $132.1 billion in total output to the state's GDP in 2019, equating to 14 percent of total state GDP. Within this category, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services contributed the most to GDP with around $73.9 billion in total output. The sector employed 597,000 workers with wages around $81,000.

Despite only maintaining an average employment of 115,000 workers and contributing $19.6 billion in total output, the Management of Companies and Enterprises sub-sector boasted the highest annual wages of all three groups with an annual wage of about $115,000. Lastly, Administrative and Support and Waste Management contributed $38.6 billion to state output and employed just over 682,000 workers, or about 7.7 percent of the state's total work force. Wages were well below the state average, however, with annual wages just under $40,000. Future employment growth for each industry just mentioned was among the highest of all sectors in Florida. Ranging from 10.6 to 14.1 percent employment growth by 2027, the Professional and Business Services sector is predicted to add about 170,000 new jobs in the span of seven years.[39]

Effects of COVID-19 on the Sector

Across the broad sector, the rapid transition to remote work platforms has perhaps been the most profound change brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the nature of work, many companies within the Professional and Business Services sector were able to adapt to stay-at-home orders and office closings to ensure business continuation. Compared to other major sectors, the Professional and Business Services sector had the third highest ability to telework rate of 70 percent, behind only Information and Financial Activities.[40] The Bureau of Labor Statistics states: "[Telework] feasibility is high in the information, financial activities, professional and business services, and public administration industries; it is low in the leisure and hospitality, agriculture, and construction industries."[41]

TABLE 3. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR (2019)

Sub-Sector	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Professional, scientific, and technical services	$73,845	7.80%	597,355	6.73%	$81,192
Management of companies and enterprises	$19,606	2.10%	115,213	1.30%	$114,803
Administrative and support and waste management	$38,625	4.10%	682,248	7.68%	$39,979
Sector Total	$132,076	14.0%	1,394,816	15.71%	$78,658

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

38 For a more detailed explanation of the specific components within the industry, visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics Industries at a Glance: Professional and Business Services.

39 Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Florida DEO Employment Projections. See Table in Appendix 3.

40 Bureau of Labor Statistics, Ability to Work From Home: Evidence From Two Surveys and Implications, https://www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2020/article/ability-to-work-from-home.htm.

41 Id.

Due to higher telework feasibility, employment losses have not been as pronounced compared to other sectors. Employment losses were much smaller for non-critical workers in remote-work feasible sectors, such as Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services, compared to those in hotel and entertainment industries.[42] Nationally, industries where remote work was feasible, such as Professional and Business Services, experienced three percent declines in employment in April 2020 relative to April 2019, whereas non-telework friendly industries like Leisure and Hospitality suffered greater losses in employment.[43]

Although the sector has been able to adapt to remote work in many settings, many exceptions still exist, and certain pockets of the population are disadvantaged in the transition. Those workers who have been able to make the switch primarily include higher-wage, high-skilled workers with adequate access to Internet platforms. At a disadvantage are low-income, largely ethnic minority workers without remote work capabilities. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that the Professional and Business Services industry has a 53.4 percent share of workers who can telework, but less than one-in-five Black workers and roughly one in six Hispanic workers are able to work from home. Additionally, higher-wage workers are six times as likely to be able to work from home as lower-wage workers.[44]

For those workers in the Administrative and Support and Waste Management sector, inability to switch to remote work for some workers (e.g., janitorial services or trash collectors) led to employment difficulties for those with particularly lower wages compared to the rest of the sector as a whole. These disparities are reflected in Florida's employment figures throughout the pandemic.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between February and July 2020, employment in Florida's Professional and Business Services sector fell from 1.4 million to 1.3 million in the span of a few months. The decline represented a 6.2 percent contraction with the employment figures in July being eight percent lower than the same time in the previous year.[45] Breaking the Professional and Business Services sector down into its three components, most job losses occurred in the Administrative and Waste Services industry. The year-to-date change hovered around 74,700 fewer jobs, signifying a 10.8 percent reduction over the year. For Professional and Technical Services, the over the year change in jobs actually increased by 1,100 or 0.2 percent. Finally, the over the year change for the Management of Companies and Enterprises employment fell by only 1,700 or 1.5 percent.[46] Based on analysis by the Florida Chamber of Commerce, those jobs in the professional services industry face a total of 76,000 vulnerable jobs with most impacts centering in companies with fewer than 99 employees.[47]

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendation 2

Provide disaster relief for commercial and non-homestead residential properties.

The Florida Legislature should put in statute a disaster/calamity provision to specifically address economic damages resulting from the impact of loss of access to, or use of, commercial and non-residential real property.

42 MIT Sloan School of Management, Telecommuting exposes fault lines in COVID-19 economy, Jun 25, 2020.
43 Id.
44 Economic Policy Institute, Not everybody can work from home: Black and Hispanic workers are much less likely to be able to telework, March 19, 2020.
45 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor: Florida's Economy at a Glance.
46 Department of Economic Opportunity, July Data Release – Florida's July Employment Figures. August 2020.
47 Florida Chamber of Commerce, Re-Open Florida presentation presented to Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force on April 20, 2020.

In the past, the Florida Legislature passed similar measures in response to real property damaged by Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew, and Irma (§197.318, Fla. Stat.). The relief would be equivalent to the annualized value of economic damage, which could be a specified amount determined by the Florida Legislature and Department of Revenue. The economic damage could form the basis for an adjustment to the 2020 taxable value, or if action were not attainable in 2020, then it could become a direct adjustment to the 2020 ad valorem taxes. The priority, however, should be for 2020 relief for specified taxpayers.

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GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRY PROFILE

The Government sector (NAICS 91)[48] comprises establishments of federal, state, and local government agencies that administer, oversee, and manage public programs and have executive, legislative, or judicial authority. These agencies set policy, adjudicate legal cases, and provide for public safety and national defense. These governmental entities oversee programs that are not typically performed in the private sector. Examples of establishments within this sector would include legislative bodies, judicial courts, police departments, correctional institutions, and space research.[49] County and municipal administration or law enforcement entities are one of the ten largest employers in every county except one. In addition, the military and public corrections facilities are among the top three employers in at least thirteen counties.[50]

As shown in Table 4, there are almost 458,000 employed government workers in the state of Florida, constituting 5.2 percent of total state employment. For these workers, average annual wages typically average around $60,232 --- higher than the state average.[51] The state's government sector—when considering federal, state, county, and municipal governments—contributes around $98.8 billion to the state's economy, around 10.4 percent of state GDP.[52]

EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE SECTOR

For Florida's state, county, and municipal governments, the economic downturn resulting from the pandemic created an uncertain situation for many localities as tax revenues fell and made budget shortfalls inevitable. According to the August 2020 Revenue Estimating Conference report, Florida's general revenue collections were down by nearly $1.9 billion when the state finished its fiscal year (FY) 2019-2020 on June 30, 2020. Anticipated revenues were also revised downward by $3.4 billion in FY 2020-2021 with the bulk of the adjustment coming from a projected $2.8 billion decrease in sales tax revenue over the fiscal year.[53] When the Conference met again in late December, there were sizable adjustments made to the forecast adopted in August to reflect the higher-than-expected revenue collections over the previous few months. The Conference revised anticipated revenues upward by around $1.5 billion in FY 2020-2021 and by $623 million in FY 2021-2022.[54] Driving these upward revisions was a large adjustment to the forecast in Sales Tax revenue over the coming fiscal year. Yet even with these more favorable revenue forecasts in place, there remains a great deal of uncertainty as revenue collections tend to follow fluctuations in Florida's tourism-sensitive economy.

A similar story played out among many of the state's counties and cities. In tourism-reliant cities such as Orlando and Miami, taxable sales in August 2020 were anywhere from 17.0 percent to 27.3 percent lower than the same time in August 2019.[55] Throughout the summer months, local tourist development taxes (TDT) hit historic lows when revenue dropped nearly 95 percent in large cities like Orlando.[56] Even in smaller cities, such as Tallahassee, there was a predicted $2.09 million re-

TABLE 4. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE GOVERNMENT SECTOR (2019)

	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Government	$98,751	10.40%	457,782	5.16%	$60,232

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

48 Some government resources will refer to this sector as the "Public Administration" sector. The terms are interchangeable in this case.
49 For an exhaustive list of government entities and a more thorough explanation of the sector, reference the NAICS Code Manual 2017. https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/2017NAICS/2017_NAICS_Manual.pdf.
50 Florida TaxWatch, Florida's Top Public Employers by County, April 2020.
51 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2019. Retrieved from Florida DEO's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. See Table 2.
52 Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, April 2, 2020. See Table 1.
53 Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Revenue Estimating Conference for the General Revenue Fund & Financial Outlook Statement, August 14, 2020. http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/conferences/generalrevenue/grsummary.pdf.
54 Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Revenue Estimating Conference for the General Revenue Fund, December 21, 2020. http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/conferences/generalrevenue/grsummary.pdf
55 Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Regional Economic Activity, August 2020 over August 2019 – Taxable Sales by Major Category, Aug. 2020. http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/revenues/reports/taxable-sales-and-index-of-regional-economic-activity/regionalsales2008.pdf.
56 Channel 6 News, Orange County tourism taxes improved in June, but collections remain 'historically low', Published on August 6, 2020. https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/08/06/will-june-orange-county-hotel-tax-dollars-show-improvement/.

duction in TDT revenues in 2020.[57] With such a large drop in local revenue, many areas have had to cut funds to many local development projects, including performing arts and convention centers, while also dealing with rising public health costs.

As part of the federal CARES Act, state and local governments from around the country vied for $150 billion in aid money to be used for supplying public health equipment, reimbursing costs of business interruptions, and providing rent assistance;[58] however, the manner in which this money was disbursed across Florida's local governments was hampered by time delays and lack of consistent guidance. Twelve of Florida's largest counties were the first to receive CARES Act funds, totaling around $2.5 billion. More than two months after this initial disbursement, the state began providing the remaining amount to the state's smaller counties and municipal governments. Yet even with these funds now disbursed, many local governments continued to navigate the complex web of federal/state stipulations, complicated further by the tremendous demand for aid.

Comparable to businesses and workers in the private industry, many within the Government sector likewise experienced numerous challenges in dealing with the pandemic's spread, yet unlike their private sector counterparts, many state employees faced inconsistent, and at times, unclear guidance on telework and return-to-work instructions. In late March, the Department of Management Services (DMS), which oversees state personnel, issued options for sick leave and remote work, but state workers still faced an unclear patchwork of telework policies that sometimes varied among departments within the same agency. The lack of a consistent telework policy across the entire state government has led to confusion for many of the state's employees. Even as the state gradually reopened in early May, many departments had not outlined return-to-work policies for their employees.

Elsewhere in the Government sector, correctional facilities garnered much attention throughout the course of the pandemic as it drew criticism for the rapid spread of COVID-19 among inmates and correctional officers. As of late-December 2020, the Florida Department of Corrections reported that there have been nearly 17,200 positive cases among inmates and 4,100 positive cases among officers.[59] The close proximity to other inmates potentially fuels the rapid transmission. As a result, the surge in prison cases provoked public criticism for the lack of precautionary steps to curb the spread of COVID-19 behind bars, leading some groups to advocate for releasing certain subsets of the prison population more susceptible to the disease. Other states, such as New York, Massachusetts, Missouri, and Oklahoma, have all taken steps to release elderly, non-violent offenders from their prison populations; however, it remains to be seen whether the state of Florida will follow suit.

Analysis by the Florida Chamber of Commerce has found that among those in the government, there are about 13.4 percent of total jobs at risk due to the ongoing pandemic. It is unclear whether the pandemic will have more of an adverse effect on employees at the state or local level; nevertheless, governments at all levels are contending with falling revenues and tightening budget constraints, likely causing recovery efforts to linger for years to come.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

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57 Tallahassee Reports, "Leon County Plans for Decrease in Tourist Development Tax Revenue, Proposes Cuts" Published on April 14, 2020. https://tallahasseereports.com/2020/04/14/leon-county-plans-for-decrease-in-tourist-development-tax-revenue-proposes-cuts/.

58 Florida TaxWatch Blog, Time Delays and Lack of Guidance Complicating Local CARES Act Relief, Aug 13, 2020.

59 Florida Department of Corrections, COVID-19 Information, http://www.dc.state.fl.us/comm/covid-19.html.

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Recommendation 2

Ensure there is a consistent, statewide telework policy for state employees. Promote similar measures for Florida's county and local governments.

Similar to workers in the private sector, many state government workers transitioned to remote work when in-person work became unsafe and unfeasible during the state's stay-at-home order. Although Florida Statutes (Section 110.171(2), Florida Statutes) already address telecommuting, inconsistencies still exist. Wide disparities in telecommuting policies across agencies and sometimes within departments created confusion for many state employees.

Research suggests that telework can result in improved productivity and cost savings. Costs that can be avoided or reduced include overtime payments, property leasing, janitorial/cleaning services, utilities, office equipment and supplies, and office furniture, among others. A January 2010 report by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) examined this issue alongside hoteling and other alternative work arrangements and found that alternative work arrangements can reduce agency costs and provide personnel related benefits (e.g., improved morale and reduced turnover).[60] The Department of Management Services should develop a comprehensive, statewide telework policy for state employees, thereby improving personnel benefits and promoting consistency across agencies and departments.

Recommendation 3

Florida can reduce its overall prison costs and better protect at-risk inmates from COVID-19 through the supervised release of certain non-violent elderly inmates.

Florida's elderly inmate population is particularly vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus. Even before the pandemic, Florida's elderly inmates bore a disproportionate share of the state's prison healthcare costs. According to The National Institute of Corrections, states spend on average $70,000 per year to incarcerate someone age 50 and older, nearly three times what it costs for younger inmates.[61] Coupled with the health risks associated with contracting COVID-19, the potential health care costs are even higher. Florida should identify low-risk, elderly inmates to receive conditional medical release. The action would follow other states, such as Illinois, Pennsylvania, and California, which have already lowered their prison populations through similar measures. By releasing elderly inmates, Florida can protect especially at-risk inmates while also lowering long-term costs associated with housing elderly inmates.

60 Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, "Some Alternative Work Arrangements Can Reduce Costs and Provide Employee Benefits," Report No. 10-04, January 2010.

61 Florida TaxWatch, Florida's Aging Prisoner Problem, Sept. 2014

Education & Health Services

INDUSTRY PROFILE

The Education and Health Services sector is a part of the service-providing industries group and consists of two primary sub-sectors:

- Educational Services (NAICS 61) --- includes establishments that provide instruction and training on a wide variety of subjects. Examples include schools, colleges, universities, test training centers, and more.[62]
- Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS 62) --- includes establishments providing health care, such as hospitals and residential care facilities, and social assistance, such as child services and community housing services. Although industries in the Health Care and Social Assistance sector may differ in the degree to which they provide medical care exclusively, all industries share the commonality of including trained health practitioners with sufficient medical expertise.[63]

As shown in Table 5, Florida's Educational Services industry employs around 613,700 workers (or 6.9 percent of the state's labor force) and contributes around $9.2 billion in total output, only about one percent of total state GDP. Average annual wages in this sector are just under $47,000, which is below the state average. For the Health Care and Social Assistance industry, employment is more than double that of its Educational Services partner with employment at 1.2 million workers (or about 14 percent of the state's labor force). The sector contributes $85.2 billion in total output, equating to nine percent of Florida's total GDP. For those in the Health Care industry, average annual wages are around $54,500 in a year—about $3,000 above the state's average. According to the Florida DEO, the entire sector is expected to grow by 197,000 workers by 2027 with 87 percent of the expected growth coming from the Health Care industry and 13 percent of the predicted growth coming from the Educational Services industry.[64]

EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE SECTOR

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic emerged as a global threat, no industry has experienced the direct risks of exposure to the virus more than the Health Care industry. For health care professionals across the state and around the globe, the inherent dangers associated with treating COVID patients have consistently been met with steadfast courage and noble heroism, warranting noteworthy praise and a renewed commitment to supporting our frontline workers.

As of late-December 2020, the state of Florida reported more than 1.3 million positive COVID-19 cases and around 21,000 deaths to date. Data by the Agency for Health Care Administration also show that the number of COVID-19 positive patients in hospitals was steadily rising with around 5,300 hospitalizations. Florida's positivity rate averaged eight percent in December after hovering below five percent for most of the late-summer. [65] Mirroring the uptick in cases across the nation, Florida looks poised to experience a rise in COVID-19 cases as the winter months approach.

According to the Florida Hospital Association, Florida hospitals were estimated to lose up to $8 billion between March and August 2020 from reduced revenues and increased costs related to COVID-19, even after accounting for compensation from federal relief funds. Financial losses are associated with lost revenue due to canceled outpatient services, elective services, and increased operational costs from securing personal protective equipment and other gear. Throughout the pandemic, hospitals have also incurred additional reimbursed costs through purchase of Remdesivir and hiring additional clinical staff to meet case surges in the

TABLE 5. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES SECTOR (2019)

Sub-Sector	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Educational services	$9,238	1.00%	613,755	6.91%	$46,824
Health care and social assistance	$85,178	9.00%	1,241,601	13.98%	$54,510
Sector Total	$94,416	10.00%	1,855,356	20.90%	$50,667

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

62 These establishments may be privately owned and operated for profit or not for profit, or they may be publicly owned and operated.
63 Bureau of Labor Statistics Industries at a Glance: Education and Health Services.
64 Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Florida DEO Employment Projections. See Table 3.
65 Florida Department of Health, COVID-19 Dashboard, https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/.

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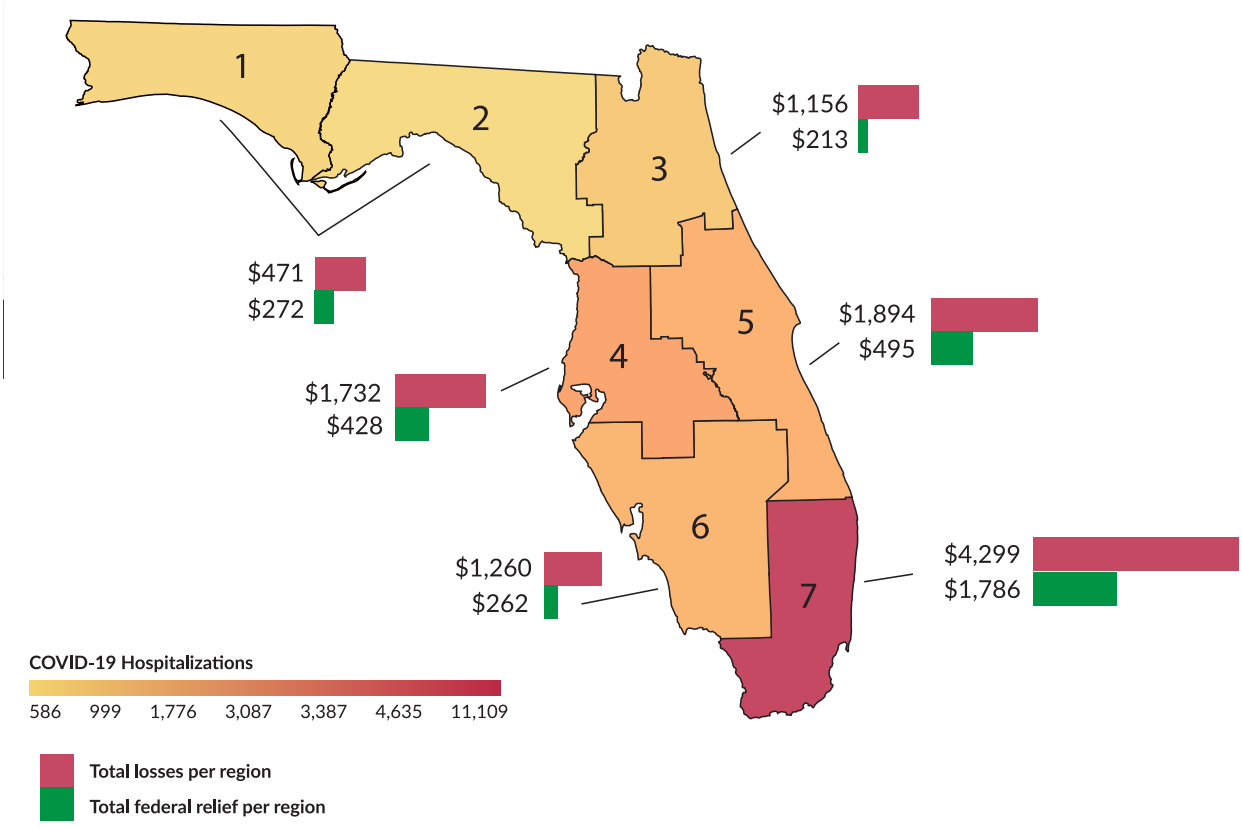
early summer. The financial impact on hospitals across the state have ranged by region with most revenue losses centering in south Florida, where losses exceeded $4.3 billion. A breakdown by region is provided in Figure 1 below.[66]

Outside hospital settings, the COVID-19 pandemic also changed the landscape for many outpatient clinics and long-term care facilities, ushering in a subsequent shift toward telehealth and implementation of strict protocols to protect the state's most vulnerable populations. Early on during the pandemic, the governor suspended elective surgeries to divert much needed medical focus to hospitals. As a result, elective surgeries in outpatient settings decreased tremendously—a feature mirroring trends across the southeast. By some estimates, the number of visits to ambulatory practices declined by 57 percent in southern states, Florida included.

Around the same time, the number of telemedicine visits as a percentage of total visits rose rapidly across the nation with some estimates supporting a nationwide 14 percent increase compared to normal.[67] In some places, such as Memorial Healthcare System in Broward County, telehealth visits through March and April skyrocketed by over 662 percent over all of 2019.[68] During the 2019 legislative session, Florida passed a law which enabled out-of-state health care professionals to provide telehealth services for patients in Florida after meeting certain eligibility requirements.[69] By expanding access to more timely telehealth services, the state positioned itself to respond to the surging demand in telemedicine during the pandemic. The governor also suspended visitation to Florida's long-term care facilities and instituted strict screening protocols for medical workers since most COVID-related deaths focused on elderly populations in these settings; however, by early September, the

FIGURE 1. ESTIMATED 6-MONTH HOSPITAL LOSSES AND FEDERAL RELIEF



Note: Cumulative hospitalizations as of 7.30.20.
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66 Florida Hospital Association, COVID-19 Financial Impact on Florida Hospitals, Sept. 4, 2020. https://fha.informz.net/FHA/data/images/AmyA/FHA%20Infographic%208.6.pdf.

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68 Health News Florida, Virtual Visits: How Telehealth in Florida During COVID-19 is Being Used, Covered by Insurance, May 21, 2020.

69 On April 29, 2019, the Florida Legislature passed HB 23, a law which provided additional guidelines to the use of telehealth in Florida and expanded the number of out-of-state health care professionals.

state began to allow family members to visit their loved ones in long-term care facilities in a safe, socially-distanced way. For workers at these facilities, strict testing protocols were put in place to substantially reduce the possibility of asymptomatic transmission.

The continued need for healthcare workers to combat the virus outbreak meant healthcare jobs did not face the steep falloff in employment as some other industries did. Nonetheless, heightened health risk from close contact with infected patients and state-mandated reductions in elective surgeries meant some jobs were lost since the pandemic began. In February 2020, employment in the industry stood at around 1.19 million workers. By April when the pandemic worsened, employment reduced to 1.08 million workers (a 9.1 percent reduction). By July 2020, employment rose again to 1.15 million employees, regaining some momentum as various outpatient settings resumed services at the state's direction.[70] According to the Florida Chamber of Commerce, in total, the Health Care industry has 211,00 total jobs at risk with these vulnerable jobs coming from primarily small (fewer than 100 employees) and large (over 500 employees) sized firms.[71]

Across the education spectrum, from K-12 to higher education, students, teachers, and administrators are facing the unique challenges associated with adapting to primarily remote platforms. With cases mounting in early March, many schools decided to discontinue in-person instruction in favor of online teaching to reduce transmission. The online-learning approach continued well into the summer and with a majority of the schools returning to in-person teaching last fall, the primary concern continued to be whether schools had the necessary safety measures in place to prevent transmission between teacher and students.

For schools in the K-12 setting, early spring 2020 presented a tremendous difficulty in expanding remote instruction for the state's more than 2.8 million K-12 public students. By summer, the difficulty seemed to be conflicting and ambiguous state direction in desiring physical re-openings for schools come fall, a position that eventually permitted schools to implement online-only options for the beginning of semesters. Due to the gradual return of students to classrooms across the state, some schools have been temporarily closed due to outbreaks, with infections among school-aged children rising by almost 35 percent.[72] By mid-November 2020, eight Florida counties had 100 or more COVID-19 cases in public and private K-12 schools. The data show Miami-Dade and Broward lead other counties with more than 250 cases each.[73] As the academic year advances, K-12 schools around Florida will continue to face numerous challenges in keeping students and teachers safe, ensuring equal access to education for all students, and maintaining the instructional capacity online for families opting to forego in-person teaching this year.

For public and private colleges and universities, the COVID-19 pandemic has led to falling revenues due to heightened safety measures, room and board refunds, and numerous students foregoing enrollment during the 2020-2021 academic school year. To recoup these losses, some universities have looked to federal aid, but the aid has been largely insufficient to cover all incurred costs. According to estimates, Florida's public universities and colleges received over $252 million in aid money from the federal CARES Act, with the University of Central Florida receiving the largest amount at $51 million.[74] The Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF), consisting of 30 Florida based non-for-profit institutions, have faced close to $1 billion in collective losses to date with only a portion of that amount covered by federal aid.[75] Among private institutions, Keiser University received the largest CARES Act allocation around $21 million.[76] With courses resuming in the spring semester and university-related cases rising, it remains to be seen how colleges and universities will maintain safety measures for a younger subset of the population that in recent months has been the impetus for new COVID-19 cases.

In total, employment in the Education and Health Services sector fell by 127,300 jobs between March and April 2020. Since then, employment has gradually regained some steam as August's employment figures are

70 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Current Employment Survey (CES), 13-month data.
71 Florida Chamber of Commerce, Re-Open Florida presentation presented to Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force on April 20, 2020.
72 The Washington Post, "Coronavirus cases spike among school-age children in Florida, while state orders some counties to keep data hidden," September 9, 2020.
73 Florida Phoenix, "Nearly 3000 more COVID-19 cases related to FL schools; at least 100 infections in each of eight counties," Nov. 11, 2020. https://www.floridaphoenix.com/2020/11/11/nearly-3000-more-covid-19-cases-related-to-fl-schools-at-least-100-infections-in-each-of-eight-counties/
74 Tallahassee Democrat, "CARES Act Brings Millions in Relief to FSU, FAMU, but Revenue Losses are Mounting," Apr. 19, 2020. https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/2020/04/19/cares-act-brings-relief-fsu-famu-but-revenue-losses-mounting/5156874002/
75 Florida's Restore Economic Strength through Employment & Tourism (RESET) Taskforce Final Report, Nov. 2020. http://aif.com/reset/RESET-Final-Report-11-19-20.pdf
76 U.S. Department of Education, Allocations for Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/allocationsforsection18004a1ofcaresact.pdf

only 1.2 percent lower than the previous year.[77] The prospect for short and long-term recovery depend on a variety of factors including how well schools can adapt to increased demand for online schooling, reduced revenue flows, and hampered prospects for future employment. Some of these uncertainties can likely be ameliorated by additional state and federal aid money in successive legislative sessions over coming years.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Florida Legislature should establish safeguards to protect healthcare workers who must make extremely difficult medical decisions under trying and uncertain circumstances and educators who must look for creative ways to manage the risk and ensure the health and safety of students and others who enter school grounds from the threat of opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by customers and employees. These safeguards should also ensure that those who contract COVID-19 as a result of gross negligence or intent to harm by others are able to recover for their injuries.

As thousands of Florida businesses struggle to reopen or remain open in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are fearful of the threat of litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by their customers. If Florida's economy is to recover and regain its pre-pandemic prosperity, it is important that businesses, healthcare and educational facilities, and other entities that are working hard to comply with public health directives or protective measures to reduce the risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 are protected from civil liability. It is also important to make sure that those acting in "bad faith" are held accountable for their negligence while ensuring that those who contract COVID-19 because of the gross negligence of others can recover for their injuries.

Recommendation 2

Expand telehealth opportunities in the state of Florida by ensuring rural and remote areas have adequate broadband capabilities and by addressing regulatory barriers to reimbursements for telehealth providers.

Telehealth and virtual care have become important avenues for patients to receive medical care while keeping physicians, staff, and other patients safe from the COVID-19 virus. By 2030, it is estimated that more than 50 percent of health care services will be consumed virtually.[78] Despite these trends, seamless telehealth delivery cannot be achieved without improvements in broadband internet, digital readiness, and reimbursement regulation.

Based on prior Florida TaxWatch analysis, there are more than 464,000 people without access to wired connection in rural and remote areas. Another 280,000 people are without any available wired internet providers in their areas.[79] Without these digital connections, residents in more remote or rural areas will be without the same telehealth capabilities as those in more urban areas. Additionally, another challenge deals with barriers to reimbursements for providers. Even as many commercial insurance companies have provided updated guidelines in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, much more must be done to ensure providers are able to react to an increase in telehealth demand and guidelines persist for the foreseeable future.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, states such as Florida need adequate telehealth technology in place. Florida TaxWatch believes that by addressing the challenges to accessing and delivering telehealth services, Florida will have a robust system to serve millions of Floridians both during and after the pandemic. To accomplish this, policymakers should enact new telehealth insurance coverage and payment parity laws or amend current laws to adapt to the evolving nature of telehealth services.[80]

Recommendation 3

The Florida Legislature should permit Florida pharmacists with the proper safety and storage equipment to administer COVID-19 vaccines when they become available.

From the perspective of many patients, the pharmacist is the most accessible and trusted medical professional. Implementing point-of-care treatment for COVID-19 (or

77 Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Current Employment Survey (CES), 13-month data and July data release showing seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Florida.

78 American Telemedicine Association, "Health Care Consumerization," ATA Action Briefs, retrieved from https://info.americantelemed.org/ata-action-briefs_ healthcare-consumerization, May 19, 2020.

79 Florida TaxWatch, Briefing: Telehealth in Florida: Where We Are and What is Next, May 2020.

80 To read more about Florida TaxWatch's telehealth recommendations, read the recent report, Telehealth in Florida: Where We Are and What is Next: https://floridataxwatch.org/Research/Full-Library/ArtMID/34407/ArticleID/18878/Telehealth-in-Florida-Where-We-Are-and-What-is-Next

administering vaccines for other types of pandemics) in community pharmacies will improve access to care for patients who do not have a primary physician or who are only able to access healthcare clinics after normal business hours. Pharmacists are able to see patients after the initial treatment to assess patient status and the need for further intervention. The 2020 Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, HB 389, which allows pharmacists to test and treat patients for the flu and strep throat.

TaxWatch thinks this innovation is worthy of consideration by the Legislature as a way to improve access to health care, reduce its costs, and improve patient outcomes. TaxWatch recommends the Legislature more fully evaluate the pros and cons of point-of-care vaccine administration and identify ways to overcome the identified barriers to successful implementation.

Recommendation 4

Include K-12 and higher education teachers and employees who are in direct contact with students on the list of frontline workers to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Schools, colleges, and universities represent a potential major source of community spread. As students return to the classrooms in increasing numbers, making sure that teachers and employees who come into direct contact with students receive the COVID-19 vaccine will reduce community spread and permit school districts, colleges, and universities to continue providing quality instruction for students.

Recommendation 5

The Florida Legislature should commit to supporting higher education institutions from both public and private settings and should specifically fund the Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) grant program for independent colleges and universities.

The Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) consist of 30 Florida based not-for-profit, regionally accredited institutions. All 30 ICUF institutions closed on-campus instruction for the Spring and Summer 2020 semesters and shifted to online learning. To date, ICUF institutions have lost more than $60 million in revenue for room and board refunds, $90 million in loss of earnings and refunds due to summer program cancelations (including summer camps), and tremendous uncertainty in those schools fortunate to have endowment investments. Once these costs are added, Florida's 30 independent institutions face close to $1 billion in collective losses.[81] The Florida Legislature cut EASE 18.8%, or $22.9 million, in the 2019 session and did not replace those funds in the 2020 session.[82]

81 Restore Economic Strength Through Employment & Tourism (RESET) Task Force, "Working Together for a Better Florida," November 2020.
82 Restore Economic Strength Through Employment & Tourism (RESET) Task Force, "Working Together for a Better Florida," November 2020.

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Leisure & Hospitality

Industry Profile

According to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), the Leisure and Hospitality sector is one of several service-providing industries and is comprised of two sub-sectors:

- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS 71) --- includes a wide range of establishments that provide services to meet cultural, entertainment, and recreation interests of their patrons. Examples include theme parks, bowling alleys, golf courses, and spectator sports; and
- Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS 72) --- includes establishments providing customers with lodging and/or prepared meals, snacks, beverages for consumption. Examples include hotels, motels, full-service restaurants, and bars.[83]

As shown in Table 6, the Leisure and Hospitality industry contributed around $53.6 billion to the state's GDP (after adjusting for inflation) in 2019. The total contribution from the sector equated to around 5.7 percent of the state's total GDP when taking into account all the other sectors in the economy.[84] Furthermore, in 2019, the Leisure and Hospitality industry averaged a monthly employment of 1.02 million (11.5 percent of total state employment) for its Accommodation and Food Services sub-sector and a monthly employment of nearly 250,000 (2.8 percent of total state employment) for its Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation sub-sector.[85] Prior to COVID-19, the Accommodation and Food Services sub-sector was predicted to grow by 125,000 additional jobs, or around 12.2 percent, by 2027. For the Arts and Entertainment sub-sector, employment was expected to climb 23,000 jobs by 2027, or about 9.8 percent.[86]

Effects of COVID-19 on the Sector

Florida's Leisure and Hospitality industry has been the most visibly affected during the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. Known for the millions of tourists who usually flock to the state during the summer months, Florida has felt the immediate impact of reduced air travel around the world as theme parks, beaches, and other attractions have faced tremendous drops in attendance. For a state so largely dependent on tourism, it is natural that the most pronounced effects of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak would center on this particular economic sector.

According to VISIT Florida, the state's principal tourism marketing agency, year-over-year change in hotel demand hit a low-point in April 2020 when hotel demand plummeted 77.6 percent lower than the same time in 2019. The drop in demand corresponded to a $416 million decline in hotel revenue. Although hotel demand and revenue have made slight improvements since April, the state still faces lower than average numbers.[87] Preliminary estimates suggest that only 12.8 million visitors visited the state between April and June, a decrease of around 60.5 percent from the previous year. Domestic visitors accounted for most of these visitors as international travel only numbered around 235,000 visitors, marking a 91.1 percent decrease compared to 2019.[88]

Due to the large-scale reduction in out-of-state and international visitors, businesses that usually cater to tourists faced a huge plunge in customer revenue. In an average year, tourism generates around $94 billion in local spending between lodging, food and beverage, shopping, transportation, and entertainment.[89] With the pandemic, however, the amount of tourism spending is expected to fall far below previous years. The state's large theme parks, such as Disney, Universal, and Sea-

TABLE 6. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SECTOR (2019)

Sub-Sector	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Arts, entertainment, & recreation	$15,057	1.60%	249,128	2.81%	$39,856
Accommodation & food services	$38,547	4.10%	1,024,668	11.54%	$23,677
Sector Total	$53,604	5.70%	1,273,796	14.35%	$31,767

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

83 To learn more about the specific businesses within the Leisure and Hospitality sector, visit the NAICS 2017 Manual: https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/2017NAICS/2017_NAICS_Manual.
84 Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, April 2, 2020. See Appendix 1.
85 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2019. Retrieved from Florida DEO's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. See Appendix 2.
86 Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Florida DEO Employment Projections. See Table 3 in Appendix.
87 VISIT Florida, COVID-19 FL Tourism Impacts. https://www.visitflorida.org/resources/crisis-preparation/covid-19-resources-and-information-for-businesses/covid-19-fl-tourism-impacts/.
88 VISIT Florida, Florida Visitor Estimates and Travel Industry Trend Indicators, August 15, 2020. https://visitflorida.app.box.com/s/yybwlayqp5ul95851p1vobhwjpsxr2cr.
89 Rockport Analytics, Picking up the Pace: Florida's Tourism Performance Jumps into a Higher Gear, 2019. https://www.visitflorida.org/media/30679/florida-visitor-economic-impact-study.pdf.

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World did not re-open until June and July, leading to thousands of employee furloughs and eventual layoffs. As gatherings, events, and activities were shut down throughout the pandemic, Florida's small businesses were especially hard hit from the loss in tourism activity. Data from the Florida Chamber of Commerce suggest that small businesses in the Leisure and Hospitality industry suffered the highest number of closed business weeks compared to small businesses in all other economic sectors in Florida. For the Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation industry, there was around 14 missed weeks of business and around 66.3 percent revenue loss. For the Accommodation and Food Services industry, there was about 12.6 missed weeks and 64.5 percent revenue lost among small businesses.[90]

Between March 2020 and April 2020, the state's Leisure and Hospitality industry suffered 481,900 job losses, representing a 39.8 percent one-month drop. Among all of Florida's economic industries, the Leisure and Hospitality industry faced the largest decline in employment. In the middle of the state's April shutdown, the industry had 41.7 percent fewer jobs than it did in April 2019.[91] When considering the total jobs at risk based on proximity to others, the Florida Chamber of Commerce found that the Leisure and Hospitality industry had 913,000 total vulnerable jobs in Florida, far outpacing the next largest industry, Retail Trade. By company size, the same report found that:

- 45 percent of the total vulnerable jobs were in large-sized companies with 500+ employees;
- 13 percent of the vulnerable jobs were in medium-sized companies with 100-499 employees; and
- 42 percent of vulnerable jobs were in small-sized companies with fewer than 99 employees.[92]

Finally, a drop in the state's tourism minimized potential tax revenue generated. According to a 2018 report by Rockport Analytics, Florida tourism generates about $14.1 billion in federal tax revenue and around $12 billion in state and local tax revenue in a typical year.[93] Most localities fund numerous development projects and marketing efforts through the use of tourist development taxes levied on visitors. Local government took a hit when these revenue sources faced surging declines during the pandemic's worst months. In some places such as Orlando, home to the state's major theme parks and attractions, the county government saw a record 95 percent drop is tourism tax dollars in April, equating to a loss of $765,900 that would have funded local development projects.[94] The loss in tax revenue is a trend shared by local governments of varying sizes all throughout Florida.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Florida Legislature should establish safeguards to protect businesses, their agents, and individuals from the threat of opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by customers and employees. These safeguards should also ensure that those who contract COVID-19 as a result of gross negligence or intent to harm by others are able to recover for their injuries.

As thousands of Florida businesses struggle to reopen or remain open in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are fearful of the threat of litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by their customers. If Florida's economy is to recover and regain its pre-pandemic prosperity, it is important that businesses, healthcare facilities, and other entities that are working hard to comply with public health directives or protective measures to reduce the risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 are protected from civil liability. It is also important to make sure that those acting in "bad faith" are held accountable for their negligence while ensuring that those who contract COVID-19 because of the gross negligence of others can recover for their injuries.

Recommendation 2

Florida TaxWatch research shows that continuous, targeted investment into Florida's tourism industry is critical to our state's success. While diversifying the economy is important, tourism will remain a key component of Florida's economic strength. The Legislature must continue to fund tourism marketing and promotion at a level sufficient to move Florida forward.

90 Florida Chamber of Commerce, The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Florida's Small Businesses, Oct. 2020. http://www.flchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/COVID-Impact-Survey_October.pdf

91 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, Florida Economy at a Glance. https://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.fl.htm.

92 Florida Chamber of Commerce, Re-Open Florida presentation presented to Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force on April 20, 2020.

93 Rockport Analytics, Picking up the Pace: Florida's Tourism Performance Jumps into a Higher Gear, 2019.

94 Florida Politics, Orange County tourist tax disappears almost entirely, June 3, 2020.

Marketing Florida's attractions and natural destinations will be essential to recovering Florida's economy in coming years. By making strategic investments in Florida's marketing tourism wing, the state can mitigate against the negative perception that Florida is an unsafe destination during and following the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, the Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) estimated a positive return on investment (ROI) around 2.15 for VISIT Florida's marketing efforts in 2018, meaning for every dollar spent on the state's marketing efforts, the state received $2.15 in tax revenue. The positive ROI took into account the goods purchased by tourists, from hotel rooms and meals to souvenir shops and gasoline.[95] By reminding tourists, both international and domestic, that Florida is "open for business" and safe to visit, tourism and revenue can hopefully return to pre-COVID levels.

Recommendation 3

Expand the Rural and Urban Jobs Tax Credit programs to include restaurants, bars, and retail establishments in both programs.

The Rural Job Tax Credit and Urban Job Tax Credit programs offer incentives for eligible business within one of 36 designated Qualified Rural Areas or one of 13 urban areas to create new jobs. The current structure of the two programs currently excludes restaurants, bars, and retail establishments—businesses most impacted by the pandemic. Both programs are capped at $5 million in total tax credits annually. Policymakers should expand both programs by increasing the annual caps on tax credits and including restaurants, bars, and retail establishments as qualified recipients.

Recommendation 4

Stop the diversion of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) funds for purposes other than the marketing and promotion of tourism.

In 1977, the Legislature passed the Local Option Tourist Development Act, which allows counties to levy additional sales tax on "transient rentals" (hotels, motels, resorts, or any other living accommodation) for a term of six months or less for the sole and specific purpose of funding the promotion and marketing of Florida tourism. Sixty-three of Florida's 67 counties levy some combination of TDTs.[96]

Since then, the authorized uses of TDT revenue have also expanded. In addition to the original three uses, TDTs can now be used for: zoos; beach park facilities; beach, channel, estuary, or lagoon improvements; erosion control; restoration of lakes and rivers; fishing piers; nature centers; auditoriums operated by non-profits; emergency medical and law enforcement services (coastal counties); and professional sports franchise and spring training facilities. Counties may also use TDTs for major capital improvements, including land acquisition, for public facilities including transportation, sewer, solid waste, drainage, potable water, and pedestrian facilities, if they are "needed to increase tourist-related business activities." Not all the above uses are available to all counties.

The increasing expansion of the authorized uses of tourist development taxes is troubling. TDTs were created to fund a relatively narrow set of tourism related uses with a focus on promotion and advertising. As more and more uses are allowed, the dollars available for advertising and promotion decrease.

Recommendation 5

Given the significance of Florida's natural resources to its Leisure and Hospitality industries, the state should continue its strategic investment in targeted water quality improvements to achieve significant, meaningful and measurable nutrient reductions in key waterbodies across the state.

The governor's Bolder, Brighter, Better Future budget for FY 2020-2021 calls for $2.5 billion to be invested over four years for protection of water resources, an increase of $1 billion over the previous four years. The current budget appropriates more than $625 million for this purpose, including more than $322 million for Everglades restoration projects. Continued funding will help to protect these unique natural resources and ensure that all visitors and Florida residents alike have access to these prized properties for future generations.

95 Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR), Return on Investment for VISIT Florida, Submitted Jan. 1, 2018. https://www.visitflorida.org/media/46571/visit-florida-edr-roi-report-2018.pdf.

96 Florida TaxWatch, "Diverting Tourist Development Tax Revenue, "Florida Shouldn't "Eat our Seed Corn" by Diverting Tourist Development Tax Revenue," February 25, 2020.

MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY PROFILE

The Manufacturing sector (NAICS 31-33) is part of the goods-producing group and comprises establishments engaged in mechanical, physical, or chemical transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products. These establishments are most often described as plants, factories, or productions mills that incorporate machines and other heavy equipment.[97] Examples of businesses in this sector are largely diverse and include firms producing goods including food and beverages, aerospace equipment, communications, pharmaceuticals, batteries, and transportation vehicles. Florida is also home to numerous advanced manufacturing companies which specialize in high-skill, high-wage jobs and develop nanotechnology and other digital technologies.

As shown in Table 7, the Manufacturing sector was a key driver in Florida's economy with a total economic output around $53.6 billion, or about 5.6 percent of total state output in 2019.[98] With more than 20,000 manufacturing companies, the state boasted over 383,000 jobs (4.3 percent of total jobs in Florida) and average annual wages of $63,883 in 2019.[99] Employment in the Manufacturing industry is currently concentrated in the state's southeast, central, and northeastern parts, with counties in these areas contributing nearly 57 percent of Florida manufacturing jobs.[100] Manufacturing jobs are also important to largely rural areas, supplying these areas with abundant opportunities to rapidly grow regional output and provide high paying jobs.

By 2027, the Manufacturing sector is expected to grow by an additional 7,000 jobs, or 1.9 percent.[101] In terms of productivity, or gross revenue per employee, Florida currently ranks 32nd among all 50 states and the District of Columbia with an annual $142,943 in gross revenue per employee. Even though this represents a significant increase since 2014, Florida still lags behind other states in the southeastern U.S. in terms of productivity. Nevertheless, the industry has made tremendous strides in promoting competitive, high-wage, high-skill jobs in recent years.[102]

EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE SECTOR

Compared to other industries in Florida, the Manufacturing industry has faced a unique set of challenges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic due to the nature of work and the industry's relationship to international markets. In particular, the Manufacturing industry has struggled with supply chain disruptions, workplace safety requirements, and remote work difficulties, resulting in layoffs and ceased operations in some cases. Yet at the same time, many manufacturing companies have transitioned to aid in the production of essential equipment necessary to fight the virus's spread and have proven essential to recovery efforts as a result.

At the pandemic's peak in April 2020, the state witnessed a loss of 33,700 jobs, or about a 7.9 percent reduction, from the same month in 2019. Despite this initial loss, by July 2020, the Manufacturing sector was able to regain nearly 16,000 jobs since the industry's low point in April.[103] In total, risk analysis suggests that there are up to 89,000 vulnerable manufacturing jobs in Florida due to the close proximity between employees in some firms. Of the total vulnerable jobs, over 46 percent are in firms with 500+ employees, 20 percent are in firms with 100-499 employees, and 34 percent are in firms with fewer than 99 employees.[104]

TABLE 7. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR (2019)

	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Manufacturing	$53,601	5.60%	383,583	4.32%	$63,883

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

97 Definition comes from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Industries at a Glance: Manufacturing.
98 Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, April 2, 2020. See Appendix 1.
99 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2019. Retrieved from Florida DEO's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. See Appendix 2.
100 Florida TaxWatch, From Grease & Grime to Technology & Talent Report, November 2019.
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104 Florida Chamber of Commerce, Re-Open Florida presentation presented to Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force on April 20, 2020.

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According to a nationwide survey by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), over 78.3 percent of manufacturing companies anticipated a financial impact, 53.1 percent anticipated a change in operations, and 35.5 percent were already facing significant supply chain disruptions.[105] Respondents who commented on their supply chain disruptions noted how timing issues led to parts arriving late and deliveries to customers being delayed as a result. These subsequent time delays resulted in some additional costs as some manufacturers had to identify alternative suppliers. In response to supply disruptions, organizations such as FloridaMakes have provided manufacturers with preparedness checklists and regional networks to mitigate against potential disruptions.[106] In another effort to help with supply and demand imbalances, The Associated Industries of Florida, Space Florida, and FloridaMakes teamed up to develop *Connex Florida*, an online database that connects manufacturers with businesses in need of their products during the pandemic.

The COVID-19 outbreak has also resulted in enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols for the industry due to the nature of work at many firms. For some manufacturers, enhanced protocols include mandatory use of face marks or face coverings, eliminating common touch points, and repeatedly screening employees for symptoms. These measures seek to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in spaces where employees are in close proximity. In addition, some employers are staggering work and allowing some employees to work remotely when applicable; however, not all companies are able to provide remote work.

Even with mitigative measures, enhanced cleaning protocols, and innovative new tools in place, Florida's Manufacturing sector will likely still feel the effects of slowed international markets. Yet even as these manufacturers contend with shifting global markets, their basic importance to the overall economy cannot be underscored enough. Whether producing protective medical equipment and ventilators, or advanced technology and rockets, Manufacturing will remain essential to the economy's recovery and future advancement.

105 National Association of Manufacturers, Coronavirus Special Survey, February-March 2020.
106 FloridaMakes, The FloridaMakes Network Urges Importance of Supply Chain Disruption Planning.

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Recommendation 2

Reestablish the Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Tax Refund Program.

In 1994, Florida established the Qualified Target Industry (QTI) Tax Refund program to boost the creation of high-quality, high-wage jobs. The program created a state grant to offset the amount a qualifying business paid in state and local taxes. Despite finding a positive ROI between 4.3:1 and 6.4:1, the state opted to discontinue the QTI program and allowed it to expire on June 30, 2020.[107] By reestablishing the program, the state can create and retain high-paying, high-skilled jobs in the manufacturing industry.

Recommendation 3

Create a tax credit to encourage manufacturers to use Florida suppliers.

Maintaining a resilient, in-state supplier base is important for supplying the state's need for personal protection equipment, ventilator parts, and other necessary components for medical equipment; however, for many

107 Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Economic Evaluation for Select State Economic Development Incentive Programs, January 2020.

companies in the manufacturing sector, supply chain imbalances are not enough to stay on course with growing manufacturing demands. Coupled with the international supply chain disruptions experienced globally, it is now important more than ever to establish a sustainable in-state supply chain. A tax credit taken against a corporate income tax would be useful to help improve state supply-chains and bolster manufacturing.

Recommendation 4

Support advanced manufacturing across the state through continued public investment in initiatives that adapt and deploy Industry 4.0 technology.

The continued growth of Florida's Manufacturing sector will depend in large part on how well Florida manufacturers adopt technology and how technology shapes the future of Manufacturing. Advanced manufacturing is the integration of new technology and techniques to optimize product design and create highly-differentiated, cost-effective, and competitive products. Due to the high-skilled nature of this manufacturing work, advanced manufacturing companies support many high-skill, high-paying jobs in Florida while also generating millions in tax revenue.

The challenge facing manufacturers is "connection." With the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) upon us, technologies such as robotics, 3D printing, advanced analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) now offer the potential for connected, additive and autonomous manufacturing processes — which is critical for companies looking to extend the lifespan of machines, reduce device breakdowns and increase throughput. By continuing public investment in advanced manufacturing, the state can better position itself to diversify the economy and emerge from the pandemic as a global leader in information technology, research, innovation, and manufacturing.

Recommendation 5

Invest in entrepreneurial second-stage companies with tremendous growth potential through state programs such as the Manufacturers Business Growth Program offered by FloridaMakes, in partnership with GrowFL.

Second-stage companies are firms that have survived start-up phase and now focus on growth, expansion, and job creation. In Florida, there were 181,648 second-stage companies in 2016, representing 11.7 percent of Florida's businesses, 34.3 percent of jobs, and 34.7 percent of total sales.[108] GrowFL is an effective state program that plays an integral part in Florida's entrepreneurial economy. The program identifies companies with the greatest potential to strengthen the state economy and provides them with tools and methods to overcome growth challenges. According to prior Florida TaxWatch analysis, between 2017 and 2026, GrowFL was predicted to generate $4.72 billion in additional GDP, create 43,700 private sector jobs with average annual salaries of $97,815, produce $4.61 billion in additional personal income, and generate $345 million in additional state tax revenue.[109] In order to improve economic outcomes across the state and offset losses from the pandemic, policymakers should increase funding for FloridaMakes and GrowFL and other programs in the state's economic development toolkit.

Recommendation 6

Consistent with Governor DeSantis's Executive Order 19-31, the Florida Legislature should appropriate funds to promote apprenticeships and other industry specific learning opportunities, and to fund workforce programs within the Florida College System.

Even though Florida's manufacturing industry has grown in recent years, a chronic problem continues to be the lack of appropriate skills in the labor force. Manufacturers argue that skills shortages result when there are new advanced technologies, negative perceptions among students and parents toward the industry, and baby boomer retirements. Manufacturers reported deficiencies in both soft skills (e.g., time management, communication, leadership) and hard skills (e.g., math, information technology, research). Such an incongruence between sought after skills and available skills in the labor force creates difficulty in filling high-wage jobs. By expanding apprenticeships and workforce programs in the Florida College System, the Legislature can improve the talent pool for manufacturing jobs in coming years and lessen the negative perceptions people may hold about the industry.

108 Florida TaxWatch, A Second Look at Second-Stage Business Development in Florida – The Impact of GrowFL, December 2017.
109 Id.

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INFORMATION

INDUSTRY PROFILE

The Information sector (NAICS 51) is one of the service-providing industries and comprises establishments engaged in the following: (a) producing and distributing information, (b) providing the means to transmit or distribute these products as well as data or communications, (c) processing data.[110] Included in this sector are companies that publish material on the Internet, the motion picture and sound industries, broadcasting companies, telecommunications, Web search portals, and information services.

As shown in Table 8, the Information sector contributed $49.5 billion to Florida's GDP, corresponding to around 5.2 percent of the state's total output in 2019.[111] There were just under 140,000 workers employed, on average each month in 2019, which was about 1.6 percent of the state's entire labor force. In terms of annual wages, workers had an average of about $85,700, well above the state average.[112] In coming years, the Information sector's employment is expected to grow by a miniscule 0.9 percent by 2027, equating to around 1,220 new jobs.[113]

EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON SECTOR

The widespread availability of information throughout the course of the pandemic has been vital to understanding the virus's nature and scope while also offering a reprieve to many families confined to the indoors during a collection of stay-at-home orders throughout the early summer. Yet, the Information industry has not been immune to the detrimental effects of the COVID-19 crisis. From newspaper outlets and broadcasting companies to motion pictures and booksellers, businesses within the Information industry have faced added strain to economic trends that already seemed perilous prior to the pandemic.

The rapid dissemination of accurate, reliable, and credible information relating to the COVID-19 pandemic has been a priority for print and digital media companies around the nation. According to the Florida Press Association, in a recent survey of Floridians, a majority of those surveyed (53 percent) indicated that they seek COVID-19 related information from newspapers' online editions, with another quarter indicating they receive information from a combination of newspapers' web and print editions.[114] The news media business, however, continues to face extraordinary challenges that began before the pandemic in securing enough revenue to continue digital and media print with fewer businesses posting ads and many news companies offering COVID-19-related articles without subscription.

Across the nation, an estimated 36,000 employees of news media companies have been laid off, furloughed, or had pay reduced in response to the virus.[115] A similar trend across Florida has unfolded. For the *Tampa Bay Times*, the virus resulted in several journalist layoffs and a ten percent pay cut for full-time staff members. Other media outlets, such as *Orlando Weekly* and Jacksonville's *Florida Times-Union* also announced layoffs in response to the pandemic. The *Miami Herald* cut jobs in its advertising department and closed a publishing subsidiary focused on travel and tourism.[116]

With many movie theaters closing their doors due to government orders and movie goers resorting to at-home streaming services, the TV and film industry has likewise faced building pressure under the pandemic. Across the nation, reduced attendance and closed theaters resulted in an estimated $4.4 billion in box office revenue, down 61 percent from 2019.

The pandemic's timing could not be worse as it hit during the peak summer months where annual ticket sales usually account for 40 percent of yearly sales.[117]

TABLE 8. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE INFORMATION SECTOR (2019)

	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Information	$49,508	5.20%	139,938	1.58%	$85,782

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

110 Definition comes from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Industries at a Glance: Information. For more information on what specifically constitutes activities within the Information industry, visit NAICS code manual 2017.
111 Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, April 2, 2020. See Appendix 1.
112 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2019. Retrieved from Florida DEO's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. See Appendix 2.
113 Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Florida DEO Employment Projections. See Appendix 3.
114 Florida Press Association, "Amid Rampant COVID Misinformation, Floridians Turn to Newspapers for Reliable, Accurate News, Survey Finds," September 10, 2020.
115 The New York Times, "News Media Outlets Have Been Ravaged by the Pandemic," May 1, 2020.
116 All these announced media closures come from Pynter. See https://www.poynter.org/business-work/2020/here-are-the-newsroom-layoffs-furloughs-and-closures-caused-by-the-coronavirus/.
117 Los Angeles Times, "Movie theaters face 'existential' threat from COVID-19: 'Without new movies, it's over.'" Published on July 11, 2020.

Large cinema companies, such as AMC and Regal Cinema, have reported unsustainable drops in revenue, and during the fall, Regal made the announcement they were potentially closing theater doors permanently due to bankruptcy. Even as some theaters and entertainment venues gradually reopen, many potential consumers still voice their concern over contracting COVID-19 in closely confined spaces with only 16-20 percent of the general public expressing comfort in going to the movies.[118]

Between February and July 2020, the Information industry in Florida lost around 10,000 jobs, from a high of about 137,900 in February to 127,900 workers in July. Compared to 2019, July's job figures are eight percent lower than the previous year.[119] According to the Florida Chamber of Commerce, there are 28,000 potential jobs at risk in the Information sector with about 70 percent of these jobs focusing in large size firms with over 500 employees. The industry is considered to be at medium-risk when considering the potential jobs at risk.[120] The prospects for recovery are largely dependent on the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. With less ad revenue and fewer moviegoers, it can be expected that at least in the short-term, companies in the Information sector will face continued financial hardship.

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State-level incentives to stimulate Florida's film and entertainment industry are both necessary and important to remain competitive. If the tax credit incentive program can be recreated to ensure the state makes back its investment, to create jobs for Florida residents, to promote Florida tourism, and to pump additional revenue into local businesses, then it would be in the best interest of the state for the Legislature to consider such revisions.

In 2017, there were more than 4,400 established businesses in Florida's film and entertainment industry (excluding digital media), employing more than 26,000 Floridians. These too are high-quality, high-paying jobs, with average salaries of more than $81,700. This is almost 69 percent higher than the average annual wage for all Florida industries ($47,060). The total wages paid to employees in Florida's film and entertainment industry in 2016 were $2.2 billion.[121]

The film and entertainment industry also supports indirect jobs and wages in thousands of companies with which it does business, such as caterers, dry cleaners, hotels, florists, security guards and off-duty law enforcement officers, hardware and lumber suppliers, software, and digital equipment suppliers, as well as jobs in other companies doing business with consumers, such as video retailers and services, theme parks and tourist attractions.

Recommendation 3

Reduce the Communication Services Taxes (CST).

A communications service tax (CST) is imposed on the sale of communication services in Florida, including cable and satellite television, video and music streaming, and telephone and mobile services. Relative to other states, Florida's CST is very high, ranking ninth-highest in the nation. When combined with other local levies, the CST can become highly punitive and disproportionately burden those with lower incomes. In addition, the CST makes the state less competitive and reduces the potential investment in various information network infrastructures. As many workers continue to work from home, addressing the burdensome CST should be a priority for state policymakers moving forward.

118 Morning Consult, "When Will Consumers Feel Safe? Weekly Updates on Consumer's Comfort Levels." https://morningconsult.com/2020/09/08/tracking-consumer-comfort-with-dining-out-and-other-leisure-activities/.
119 Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Economy at a Glance: Florida (Information).
120 Florida Chamber of Commerce, Re-Open Florida presentation presented to Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force on April 20, 2020.
121 Florida TaxWatch, "Is the Sun Setting on Film in Florida? An Analysis of the State's Film and Television Industry," November 2018.

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Construction

Industry Profile

The Construction sector (NAICS 23) is part of the goods-producing group and includes establishments engaged in the construction of buildings or engineering projects, such as highways or utilities. Construction work may include new work, additions, alterations, or maintenance to existing structures both in residential and nonresidential settings.[122] Jobs within the Construction industry include construction managers, landscape architects, contractors, civil engineers, electricians, construction workers, and more.

As shown in Table 9, the Construction sector contributed around $43.3 billion in total economic output, equating to around 4.6 percent of total state GDP in 2019.[123] Additionally, average monthly employment for 2019 was around 567,000 --- 6.4 percent of the total workforce in Florida. Annual wages averaged $52,900, just slightly above the statewide average of $51,761.[124] Compared to the other major industries, the Construction sector is one of the fastest growing in Florida with a predicted employment growth around 59,760 new jobs (10.7 percent growth) by 2027.[125] When analyzing the total construction spending, private nonresidential spending in Florida totaled $16.5 billion in 2018, whereas state and local spending totaled $12.7 billion. Within Florida, there were just over 70,800 construction firms in 2016, of which 92 percent of them were small businesses.[126]

Effect of COVID-19 on the Sector

On March 28, the governor issued Executive Order 20-91, the "Safer At Home" order,[127] which among other things closed non-essential businesses around the state of Florida. Alongside healthcare workers, law enforcement, and grocery workers, employees within the Construction industry likewise found themselves listed among the essential services. As a result, the Construction industry has in some ways benefitted from the reduction in travel around the state, expediting construction projects to completion ahead of schedule and becoming necessary to the state's continued functioning.

Early on during the stay-at-home order, Governor DeSantis directed the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to accelerate critical infrastructure projects around the state due to the reduction in traffic. In total, the projects represented $2.1 billion in value and included projects such as an $802 million design build project in Miami-Dade and an $864 million bridge project in Tampa Bay.[128] The FDOT also capitalized on reduced traffic in central Florida, where it accelerated construction projects for part of the I-4 Ultimate Project. By early August, more than 50 road projects were sped up at the direction of the state government. There are many other infrastructure projects around the state that could be prioritized and accelerated, such as the $200 million Tamiami Trail Project, which represents a critical project for Everglades restoration. Overall, shorter timelines and more projects have allowed many workers in the Construction sector held on to their jobs even during the shutdown.

On the residential and commercial side, Construction paints a mixed picture. Early on during the pandemic, Florida only authorized 12,223 building permits for residential units in April, a drop of around 15.8 percent compared to April 2019. This reduction paralleled a drop across the U.S. as nationally, the change in new residential units authorized by building permits dropped 20 percent relative to 2019 with the greatest losses occurring in the country's northeast. By July of 2020, however, a minor rebound occurred. There were 13,053 new residential building permits issued in Florida, only a 0.42 percent decrease from last July.[129]

TABLE 9. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR (2019)

	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Construction	$43,283	4.60%	567,238	6.39%	$52,939

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

122 Definition comes from Bureau of Labor Statistics, Industries at a Glance: Construction.
123 Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, April 2, 2020. See Appendix 1.
124 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2019. Retrieved from Florida DEO's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. See Appendix 2.
125 Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Florida DEO Employment Projections. See Appendix 3.
126 The Construction Association, The Economic Impact of Construction in the U.S. and Florida, Sep. 17, 2019.
127 For more information on Executive Order 20-91, visit: https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2020/EO_20-91-compressed.pdf.
128 Florida Department of Transportation, FDOT Accelerates Critical Infrastructure Projects Valued at $2.1 Billion, April 1, 2020.
129 U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey, Permits by State – Monthly. https://www.census.gov/construction/bps/.

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Commercially, the COVID-19 pandemic also stalled construction with some metro areas, such as Miami, seeing commercial and multifamily starts fall 16 percent year-to-date through June.[130] Yet, across the nation, residential and commercial construction is once again on the rise with privately-owned housing starts in July coming in 22.6 percent above the previous month's figure and 23.4 percent above July 2019 rate.[131]

In total, the Construction sector in Florida witnessed a minor 1,400 decrease in employment between March and April 2020. During the statewide shutdown in April, the Construction industry maintained around 559,700 jobs, only about 0.1 percent smaller than during the same time in 2019. Compared to all other economic sectors in Florida, the Construction sector was the only one to experience an increase in employment between May and June, adding around 10,000 jobs by June.[132] In the Construction industry, small businesses are the principal drivers for job creation as data suggest 78.9 percent of jobs created in the sector are by firms with less than 100 employees. This percentage was highest among all economic industries in Florida and may indicate another reason why the Construction sector is experiencing a smoother recovery than other sectors in Florida.[133]

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendation 2

Provide money to the Small County Road Assistance Program (SCRAP) and the Small County Outreach Program (SCOP).

As the FDOT accelerates many large-scale infrastructure projects around the state, there must also be sufficient attention toward the state's smaller counties with infrastructure needs. Both the SCRAP and SCOP programs assist small county governments with resurfacing, reconstructing, repairing, and rehabilitating aging bridges, roads, or drainage components. Directing state funds to critical infrastructure needs in small counties will directly improve infrastructure quality in these areas and will also have the added benefit of bringing jobs and local spending to areas with lower economic activity.

Recommendation 3

Stop diverting funds from the affordable housing trust fund.

Even before the pandemic, Florida faced an affordable housing crisis as home ownership and adequate rental housing for low to moderate-income families became harder. The lack of affordable housing creates societal costs which are linked to poor physical and mental health outcomes for families involved. Over the last ten years, the Florida Legislature has swept nearly $1.4 billion from the Housing Trust Funds, exceeding the $882 million appropriated for affordable housing.[134] For the nearly two million Floridians who pay more than 30 percent of their incomes for housing, these reductions have had detrimental effects on homelessness, health, and educational outcomes.[135] As the pandemic has led to scores of layoffs, many families now find themselves without an adequate source of income to pay for their housing. The result could be catastrophic if the Legislature continues depleting affordable housing funds. Florida TaxWatch urges the Florida Legislature to stop diverting funds from affordable housing programs to improve family health outcomes and promote economic benefits from increased construction activity.

130 Dodge Data & Analytics, COVID-10 Crushes Construction Starts in Most Metro Areas During First-Half 2020.
131 U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Monthly New Residential Construction, August 18, 2020.
132 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, Florida Economy at a Glance. https://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.fl.htm.
133 Florida Chamber of Commerce, The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Florida's Small Businesses, Oct. 2020. http://www.flchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/COVID-Impact-Survey_October.pdf
134 Florida TaxWatch, Briefing: The Legislature Must Stop Diverting Affordable Housing Funding, April 2019.
135 Id.

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Other Services

INDUSTRY PROFILE

The Other Services (except public administration) sector (NAICS 81) is one of several in the service-providing industries group and includes establishments engaged in providing services not explicitly defined elsewhere in the NAICS classification system. Companies in this sector are primarily engaged in activities such as repairing equipment, promoting religious activity, social advocacy, laundry services, personal care services, and more. As shown in Table 10, the sector contributed around $23.4 billion to state GDP in 2019, accounting for 2.5 percent of total output.[136] In addition, the sector employed a total of 282,400 workers across the state, representing 3.2 percent of total state employment. When it came to average annual wages, the sector had one of the lowest wage levels among all economic sectors with annual wages around $38,000.[137] By 2027, the sector is expected to add 25,800 jobs at a total employment growth around seven percent.[138]

EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON SECTOR

Given the diverse collection of service-based businesses that fall under this particular sector, pinpointing overarching effects from COVID-19 proves a difficult task. According to data from the U.S. BLS, the Other Services sector faced around 60,300 job losses from March to April 2020. By April, employment stood at about 288,400 statewide, which was 18.4 percent lower than the same time last year. By July 2020, employment rose again to 320,000 around the state; however, this level was around 9.6 percent lower than July 2019.[139]

Analysis by the Florida Chamber of Commerce shows that a total of 166,000 jobs were considered vulnerable in the Other Services sector due to COVID-19.[140]

Personal and laundry-oriented jobs, which include barbershops, faced the highest total vulnerable jobs with 88,000 in total. Over 65 percent of these vulnerable jobs came from small-sized companies with between 0 and 99 employees. Religious and labor union-oriented jobs, which include churches and labor organizations, accounted for 40,000 total vulnerable jobs. When taking firm size into account, nearly 70 percent of the total vulnerable jobs in this category were also in small sized firms with fewer than 99 workers. Lastly, repair and maintenance-oriented jobs, which include automotive repair shops, possessed 38,000 total vulnerable jobs with 71 percent of these jobs being housed in small firms.

Due to the varying landscape of state and local government orders early on in the pandemic, businesses within the Other Services sector faced differing pressures. For example, according to the governor's executive order[141] in early April, automobile-related companies were deemed essential businesses and were allowed to remain open during the statewide lockdown. At the same time, barbershops and hair salons across the state were not considered essential businesses.

Despite the difference in government directives, all companies across the sector faced difficulty. Florida's automobile industry, which typically boasts over $80 billion in sales each year and contributes nearly $4 billion in state sales tax, has been under strain due to a combination of international supply chains and fewer automobile sales as more people stay home. With many Chinese automotive parts factories closing during the virus, ensuring adequate supply of car parts posed an ongoing issue.[142]

TABLE 10. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR (2019)

	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Other services	$23,373	2.50%	282,441	3.18%	$38,023

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

136 Bureau of Economic Analysis, US Department of Commerce, April 2, 2020. See Table 1.
137 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2019. Retrieved from Florida DEO's Current Employment Statistics (CES) program. See Table 2.
138 Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Florida DEO Employment Projections. See Table 3.
139 Bureau of Labor Statistics, US Department of Labor, Economy at a Glance: Florida.
140 The figure represents the cumulative total from the respective "Religious & Labor Unions," "Repair & Maintenance," and "Personal & Laundry" categories since Other Services was not included as its own category.
141 Executive Order Number 20-91, Signed on March 1, 2020. https://www.flgov.com/wp-content/uploads/orders/2020/EO_20-91-compressed.pdf.
142 Tampa Bay Times, Coronavirus has Florida car dealers bracing for fallout, Mar. 19, https://www.tampabay.com/news/business/2020/03/19/coronavirus-has-florida-car-dealers-bracing-for-fallout/.

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For Florida's beauty industry, the danger of close contact between workers and patrons meant all salons and barbershop remained closed until May, exacerbating financial woes for many small sized companies in this industry.

Oftentimes overlooked during financial downturns, nonprofit organizations are vital to providing much needed social services in many local communities during times of need. Yet like many other businesses in this economic sector, they too have felt the brunt of the pandemic as revenues have fallen and demand for services has skyrocketed. Many of these organizations make their revenue from hosted events, local partnerships, and membership fees --- all of which have been significantly scaled back due to the pandemic. Based on a statewide survey from the Florida Nonprofit Alliance, almost 80 percent of nonprofits experienced a negative financial impact due to the virus either by canceled events or loss in membership.[143] At the same time, demand for social services in areas such as health services, youth development, and food provision have all risen to meet growing community needs. Although 73 percent of the reporting nonprofits had a disruption in services, more than one-third recorded largescale increases in demand for services.[144] For nonprofits moving forward, the twin goals of survival and service remain at the forefront as many organizations adapt to budgetary challenges amid surging demand for services.

The examples outlined in this section are to demonstrate only some of the COVID-19 effects on this diverse economic sector and does not represent an exhaustive analysis of every company within the Other Services sector. Nevertheless, the points prove the demonstrable impact of COVID-19 across companies of varying sizes, functions, and locations.

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Recommendation 2

Clarify the sales tax exemption for environmental cleaning services for health care facilities.

For the most part, Florida does not impose a sales tax on services, but a few, such as nonresidential cleaning services, are actually taxed. The state currently relies on the NAICS code 561720 (janitorial services) to define nonresidential cleaning services as a taxable service, leading to wide inconsistences and unintended economic consequences. Section 212.08(7) (v), Florida Statutes, provides the exemption for professional services. The Florida Legislature should clarify that environmental cleaning services by professionally trained service firms --- subject to Centers for Disease Controls (CDC) standards for cleaning, disinfecting, and removing pathogens --- are exempt from tax by the associated section in statute and are not liable to pay taxes as janitorial services.

143 Florida Nonprofit Alliance, Looking Forward: How COVID-19 Will Affect Florida Nonprofits, July 2020. https://flnonprofits.org/page/COVID19EffectsJuly2020

144 Ibid.

AGRICULTURE

INDUSTRY PROFILE

The Agriculture sector (NAICS 11) comprises establishments involved in growing crops, raising animals, harvesting timber, and harvesting fish from a farm, ranch, or other natural habitats. Examples of establishments in this sector include farms, ranches, greenhouses, nurseries, orchards, and more. Farms may consist of a single tract of land or separate tracts held under different tenures. For example, one tract may be owned and the other rented. The operator of the farm may operate alone or with the assistance of any hired employees or household members; or the farm may be operated by partnership, corporation, or other organization.

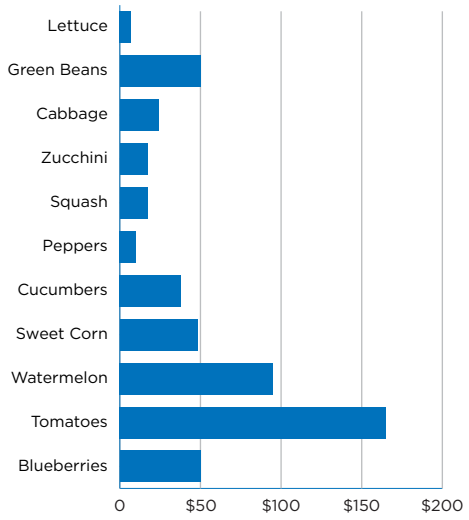
As shown in Table 11, Agriculture directly contributed $7.8 billion in total output to state GDP in 2019, accounting for less than 1 percent of the state's total GDP.[145] The state's more than 47,000 farms are first in the nation for producing oranges, grapefruit, watermelons, and fresh-market snap beans, cucumbers, and fresh-market tomatoes.[146] In terms of total employment, however, the Agriculture sector only employs around 68,600 workers, or about 0.8 percent of the state's total labor force. The sector's employment is the third-lowest behind only the Mining and Utilities industries. For the state's farmers, average annual wages center around $33,484.[147] In terms of future employment, the Agriculture industry is expected to decline by almost 5,500 jobs by 2027, amounting to an 8.2 percent drop over the next few years.[148]

EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE SECTOR

Agricultural Commodities

As the COVID-19 pandemic rippled throughout the entire economy, agricultural crop producers around the state felt the pinch as the statewide stay-at-home order and ensuing shutdown of the food service industry coincided with the peak of Florida's growing season. Between late October and May, Florida's growers supply enough fruits and vegetables for over 150 million people in the eastern U.S.[149] Yet due to the rapid closure of many large-scale food buyers, including restaurants, school districts, and processing facilities, many agricultural producers were left with fewer outlets to sell their crops. The sudden drop in demand led to immediate economic impacts across the state with estimated crop losses amounting to $522.5 million through April 2020.[150]

FIGURE 2. ESTIMATED CROP LOSSES FOR SELECT SEASONAL CROPS IN FLORIDA



Source: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, April 15, 2020.

Within this overall economic impact, various crop industries faced differing losses (See Figure 2). For watermelon producers, statewide sales dropped 50 percent leading to $95 million in losses, while at the same time, overall demand for Florida cabbage decreased by nearly 100 percent amounting to $24 million in losses.

TABLE 10. GDP, EMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES IN THE OTHER SERVICES SECTOR (2019)

	GDP Contribution (in millions)	% of Total GDP	Employment	% of Total Employment	Average Annual Wages
Agriculture	$7,758	0.80%	68,623	0.77%	$33,484

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

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Cucumber growers in South Florida saw demand fall nearly 100 percent, equating to around $38 million in losses. Green beans experienced revenue losses ranging from 50-75 percent and prices per box falling from $16-18 to $6-8. In total, those in the green bean growing business faced between $40-50 million in revenue loss. Blueberry production also took a large hit with prices being down 35 percent, leading to around $50 million in total losses.[151] Closures in the food service industry were particularly difficult for the state's tomato producers. By some estimates, early losses in the tomato market surged to over $133 million in lost revenue, the highest loss among all seasonal crops in Florida.[152]

Unexpectedly, the citrus industry has been the one area in Florida's agricultural sector where producers have actually benefitted from the pandemic. For years, the citrus industry has dealt with falling revenues due to hurricanes, freezes, and citrus greening --- a bacterial infection spread by insects. But when the pandemic struck Florida's economy, consumers began to purchase more citrus products for their immune boosting properties. By the middle of April, orange juice sales were up 50 percent in Florida as consumers were drinking about 45.6 percent more gallons of orange juice compared to April 2019.[153] Likewise, during the same time, Floridians were consuming 25 percent more gallons of grape juice compared to the same time in 2019, leading to an uptick in sales around 32.2 percent.[154] Using consumer survey data, researchers at UF found that consumers who were male, younger than 45, higher income, and living in an urban area were more likely to purchase orange juice in response to COVID-19. Additionally, orange juice demand was found to be highly dependent on consumer awareness through media sources.[155]

Aquaculture

Aquaculture is another important area within Florida's agriculture industry, bringing in about $100 million in sales annually from over 1,500 aquatic crops—fish, shellfish, plants, and more.[156] Yet, similar to producers on land, aquaculture producers experienced severe economic impacts as consumption for fish, oyster, clam, and other products fell when restaurants and bars closed across the state. To gauge these impacts, researchers at UF conducted a study across 1,500 respondents in aquaculture, commercial fishing, for-hire/charter fishing operations, seafood wholesale, and marine recreation support businesses. Closures were reported for only around nine percent of the aquaculture respondents with reported sales declining around 40 percent, on average.[157]

Nowhere were the impacts to aquaculture more noticeable than in the shellfish industry. For an industry that typically receives $15.5 million in annual sales revenue and accounts for 22 percent of the state's aquaculture sales, shellfish producers lost approximately $1.85 million in sales from March to mid-May due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Within this total figure, clam producers felt the brunt of the revenue reduction with around $1.58 million in losses. Oyster producers, on the other hand, faced around $0.27 million in losses.[158] Most of the impacted producers were in Florida's panhandle and coastal counties where oyster and clam operations are most popular. As consumer demand for seafood products continues to decline, aquaculture producers expect to experience depressed sales and uncertain profitability going forward.

Livestock

Similar to livestock producers across the country, Florida's livestock industry fell victim to many supply chain backups during the pandemic's spring months, worsening the gap between supply and demand for products such as meat, milk, eggs, and more. Florida ranks 13th in the U.S. for cattle production, with around 15,000 beef producers, but when meat-processing plants closed early on due to virus spreading concerns, many cattle farmers were without a channel for their products. At the same time, consumer demand for meat products soared during these months as many families stayed home during lockdown orders. The apparent disconnect became noticeable when many grocery stores began experiencing empty shelves and some restaurants transitioned to chicken-only menus. Although meat prices increased at grocery stores, many meat farmers did not reap the benefit since they had to pay extra to feed ani-

151 Id.
152 Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, "Florida's Agriculture Faces the Economic Impact of COVID-19," Oct. 2020. https://globalagriculturalproductivity.org/florida-agriculture-faces-the-economic-impact-of-covid-19/.
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mals for much longer than they normally would. In total, for Florida's meat producers, the pandemic led to around a 36 percent decrease in beef cattle revenue, equating to over $100 million in estimated losses between March and mid-May.[159] Additionally, there was an estimated 20 percent reduction in revenue for other livestock products, such as milk, honey, and eggs, corresponding to around $27.2 million in losses during the spring months.[160]

Forestry and Logging

Florida has over 17 million acres, or about 26,000 square miles, of forest around the state. In a typical year, around 650 million cubic feet of forest are harvested for products and projects requiring wood.[161] Even prior to COVID-19, the state's timber industry, primarily situated in northwest Florida, suffered serious setbacks as the region continued to recover from Hurricane Michael in 2018. When the pandemic hit lumber markets in full force, Florida's producers were met with another problem: surging consumer demand for toilet paper products and home renovation projects. As families were largely confined to their homes in April and May, many took to panic buying of essential household items like toilet paper while also desiring renovations for their homes. The result oftentimes led to shortages and higher prices --- a trend mirroring other parts of the agriculture industry, such as livestock and meat sales. Impacts in the forestry and logging industry had direct effects on other sectors mentioned throughout this report, such as the Retail Trade and Construction sectors. Due to the recent infusion of federal aid money for post-Hurricane Michael relief and ongoing fluctuations in consumption behavior, it is hard to pinpoint an exact financial impact to forestry and logging producers in the state of Florida. However, preliminary estimates from the UF suggest sales revenue for forestry and timber producers between March and mid-May was around 24 percent lower than the same time period in 2019.[162]

Agricultural Chemicals

Finally, for Florida's various fertilizer and pesticide companies, the pandemic has seemed to have a limited impact on the agricultural chemical industry so far. Large fertilizer companies in Florida, such as Mosaic Co., flagged virus outbreaks at its operations in other countries, but did not report significant economic effects at home.[163] Companies that specialize in agrichemical production have remained essential to many farmers for their provision of pre-harvest fertilizers, a necessary input for most crop production. The issue tends to be downstream when farmers who have paid for pre-harvest inputs cannot recover the costs because of diminished crop sales. As a result, the financial burden ends up falling more on the farmers than it does the fertilizer company. It is important to note, however, that due to data availability limitations, arriving at an exact economic impact for agrichemical businesses is not possible at this moment.

OVERARCHING EFFECTS AND RESPONSES

In an effort to dampen the economic blow to all the agricultural subsectors discussed above, Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services worked with agriculture producers, the federal government, and major consumers to identify food outlets. The U.S. Department of Agriculture released nearly $30 billion in aid across the country. Alongside this infusion of federal aid, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services has worked with major retailers and state agencies to bolster consumption of Florida-based agriculture. One innovative effort was to create a commodities list, called "Florida Farm to You," which connects potential buyers with farmers and producers of Florida-grown crops, seafood, and poultry.

Of all the economic sectors analyzed in this research report, the Agriculture industry has the fewest number of vulnerable jobs due to the low proximity to the public in general. With around 500 estimated jobs at risk, the Agriculture industry is considered a low-risk industry according to the Florida Chamber of Commerce. The virus would have a sizable impact on agricultural small businesses with around 91 percent of total vulnerable jobs coming from small farms with between 0 and 99 employees.[164] Yet as the previous discussion has shown, to discern the impact of COVID-19 on Florida's agriculture industry, one must distinguish from the various components that comprise the industry. From aquaculture to

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160 Ibid.

161 Florida Today, "Coronavirus keeps Florida forests rolling out toilet paper, Mar. 31, 2020. https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/environment/2020/03/31/coronavirus-fuels-forestry-florida/5088495002/

162 In late October, the Florida Department of Agriculture announced the launch of a $380 million grant program to help farmers and forest landowners impacted by Hurricane Michael in 2018. The funds come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

163 S&P Global Market Intelligence, "Fertilizer producer Mosaic flags COVID-19 impact on operations in 3 countries," Mar. 25, 2020. https://www.spglobal.com/marketintelligence/en/news-insights/latest-news-headlines/fertilizer-producer-mosaic-flags-covid-19-impact-on-operations-in-3-countries-57756610.

164 Florida Chamber of Commerce, Re-Open Florida presentation presented to Governor Ron DeSantis' Re-Open Florida Task Force on April 20, 2020.

livestock, crops to forestry, farmers have faced supply and demand shocks to varying degrees with economic implications differing as a result.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1

The Florida Legislature should establish safeguards to protect agricultural businesses, their agents, and individuals from the threat of opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by customers and employees. These safeguards should also ensure that those who contract COVID-19 as a result of gross negligence or intent to harm by others are able to recover for their injuries.

As thousands of Florida businesses struggle to reopen or remain open in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are fearful of the threat of litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by their customers. If Florida's economy is to recover and regain its pre-pandemic prosperity, it is important that businesses, healthcare facilities, and other entities that are working hard to comply with public health directives or protective measures to reduce the risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 are protected from civil liability. It is also important to make sure that those acting in "bad faith" are held accountable for their negligence while ensuring that those who contract COVID-19 because of the gross negligence of others can recover for their injuries.

Recommendation 2

Urge Florida's congressional delegation to continue advocating for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide direct support to Florida's farmers and ranchers, and distributors and wholesalers, based on actual losses for agricultural producers where price and market supply imbalances exist.

In early April, 27 members of Florida's congressional delegation, including both U.S. senators, urged the USDA to provide direct relief for Florida's agricultural producers. By late May, the USDA announced it would be providing $16 billion in direct relief payments as part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP).[165] To date, Florida farmers have received $174.1 million in direct aid from the first round of aid.[166] Later again in September of 2020, USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced an additional round of payments totaling $14 billion as part of the CFAP 2.0 program.[167]

The newest round of payments includes provisions on price trigger commodities, which are commodities that meet a minimum 5-percent decline over a specified time; flat-rate crops, which do not meet the 5-percent price decline trigger or do not have available data; and sales commodities, which include specialty crops not included in the price trigger and flat-rate categories. Florida's congressional delegation should continue advocating for successive rounds of agricultural aid with specific focus on crops important to Florida's producers, such as citrus, sugarcane, tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, and more.

Recommendation 3

Extend loan repayment deadlines and waive penalties for late payments to ensure farm loan flexibility. Measures, such as the USDA's disaster set-aside provision, should be extended for COVID-19 related losses.

For many farmers who lost significant revenue as a result of the pandemic, a growing struggle going forward may be the inability to pay existing farm debt. Over the previous months, the USDA has announced several changes to assist farmers dealing with existing debt. One such measures involves the USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA) disaster set-aside (DSA) provision, which assists current FSA borrowers who are victims of natural disasters to skip an annual installment payment on any current direct farm loan. The deferred payment is moved to the end of the loan repayment period while still accruing interest. In response to the pandemic, the USDA extended eligibility beyond just natural disasters to include loans affected by COVID-19; however, only the next payment is set aside with some exceptions beyond that.[168]

In early August, the USDA also offered a one-time annual installment payment deferral option for Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) borrowers experiencing financial hardship. No fees or prepayment penalties were applied

165 U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA Announces Details of Direct Assistance to Farmers through the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2020/05/19/usda-announces-details-direct-assistance-farmers-through

166 U.S. Department of Agriculture, CFAP 1.0 Dashboard, https://www.farmers.gov/cfap/data

167 U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA to Provide Additional Direct Assistance to Farmers and Ranchers Impacted by the Coronavirus, https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2020/09/18/usda-provide-additional-direct-assistance-farmers-and-ranchers.

168 For a more thorough explanation, visit the National Sustainable Agricultural Coalition's post. https://sustainableagriculture.net/blog/disaster-set-aside-covid/. Also visit the USDA's press release: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2020/fsa-expands-set-aside-loan-provision-for-customers-impacted-by-covid-19

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to borrowers who chose this option.[169] Eligible borrowers were able to request a one-time only annual installment payment deferral for loans have terms of three, five, seven, or ten years.

To further assist farmers who struggle with ongoing debt repayments due to COVID-19, policymakers should extend loan repayment deadlines, waive penalties for late payments, and identify additional methods to alleviate debt burden for farmers. Specifically, the government should expand the DSA provision to ensure COVID-19 affected farmers can apply aid toward successive payments beyond just the first one.

Recommendation 4

Maintain a safe and secure food supply chain.

Maintaining a safe and secure food supply chain requires adequate precautions at every step of the process. First, state and local leaders should ensure food supply chain workers are adhering to COVID-19 safety guidelines when handling food. Additionally, leaders should continue working with producers and retailers alike to encourage ongoing consumption of Florida-grown products. Working at every stage of the supply chain will help to prevent the erroneous perception that fresh produce is unsafe to consume while also minimizing potential shortages at grocery stores.

169 U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA Offers Annual Installment Deferral Option for Farm Storage Facility Loan Borrowers, Aug. 6, 2020. https://www.fsa.usda.gov/news-room/news-releases/2020/usda-offers-annual-installment-deferral-option-for-farm-storage-facility-loan-borrowers.

Conclusions

As the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a significant public health emergency, governments are increasingly passing measures to minimize both the virus's spread and the ensuing economic contraction. Attainment of both goals need not be cross-cutting as policymakers can pursue public health efforts while also addressing economic conditions to make long-term recovery viable.

For Florida specifically, the surge in COVID-19 cases during the summer, alongside the slew of stay-at-home orders, forced business closures, and social distancing measures created a perilous situation for the state's physical and economic health; however, as this report has shown, the virus's effects had not been equal across all economic sectors with some facing existential threats for the foreseeable future (e.g., Leisure and Hospitality) and others actually benefitting in some ways from reduced statewide traffic (e.g., Construction).

In an effort to address the unique needs specific to each sector, this independent research report analyzed the various economic sectors in the state with an eye toward contribution to state GDP, employment, average wages, future growth and more. The COVID-19-specific effects were then analyzed and quantified to gauge the nature and extent of the pandemic's influence on each particular industry. Finally, policy recommendations were presented to mitigate against the short-term and long-term challenges present for each economic sector. The list of recommendations is not an exhaustive list; rather, it represents a starting point for policymakers at all levels of government to discuss potential policy approaches moving forward.

The report also highlights a long-term goal for Florida as it moves beyond the pandemic: the need for a robust, diversified state economy. Undoubtedly, the pandemic's effects were magnified in Florida due to the heavy reliance on tourism to fuel local economic activity and generate tax dollars. As tourism fell, so too did businesses directly and indirectly related to the Leisure and Hospitality industry. By seeking a comprehensive strategy to create high-skill, high-wage jobs in all economic sectors beyond just tourism, the state can better position itself to weather future economic shocks like the COVID-19 pandemic. Moving forward, Florida TaxWatch recommends that policymakers at all levels of government incorporate these considerations when drafting industry-specific COVID-19 relief measures.

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APPENDIX 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FLORIDA REAL GDP BY INDUSTRY

	Florida (millions of current dollars) 2019	Florida (% of Total GDP) 2019
All industry total	$950,759	100.00%
Private industries		
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	$7,758	0.80%
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	$2,137	0.20%
Utilities	$15,414	1.60%
Construction	$43,283	4.60%
Manufacturing	$53,601	5.60%
Wholesale trade	$67,535	7.10%
Retail trade	$73,335	7.70%
Transportation and warehousing	$30,878	3.20%
Information	$49,508	5.20%
Finance and insurance	$53,947	5.70%
Real estate and rental and leasing	$153,036	16.10%
Professional, scientific, and technical services	$73,845	7.80%
Management of companies and enterprises	$19,606	2.10%
Administrative and support and waste management	$38,625	4.10%
Educational services	$9,238	1.00%
Health care and social assistance	$85,178	9.00%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	$15,057	1.60%
Accommodation and food services	$38,547	4.10%
Other services (except government	$23,373	2.50%
Government and government enterprises	$98,751	10.40%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce

Appendix 2.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY

	Average Monthly Employment 2019	Employment (% of Total) 2019	Average Annual Wages 2019
All industry total	8,878,680	100.00%	$51,761
Private industries			
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	68,623	0.77%	$33,484
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	4,056	0.05%	$71,399
Utilities	28,689	0.32%	$93,983
Construction	567,238	6.39%	$52,939
Manufacturing	383,583	4.32%	$63,883
Wholesale trade	352,529	3.97%	$79,733
Retail trade	1,112,165	12.53%	$32,549
Transportation and warehousing	357,898	4.03%	$54,534
Information	139,938	1.58%	$85,782
Finance and insurance	391,457	4.41%	$89,560
Real estate and rental and leasing	197,606	2.23%	$51,981
Professional, scientific, and technical services	597,355	6.73%	$81,192
Management of companies and enterprises	115,213	1.30%	$114,803
Administrative and support and waste management	682,248	7.68%	$39,979
Educational services	613,755	6.91%	$46,824
Health care and social assistance	1,241,601	13.98%	$54,510
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	249,128	2.81%	$39,856
Accommodation and food services	1,024,668	11.54%	$23,677
Other services (except government	282,441	3.18%	$38,023
Government and government enterprises	457,782	5.16%	$60,232

Source: Bureau of Statistics, US Department of Labor, 2019. Retrieved from Florida DEO's QCEW Program

APPENDIX 3

PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	2019	2027	Growth	% Growth
All industry total	9,655,245	10,520,379	865,134	9.0
Private industries				
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	66,924	61,426	-5,498	-8.2
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	4,100	3,955	-145	-3.5
Utilities	23,270	23,309	39	0.2
Construction	559,484	619,244	59,760	10.7
Manufacturing	378,164	385,232	7,068	1.9
Wholesale trade	349,806	365,699	15,893	4.5
Retail trade	1,138,504	1,200,142	61,638	5.4
Transportation and warehousing	291,784	316,990	25,206	8.6
Information	139,533	140,754	1,221	0.9
Finance and insurance	394,864	422,141	27,277	6.9
Real estate and rental and leasing	191,291	207,412	16,121	8.4
Professional, scientific, and technical services	587,589	668,412	80,823	13.8
Management of companies and enterprises	110,629	126,234	15,605	14.1
Administrative and support and waste management	701,569	775,825	74,256	10.6
Educational services	178,492	204,191	25,699	14.4
Health care and social assistance	1,176,858	1,348,050	171,192	14.6
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	237,280	260,464	23,184	9.8
Accommodation and food services	1,010,391	1,134,096	123,705	12.2
Other services (except government	357,213	383,015	25,802	7.2
Government and government enterprises	1,119,822	1,178,181	58,359	5.2

Source: Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Employment Projections

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As thousands of Florida businesses struggle to reopen or remain open in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are fearful of the threat of litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19. Healthcare workers who must make extremely difficult medical decisions under trying and uncertain circumstances are exposed to additional liability. In addition, educators must look for creative ways to manage the risk and ensure the health and safety of students and others who enter school facilities.

If Florida's economy is to recover and regain its pre-pandemic prosperity, it is important that businesses, healthcare facilities, schools, nonprofits, government organizations, and other entities that are working hard to comply with public health directives or protective measures to reduce the risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 are protected from unnecessary and costly civil liability. It is also important to make sure that those acting in "bad faith" are held accountable for their negligence while ensuring that those who contract COVID-19 because of the gross negligence of others can recover for their injuries.

Florida TaxWatch undertakes this independent analysis to examine the economic and fiscal benefits and liabilities of the Florida Legislature creating responsible liability shield legislation related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to assess the potential economic impacts of the Legislature's action or failure to do so.

Florida TaxWatch presents this independent assessment as compelling evidence of the tremendous economic and taxpayer benefits of providing this protection. The taxpayers of Florida expect and deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

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Executive Summary

As the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be felt by Florida's businesses, non-profits, schools, colleges and universities, and healthcare providers, employers of all types are fearful of keeping their business open or reopening their business because of the threat of opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 when they are taking proper precautions.

Florida is a litigious state. Only four states (Mississippi, California, Louisiana, and Illinois) have more litigious climates than Florida.[1] As of this report, nearly 500 COVID-19-related lawsuits have already been filed in Florida, and there is no evidence to suggest that this trend is slowing down. Even if a great many of these lawsuits are unsuccessful, they have the potential to stall Florida's economic recovery by hurting businesses and individuals who are trying to provide essential services during these times of great uncertainty.

It is critical that the Florida Legislature establish safeguards to protect individuals, businesses, and their agents who are acting responsibly to minimize exposure to COVID-19 from liability against specific types of COVID-19-related claims so they can remain open. It is also critical that these safeguards ensure that those who contract COVID-19 as a result of gross negligence or intent to harm by others are able to recover for their injuries.

As of this report, the federal government and more than 30 states have taken some action to narrow the liability limits related to COVID-19. Florida, however, is not yet one of those. Florida's first documented case of COVID-19 appeared just two weeks before the 2020 legislative session adjourned. Since March 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis has issued more than 50 executive orders related to COVID-19.

In the Summer of 2020, the Associated Industries of Florida's Restore Economic Strength through Employment and Tourism (RESET) Task Force was established (with some 50 statewide organizations, including Florida TaxWatch) to examine the issues facing Florida businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and to prepare draft legislation that would protect businesses from a flood of pandemic-related lawsuits. The RESET Task Force, after hearing from numerous subject matter experts, surveying a broad coalition of Florida businesses, and reviewing legislation from other states, put forth draft legislation to protect Florida businesses from opportunistic and predatory COVID-19-related lawsuits.

Florida TaxWatch supports the good work of the RESET Task Force and urges the Legislature to pass the Task Force's draft legislation with consideration of the following additions: (1) make it clear that a covered entity (one that is following reasonable safety protocols) is entitled to the rebuttable presumption that a potential claimant assumes the risk when he or she enters certain premises that provide express warnings or disclaimers; (2) make it clear that, for the purposes of workers' compensation benefits, there is a rebuttable presumption that the contraction of COVID-19 by an essential employee, including but not limited to a health care worker or a public safety worker, is work-related; and (3) limit a covered entity's liability to "actual economic compensatory damages" and exclude any liability for non-economic or punitive damages.

1 Institute for Legal Reform, "2019 Lawsuit Climate Survey Ranking the States," U.S. Chamber of Commerce, September 2019.

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Florida TaxWatch partnered with the Regional Economic Consulting (REC) Group to answer this question: "What if no legislative action is taken and no measures are put into place to shield Florida businesses, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies from civil liability resulting from COVID-19 related litigation?" Depending on the extent to which employers' confidence in the economy is shaken by the threat of opportunistic and predatory lawsuits, from March 2020 through September 2020, the absence of a meaningful shield from liability could have negatively impacted the Florida economy by as much as $16.1 billion (12.9 percent since the fourth quarter of 2019) with more than 208,000 jobs lost. The impact on personal income amounts to a total maximum possible loss of $14.6 billion. The total maximum effect on tax collections, both the state and local governments, is estimated at a $1.5 billion loss with the lion's share coming from sales tax during this six-month period. Assuming no change in employers' confidence in the economy, the absence of a liability shield would reduce the Florida economy by as much as $27.6 billion and more than 356,000 jobs annually.

Florida TaxWatch understands and acknowledges that immunity from civil liability will not stem the spread of COVID-19, nor will it prevent injury or harm or make the associated costs go away. Even if those harmed have to burden the costs, if Florida's economy is to recover and regain its pre-pandemic prosperity, it is important that businesses, healthcare facilities, nonprofit organizations, and other entities that are working hard to comply with public health directives or protective measures to reduce the risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 are protected from the costs and distractions of civil liability.

Responsible nonprofit organizations, business owners, and other covered entities who are acting in good faith to comply with public health directives and are investing in measures to protect their patrons and employees must have comfort that they will be able to open and operate their business without fear of opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation. It is also important to make sure that those acting in "bad faith" are held accountable for their negligence while ensuring that those who contract COVID-19 because of the gross negligence of others can recover for their injuries.

Introduction

> *"Now with the states beginning to gradually reopen their economies, we're staring down the barrel of a second epidemic, one generated by opportunistic lawsuits, crushing legal fees and drawn out court battles… We've seen suits against healthcare workers, nursing homes, colleges, governments, retailers, you name it. As our economy begins to reopen, unfortunately so will the legal floodgates. The litigation epidemic is shaping up to be a big one."*
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> — U.S. Senator John Cornyn, Texas[2] —

As the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be felt by Florida's businesses, non-profits, schools, colleges and universities, and healthcare providers, employers of all types are fearful of keeping their business open or reopening their business because of the threat of opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation resulting from alleged exposure to COVID-19 by customers and employees.

> *"…My biggest comcern about reopening is the threat of lawsuits. This creates a threat for small businesses like mine who currently are in financial distress due to COVID-19. To protect our customers and our staff members, we are ensuring that all our staff are temperature checked on the daily, that all our staff members are wearing masks and gloves, and that everybody in the restaurant is practicing social distancing. As lawmakers, I ask you to please come up with any protection for small businesses like mine from liability due to COVID-19."*
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> — Thomas Ward, Owner, Pig Floyd's Urban Barbakoa, Orlando, Florida[3] —

Florida is a litigious state. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for Legal Reform, Florida ranked among the bottom five (worst) states (46th) in terms of their overall litigation climate. Only four states (Mississippi, California, Louisiana, and Illinois) have more litigious climates than Florida.[4] More than 400 COVID-19-related lawsuits have already been filed in Florida, and there is nothing to suggest that this trend is slowing down. Even if a great many of these lawsuits are unsuccessful, they have to potential to paralyze Florida's economic recovery by hurting businesses and individuals who are trying to provide essential services during times of great uncertainty.

It is critical that the Florida Legislature establish safeguards to protect businesses, and their agents and individuals, from liability against specific types of COVID-19-related claims so businesses can reopen or remain open. It is also critical that these safeguards ensure that those who contract COVID-19 as a result of gross negligence or intent to harm by others are able to recover for their injuries.

Florida TaxWatch undertakes this analysis to examine the economic, fiscal, and social (societal) benefits of the Florida Legislature creating meaningful liability shield legislation related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The analysis will also examine potential concepts that will need to be considered, including challenges and drawbacks of such legislation.

2 Jon Sternfeld, "Unprepared: America in the Time of Coronavirus," Bloomsbury Publishing, September 22, 2020.

3 Faces of Lawsuit Abuse, "Small Businesses Worry About COVID Lawsuits: Owner of Pig Floyd Explains,' retrieved from https://www.facesoflawsuitabuse.org/aiovg_videos/small-businesses-worry-about-covid-lawsuits-owner-of-pig-floyd-explains/, December 29, 2020.

4 Institute for Legal Reform, "2019 Lawsuit Climate Survey Ranking the States," U.S. Chamber of Commerce, September 2019.

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Lawsuits – Florida

Perhaps the most comprehensive tracking of coronavirus-related lawsuits and complaints is being maintained by the law firm of Hunton Andrews Kurth. LLC.[5] As shown in Table 1, 490 COVID-19-related lawsuits had been filed in Florida as of December 7, 2020. Only New York (1,189) and California (943) have more COVID-19-related lawsuits.[6] These lawsuits range from price gouging to challenges to mask ordinances to wrongful death. Because of the inherent limitations in trying to track COVID-19-related lawsuits in 67 Florida counties, the information in Table 1 should be considered comprehensive but not exhaustive. The data do provide some insight into the types of lawsuits that have been filed to-date and the extent to which Florida businesses might be subject to liability in the absence of any legislated "safe harbor" provisions. A more detailed breakdown of COVID-19 related lawsuits in Florida is presented in Appendix 2.

The safe harbor provisions contained in the federal SAFE TO WORK Act and in the actions by state governments to-date (See Appendix 1) are intended to apply to instances where there have been injuries, damages, or death related to exposure to, transmission of, or contraction of COVID-19. Of the 490 lawsuits identified in Table 1, only a small fraction (less than 20 percent) would appear on their face to involve injuries, damages, or death related to exposure to, transmission of, or contraction of COVID-19.

TABLE 1. COVID-19-RELATED LAWSUITS IN FLORIDA

Banking / Financial Services	14
Challenges Against Foreign Sovereigns or NGOs	1
Civil Rights	58
Consumer Cases	33
Contract Disputes	32
Education	24
General Court Administrative Orders Related to COVID-19	2
Habeus / Confinement Conditions / Prisoner & Detainee Petitions	27
Health / Medical	7
Insurance	143
Intellectual Property	3
Labor & Employment	89
Miscellaneous Tort	3
Real Property	40
Securities Litigation	5
Other	9
TOTAL	**490**

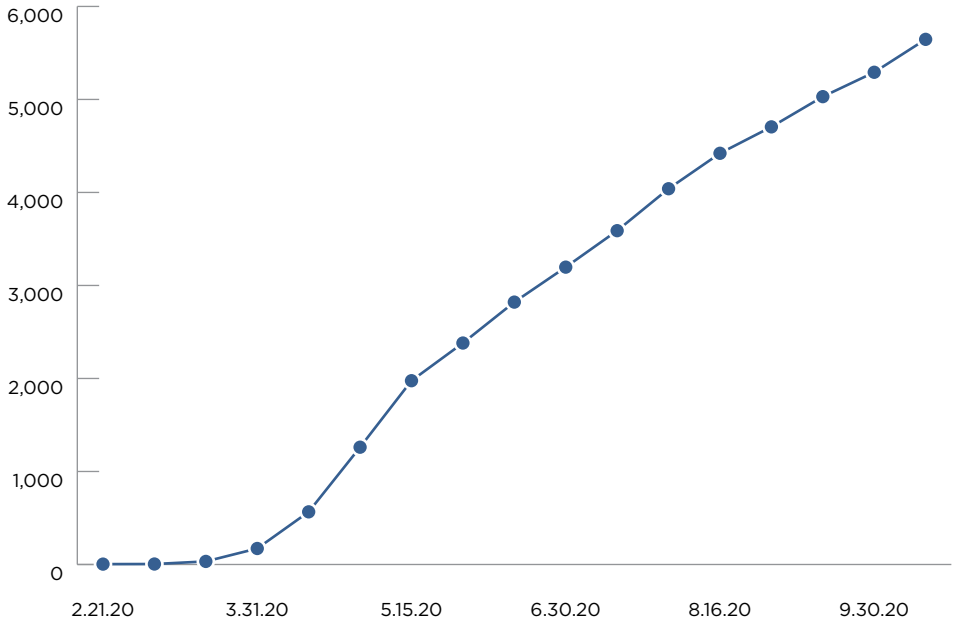
Source: Hunton, Andrews, Kurth, LLP COVID-19 Complaint Tracker (December 7, 2020)

5 See https://www.huntonak.com/en/covid-19-tracker.html.

6 Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, COVID-19 Complaint Tracker, retrieved from https://www.huntonak.com/en/covid-19-tracker.html, December 3, 2020.

There is nothing to suggest that this represents the total number of COVID-19-related lawsuits that will be filed in Florida, or that the number or percentage of lawsuits involving allegations of injuries, damages, or death related to exposure to, transmission of, or contraction of COVID-19. The cumulative growth of COVID-19-related lawsuits in the U.S. since March 2020 is shown in Figure 1. If this trend continues, then one would expect the number of COVID-19-related lawsuits in Florida to continue to increase as well.

FIGURE 1. COVID-19 RELATED U.S. LAWSUITS



Source: Hunton, Andrews, Kurth, LLP COVID-19 Complaint Tracker (December 3, 2020)

What is the Federal Government Doing?

In July 2020, the U.S. Senate filed the "*Safeguarding America's Frontline Employees To Offer Work Opportunities Required to Kickstart the Economy Act*," more commonly known as the "*SAFE TO WORK Act,*" as part of a $1 trillion COVID-19 relief package. The SAFE TO WORK Act is intended "to lessen the burdens on interstate commerce by discouraging insubstantial lawsuits relating to COVID-19 while preserving the ability of individuals and businesses that have suffered real injury to obtain complete relief."[7]

The SAFE TO WORK Act acknowledges that one of the major impediments to permitting businesses that are open to stay open, and to help other businesses reopen safely, is the risk of expensive litigation and distractions even though plaintiffs are not likely to prevail in their lawsuit. Further, healthcare workers who must make extremely difficult medical decisions under trying and uncertain circumstances are exposed to additional liability. The SAFE TO WORK Act looks to make sure that those acting in bad faith are held accountable for their negligence while ensuring that those who contract COVID-19 because of the gross negligence of others can recover for their injuries.

7 116th Congress, 2nd Session, S.4317.

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One of the key components of the SAFE TO WORK Act is the "safe harbor" provision.[8] The safe harbor exempts any individual or entity engaged in businesses, services, activities, or accommodations from liability in any COVID-19 exposure unless the plaintiff can prove by "clear and convincing evidence" that:

- The individual or entity was not making reasonable efforts to comply with the applicable government standards and guidance in effect at the time of the "actual, alleged, feared, or potential for exposure" to COVID-19;
- The individual or entity engaged in "gross negligence[9] or willful misconduct"[10] that caused actual exposure to COVID-19; and
- The actual exposure to COVID-19 caused the plaintiff's personal injury.[11]

A defendant would not, therefore, be liable for COVID-19 exposure as long as the defendant undertook reasonable efforts in light of all the circumstances to comply with the applicable mandatory COVID-19 standards and regulations in effect at the time of the alleged exposure.

The SAFE TO WORK Act also exempts health care providers from COVID-19-related medical liability unless the plaintiff can prove by "clear and convincing evidence" that:

- There was "gross negligence or willful misconduct" by the health care provider; and
- The alleged harm, damage, breach, or tort resulting in the personal injury was directly caused by the alleged gross negligence or willful misconduct.[12]

Compensatory damages are limited to economic losses and punitive damages are prohibited, except in cases involving intentional misconduct. The SAFE TO WORK Act establishes a floor on liability but makes it expressly clear that states are free to further limit liability for COVID-19 exposure. To date, the Senate has taken no action on the bill, as filed.[13]

What Are Other States Doing?

At the time of this report, more than 30 other states have taken some action --- either issuance of an Executive Order or enactment of legislation --- to narrow the liability limits related to COVID-19 (See Appendix 1). Although the various emergency measures contain similarities, each differs in ways that leave businesses, nonprofits, schools, colleges, universities, workers, and healthcare providers subject to differing limitations to immunity from civil liability related to the exposure, contraction, or transmission of COVID-19.

What is Florida Doing?

Conspicuously absent from the list of states in Appendix 1 is the state of Florida. Because Florida's 60-day legislative session begins in January in even-numbered years, the first documented case of COVID-19 (March 1) appeared just two weeks before the session adjourned. When the legislature adjourned on March 19, Florida had roughly 50 documented cases of COVID-19 statewide. Since March 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis has issued more than 50 executive orders related to COVID-19.[14]

8 116th Congress, 2nd Session, S.4317, §122.

9 Gross negligence is defined as a conscious, voluntary act or omission in reckless disregard of a legal duty, the consequences to another party, and applicable government standards and guidance.

10 Willful misconduct is defined as an act or omission that is taken to achieve a wrongful purpose, knowingly without legal factual justification, and in disregard of a known or obvious risk that is so great as to make it highly probable that the harm will outweigh the benefit.

11 116th Congress, 2nd Session, S.4317, §122(a)(1)-(3).

12 116th Congress, 2nd Session, S.4317, §142.

13 Congress.gov, "S.4317 – SAFE TO WORK Act," retrieved from https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/4317/actions, December 3, 2020.

14 Executive Office of the Governor, "COVID-19 Executive Orders," retrieved from https://www.flgov.com/covid-19-executive-orders/, October 28, 2020.

In the Summer of 2020, the Associated Industries of Florida's Restore Economic Strength through Employment and Tourism (RESET) Task Force was established to examine the issues facing Florida businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and to prepare draft legislation that would protect businesses from a flood of pandemic-related lawsuits.[15] The RESET Task Force includes Florida TaxWatch, the Florida Retail Federation, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association, Florida Justice Reform, and more than 50 other organizations. The RESET Task Force, after hearing from numerous subject matter experts, surveying a broad coalition of Florida businesses, and reviewing legislation from other states, put forth draft legislation to protect Florida businesses from opportunistic and predatory COVID-19-related lawsuits.

The draft legislation proposed by the RESET Task Force provides the following safeguards:

Essential Business Liability Immunity --- Would provide immunity from liability for "essential businesses" that have been required to remain open and in operation throughout the pandemic and to and agents of essential businesses. An "essential business" includes: (a) those businesses deemed "essential" within the meaning of Governor DeSantis' COVID-19 executive orders; and (b) an industry identified as part of the "essential workforce" in March 28, 2020 guidance issued by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

Community Amenities Liability Immunity --- Would provide limited immunity from liability to owners of "community amenities" and their agents. A "community amenity" is privately owned and includes (but is not limited to) swimming pools, clubhouses, gyms or workout rooms, libraries, tennis courts, meeting rooms, or any other common areas or common elements that that are owned, operated, or maintained by a condominium, cooperative, or homeowners' association.

Clear and Convincing Evidence --- Would require a plaintiff or claimant seeking relief to show "by clear and convincing evidence" that (a) an act or omission by the covered entity proximately caused the damages, injury, or death; and (b) the act or omission constituted "gross negligence" or that the act or omission was "intended to cause harm" to an individual.

Clear Intent of Proposed Immunity Law --- Makes it expressly clear and understood that the immunities afforded to the entities covered by the draft legislation do not apply to claims for injury, damages, or death where the act or omission was intended to cause harm.

Rebuttable Presumption --- Establishes a "rebuttable presumption" of no exposure. It is presumed that all individuals who come into contact with an entity covered by the draft legislation were not infected with COVID-19 at the time of the interaction. To rebut this presumption, it would have to be shown by clear and convincing evidence that the covered entity knew that the individual who transmitted the COVID-19 to the injured party was, at the time, infected by COVID-19.

Compliance with COVID-Safe Practices --- Ensures that changes in policies, procedures, or practices by an entity covered by the draft legislation to comply with applicable public health guidelines and government-issued protective measures after an alleged exposure occurs cannot be used to suggest that the covered entity exposed a plaintiff or claimant to COVID-19 in the first place.

15 Restore Economic Strength through Employment and Tourism (RESET) Task Force, "Florida Businesses Need COVID-19 Liability Protections," Florida Justice Reform Institute, October 1, 2020.

Third Parties --- Makes it expressly clear and understood that an entity covered by the draft legislation is not liable for a COVID-19-related claim that is premised on the acts or omissions of a third party, unless the covered entity has a duty to control the third party.

Shortened Statute of Limitations --- Includes a shortened statute of limitations. Under current Florida law, tort claims (including negligence claims) are subject to a four-year statute of limitations;[16] however, the draft legislation requires a claimant to file a COVID-19 related claim "no later than one year after the date of the injury or death."

Additional Employee Protections --- Provides additional protections from employees' COVID-19 related claims, provided the employer generally complied with applicable public health guidelines and protective measures.

Analysis

As shown in Appendix 1, more than 30 states have taken or are in the process of taking emergency steps to provide limited immunity from COVID-19-related civil liability. Although each emergency measure differs from state-to-state in terms of who is covered, behaviors and actions that are not covered, damages, and burden of proof, there are numerous similarities that should be considered by Florida lawmakers when this matter is considered, either in special session or the 2021 regular session.

The draft legislation proposed by Florida's RESET Task Force, as well as the legislation summarized in Appendix 1, are all designed to limit or discourage opportunistic or predatory lawsuits that might be filed against businesses or individuals related to the spread of COVID-19. Absent these measures, any patron of a business who contracts COVID-19 or any patient who questions difficult treatment decisions made by their healthcare professionals under trying and uncertain circumstances could file a lawsuit.

Most of the legislation summarized in Appendix 1 is broadly written with respect to the covered entities, which could leave room for differing interpretations. Generally, the broader the language, the more room for interpretation. The covered entities included in the draft legislation proposed by Florida's RESET Task Force include "essential businesses" that have been required to remain open and in operation throughout the pandemic and to agents of essential businesses. The Governor's Executive Order No. 20-91 references "essential services" that are:

- Included in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce, v.2 (March 28, 2020)" and any subsequent lists published;[17]
- Designated by Executive Order 20-89 and its attached list of businesses and activities designated by Miami-Dade County in multiple orders; and
- Added with the approval of the State Coordinating Officer, in close coordination with the State Health Officer.

All told, the expansive list of essential services maintained on the Florida Division of Emergency Management's website is 19 pages, and includes workers in the following businesses: health care/public health; law enforcement, public safety, and other first responders; food and agriculture; energy; water and wastewater; transportation and logistics; public works and infrastructure support services; communications and

16 § 95.11(3)(a), (o), (p), Fla. Stat.

17 CISA issued the guidance originally on March 19, 2020, and published three additional updates to reflect the changing landscape of the nation's COVID-19 response.

information technology; other community- or government-based operations and essential functions; critical manufacturing; hazardous materials; financial services; chemical; defense industrial base; commercial facilities; residential/shelter facilities and services; hygiene products and services; and houses of worship.[18] As a result, there is considerably less ambiguity with respect to which business would have immunity from COVID-19 related civil liability.

The draft legislation affords protection against the ever-changing standards of care. As more is learned about how COVID-19 is contracted and transmitted (e.g., community spread), the more likely the guidelines issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local public health agencies will continue to evolve. Any change in policies, procedures, or practices by a covered entity necessary to comply with applicable public health guidelines after the alleged exposure to COVID-19 is not admissible to prove negligence or culpability.

In both the draft legislation proposed by Florida's RESET Task Force and the legislation summarized in Appendix 1, immunity from liability is not "blanket" immunity. Only those covered entities that are acting "in good faith" to comply with applicable public health guidelines to minimize exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 are immune. The emergency measures implemented by the draft legislation and by other states in no way absolve business owners of their responsibility to protect their patrons and employees from exposure to COVID-19.

In both the draft legislation proposed by Florida's RESET Task Force and the legislation summarized in Appendix 1, those who are acting "in bad faith" to comply with applicable public health guidelines to minimize exposure to and transmission of COVID-19 will be held accountable. Covered entities can be sued if it can be established that the damages were caused by gross negligence, recklessness, or conduct with an intent to harm.

It is clear in both the draft legislation proposed by Florida's RESET Task Force and the legislation summarized in Appendix 1 that the plaintiff in any civil action will have a heavy burden of proof and a significant financial burden. The draft legislation and most, if not all, of the emergency measures implemented by the states adopt the "clear and convincing evidence" standard of proof. A "medium-level" burden of proof, clear and convincing evidence requires the evidence to be highly and substantially more likely to be true than untrue.[19] It is a more rigorous standard to meet than the "preponderance of evidence" standard, but a less rigorous standard than the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard. Regardless of which standard is used, proving that a patron contracted COVID-19 at a particular business, or that a student contracted COVID-19 while at school (for example) will prove to be difficult and undoubtedly expensive.

18 "Governor DeSantis Executive Order 90-21 Essential Services List," retrieved from https://www.floridadisaster.org/globalassets/governor-essential-services.pdf, October 30, 2020.

19 Legal Information Institute, "Clear and Convincing Evidence," Cornell Law School, retrieved from https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/clear_and_convincing_evidence, October 26, 2020.

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What if No Legislative Action is Taken?

Florida TaxWatch enlisted the services of the Regional Economic Consulting (REC) Group[20] to answer this question: What if no legislative action is taken and no measures are put into place to shield Florida businesses from civil liability resulting from opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation? REC's analysis[21] looks at the effects no liability shield would have on the state's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), employment, labor and business income, and state and local tax revenues. REC's analysis, entitled *"Analysis of the Effects of Liability Shield on Florida's Economy: A Florida TaxWatch Project,"* is available on the Florida TaxWatch website.[22]

Methodology

The REC analysis is based on the premise that an employer's decision whether to increase or decrease its workforce depends upon how consumers feel about the economy in light of COVID-19. REC uses the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) Consumer Sentiment Index (CSI), which measures how consumers perceive the current status of the economy. If the CSI is up because consumers feel good about the economy, businesses hire more workers to meet the increased demand. Conversely, if the CSI goes down, then businesses lay off employees.

This "elasticity" permits REC to compare the difference between the projected employment that is tied to consumer optimism and the actual employment levels to determine the employment loss as a result of employers' concern of being sued. The REC analysis uses data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, BEBR, the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research, and the Florida Economic Estimating Conference.

Using the economic model IMPLAN (see Appendix 3), the analysis estimates the direct, indirect and induced impacts of employers' decisions. The analysis does not measure the effects of the entire economic slowdown caused by other economic factors but focuses on the portion of the economic decline resulting from the employers' pessimism regarding COVID-19.

Impacts on Employment

Table 2 displays three variables --- the effect of consumer sentiments on jobs; the total change in employment; and the effect of employer sentiments on jobs --- from March 2020 through September 2020. The effect of consumer sentiments on jobs describes what the change in employment would look like if employment were purely driven by consumer sentiment barring any optimism or pessimism felt by employers. The total change in employment reflects the actual change in employment. The effect of employer sentiments on jobs reflects the difference between the consumer outlook for jobs and the actual change in jobs. It can be explained as the optimism or pessimism of the employers themselves.

As shown in Table 2, if hiring was tied solely to the emotions and demands of the consumer, the job loss in March 2020 (488,070) would have been much greater than the actual 95,300 lost jobs. From March to September, Florida has seen a total 539,100 jobs lost; 412,719 of these job losses can be attributed to falling

20 The Regional Economic Consulting (REC) Group is an analytical think tank with expertise in general state and tax policy, constitutional amendments, state trust funds, and other state and local projects. Using the latest methodologies and econometric modeling techniques, REC produces a wide range of demographic and labor market studies, and fiscal impact studies, that are then applied to pending legislation and government projects. For more information, see https://www.regionaleconomicconsulting.com/.

21 Regional Economic Consulting Group, "Analysis of the Effects of Liability Shield on Florida's Economy: A Florida TaxWatch Project," November 10, 2020.

22 REC analysis in full available at https://floridataxwatch.org/Research/Full-Library.

consumer optimism while the rest is due to employers' and businesses' unwillingness to increase their labor force due to low demand.

In the absence of a general lockdown there are 126,381 jobs that employers have not filled that would otherwise be a part of the workforce absent the COVID-19 pandemic. The REC analysis uses IMPLAN to measure what a loss of 126,381 jobs would mean to the rest of the economy. It is important to note that these 126,381 jobs represent the maximum impacts that would be related to employers' concerns about litigation.

TABLE 2.TOTAL NON-FARM EMPLOYMENT IMPACT23

Date	Consumer Sentiment Effect on Jobs	Employment Change	Employer Sentiment Effect on Jobs
Mar. '20	(488,070)	(95,300)	392,770
Apr. '20	(308,735)	(1,082,800)	(774,065)
May '20	10,358	207,400	197,042
June '20	221,024	286,900	65,876
July '20	(71,097)	79,300	150,397
Aug. '20	(62,372)	18,000	80,372
Sept. '20	286,173	47,400	(238,773)
TOTALS	**(412,719)**	**(539,100)**	**(126,381)**

Source: Regional Economic Consulting Group, "Analysis of the Effects of Liability Shield on Florida's Economy: A Florida TaxWatch Project," November 10, 2020.

The direct job loss of 126,381 jobs indirectly results in an additional employment loss of 34,046 jobs. These are jobs tied to the supply chain. A restaurant operating at 50 percent capacity, for example, will purchase less food, drink, and other supplies from distributors and wholesalers who, in turn, will need fewer employees to process these orders. Further downstream are induced effects related to the reduction in the workforce, where workers affected will have less money available to spend at other establishments. The "ripple effect" of these induced effects is a loss of an additional 48,303 jobs, for a total direct, indirect, and induced job loss of 208,731 jobs. The employment-related impacts for each non-farm sector of the state's economy are depicted in Table 3 and Figure 2.

23 The REC analysis excludes agricultural employees due to the challenges collecting, disseminating, and using agricultural labor data. There are wide variations in peak employment by type of commodity by region due to seasonal fluctuations. As a result, numerical estimates provided by agricultural employment data vary depending on time of collection and whether data refer to employment for one week or the entire year. Obtaining accurate farming employment numbers is complicated by: self-employment, unpaid family employment; part-time or hobby farmers; and other partnerships. Further, agricultural labor data are affected by the unknown number of undocumented workers in the field. Thus, using this data will bias the estimation of the economic impacts. It is for this reason why the Bureau of Labor Statistics uses non-farm employment and agencies use non-farm employment as a basis for projections.

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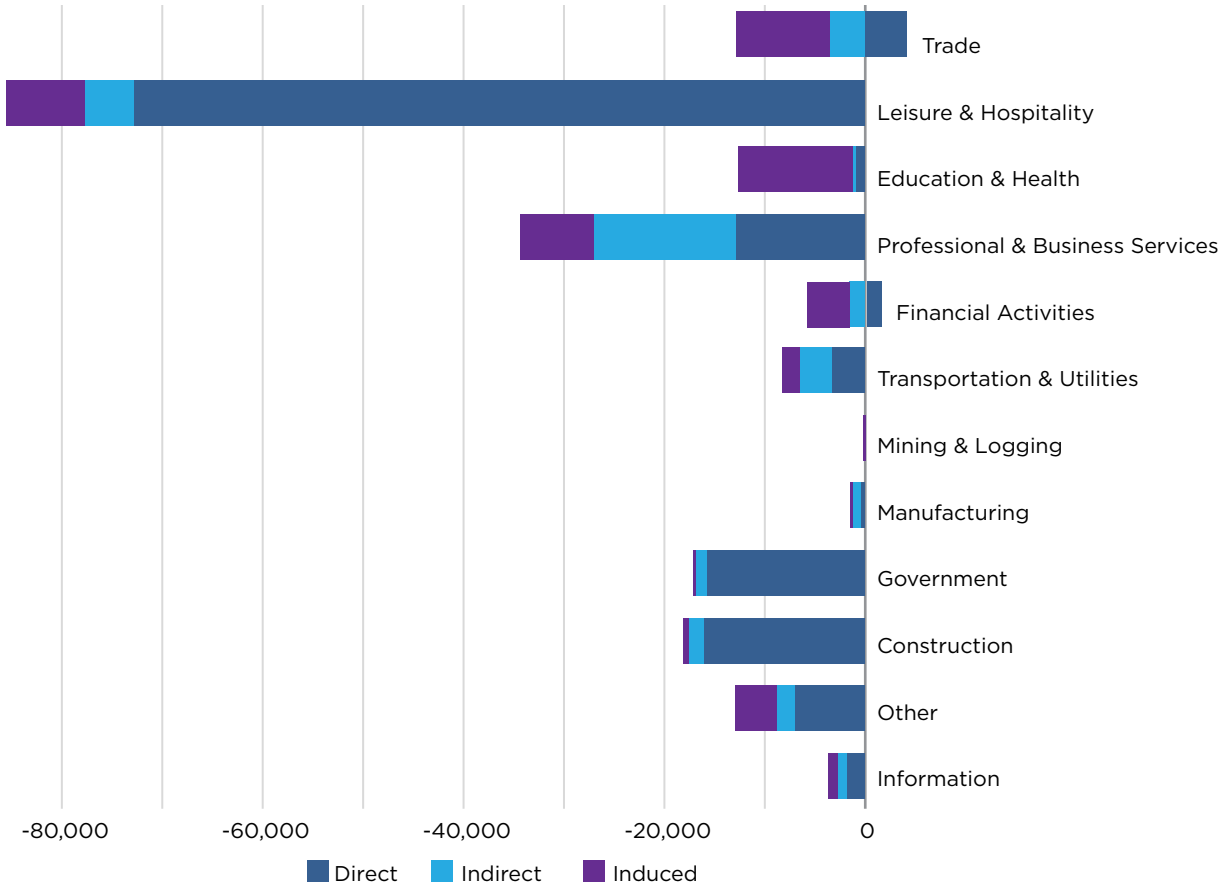
TABLE 3. EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS – MARCH 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020

Super Sectors	Direct	Indirect	Induced	Total	% of Total
Information	(1,831)	(1,050)	(811)	(3,692)	1.8%
Other	(7,177)	(1,827)	(4,104)	(13,108)	6.3%
Construction	(16,085)	(1,505)	(571)	(18,161)	8.7%
Government	(15,852)	(1,179)	(506)	(17,537)	8.4%
Manufacturing	(512)	(683)	(507)	(1,702)	0.8%
Mining and Logging	62	(201)	(16)	(155)	0.1%
Transportation and Utilities	(3,446)	(3,043)	(1,723)	(8,212)	3.9%
Financial Activities	1,697	(1,671)	(4,415)	(4,389)	2.1%
Professional and Business Services	(12,969)	(14,373)	(7,164)	(34,506)	16.5%
Education and Health	(1,112)	(283)	(11,312)	(12,706)	6.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	(73,084)	(4,551)	(7,858)	(85,493)	41.0%
Trade	3,927	(3,680)	(9,317)	(9,070)	4.3%
TOTAL	**(126,382)**	**(34,046)**	**(48,303)**	**(208,731)**	**100.0%**

Source: Regional Economic Consulting Group, "Analysis of the Effects of Liability Shield on Florida's Economy: A Florida TaxWatch Project," November 10, 2020.

FIGURE 2. EMPLOYMENT IMPACT (NUMBER OF JOBS)



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It comes as no surprise that the Leisure and Hospitality sector bears the brunt of the employment losses, with a total loss of more than 85,000 jobs during this seven-month period Businesses in this sector see the highest volumes of patrons on a daily basis and face the greatest challenges complying with state and local public health mandates (e.g., mask and limited occupancy mandates, etc.). Employer optimism has resulted in a direct increase in jobs in the Trade sector. With many small businesses shuttering or not reopening, larger grocery stores and "big box" retail stores have benefitted. The indirect and induced effects of lost jobs from other sectors will have negative ripple effects, however, resulting in an overall loss of 9,070 jobs in the Trade sector.

Impacts on Personal Income

As shown in Table 4 and Figure 3, the impact on personal income also follows a similar pattern to job losses. The Leisure and Hospitality sector again has the largest impact on personal income (-$3.5 billion at 23.6 percent) followed by Professional and Business Services (-$2.6 billion at 17.9 percent), Government (-$2.2 billion at 14.8 percent), Transportation and Utilities (-$1.6 billion at 10.6 percent), and the Construction sector (-$1.4 billion at 9.7 percent). The maximum total impact on personal income during this seven-month period is estimated at -$14.7 billion.

TABLE 4. PERSONAL INCOME IMPACT (MILLIONS $) – MARCH 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020

Super Sectors	Direct	Indirect	Induced	Total	% of Total
Information	($405.0)	($232.3)	($179.4)	($816.6)	5.6%
Other	($285.5)	($72.7)	($163.3)	($521.4)	3.5%
Construction	($1,259.9)	($117.9)	($44.7)	($1,422.5)	9.7%
Government	($1,923.5)	($178.7)	($76.8)	($2,178.9)	14.8%
Manufacturing	($62.0)	($82.8)	($61.4)	($206.2)	1.4%
Mining and Logging	$2.7	($8.7)	($0.7)	($6.7)	0.0%
Transportation and Utilities	($886.1)	($488.6)	($175.6)	($1,550.4)	10.6%
Financial Activities	$147.9	($145.6)	($384.6)	($382.4)	2.6%
Professional and Business Services	($1,086.1)	($1,039.6)	($501.2)	($2,627.0)	17.9%
Education and Health	($61.7)	($12.4)	($738.8)	($813.0)	5.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	($2,970.1)	($186.0)	($315.6)	($3,471.8)	23.6%
Trade	$176.0	($313.0)	($559.8)	($696.8)	4.7%
Total	**($8,613.4)**	**($2,878.3)**	**($3,201.9)**	**($14,693.7)**	**100%**

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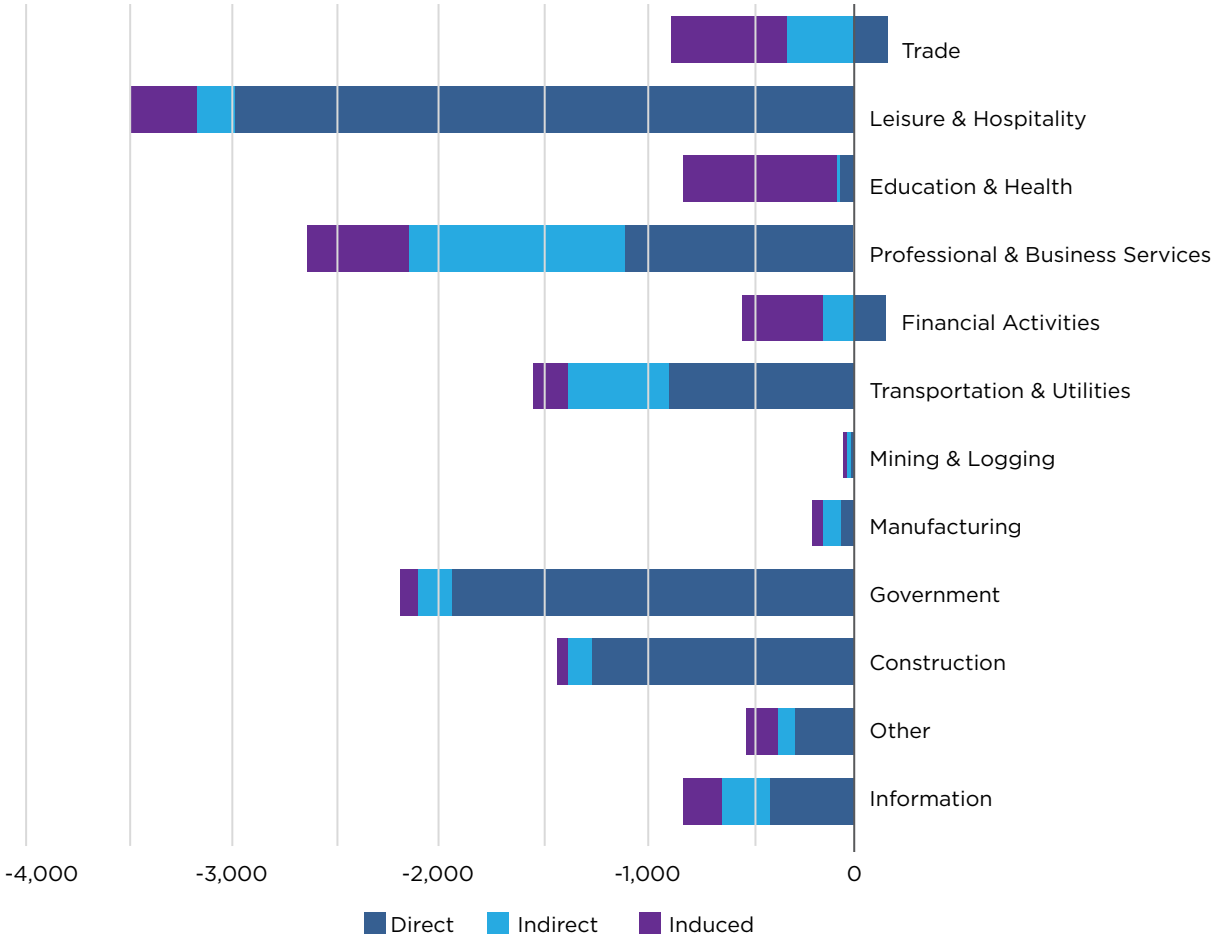
FIGURE 3. PERSONAL INCOME IMPACT (000,000s)



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Impacts on Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

The reluctance of employers to hire has major ramifications on Florida's GDP (which is the sum of the total value of goods produced and services rendered in Florida's economy within a given period of time). Together with employment, GDP and Personal Income correlate with one another. The GDP numbers follow the same patterns as the job losses, with the Leisure and Hospitality sector suffering the greatest impact (see Table 5 and Figure 4).

As shown in Table 5, the total maximum GDP impact from employer sentiment accounts for almost $16.1 billion in losses across the state during the seven-month period. The two hardest hit economic sectors are Leisure and Hospitality (-$3.9 billion at 24.9 percent) and Professional and Business Services (-$2.7 billion at 16.9 percent).

TABLE 5. STATE GDP IMPACT (MILLION $) – MARCH 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020

Super Sectors	Direct	Indirect	Induced	Total	% of Total
Information	($435.2)	($249.6)	($192.7)	($877.5)	5.5%
Other	($319.7)	($81.4)	($182.8)	($583.9)	3.6%
Construction	($1,279.6)	($119.8)	($45.4)	($1,444.8)	9.0%
Government	($1,855.0)	($168.5)	($72.4)	($2,095.8)	13.0%
Manufacturing	($64.9)	($86.7)	($64.3)	($215.9)	1.3%
Mining and Logging	$3.0	($9.6)	($0.8)	($7.4)	0.0%
Transportation and Utilities	($1,184.1)	($626.0)	($210.1)	($2,020.2)	12.6%
Financial Activities	$154.9	($152.5)	($402.9)	($400.5)	2.5%
Professional and Business Services	($1,121.7)	($1,078.5)	($519.3)	($2,719.5)	16.9%
Education and Health	($63.3)	($12.9)	($753.2)	($829.4)	5.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	($3,421.5)	($214.1)	($364.1)	($3,999.6)	24.9%
Trade	$216.8	($392.2)	($695.9)	($871.4)	5.4%
Total	**($9,370.4)**	**($3,191.7)**	**($3,503.9)**	**($16,066.0)**	**100.0%**

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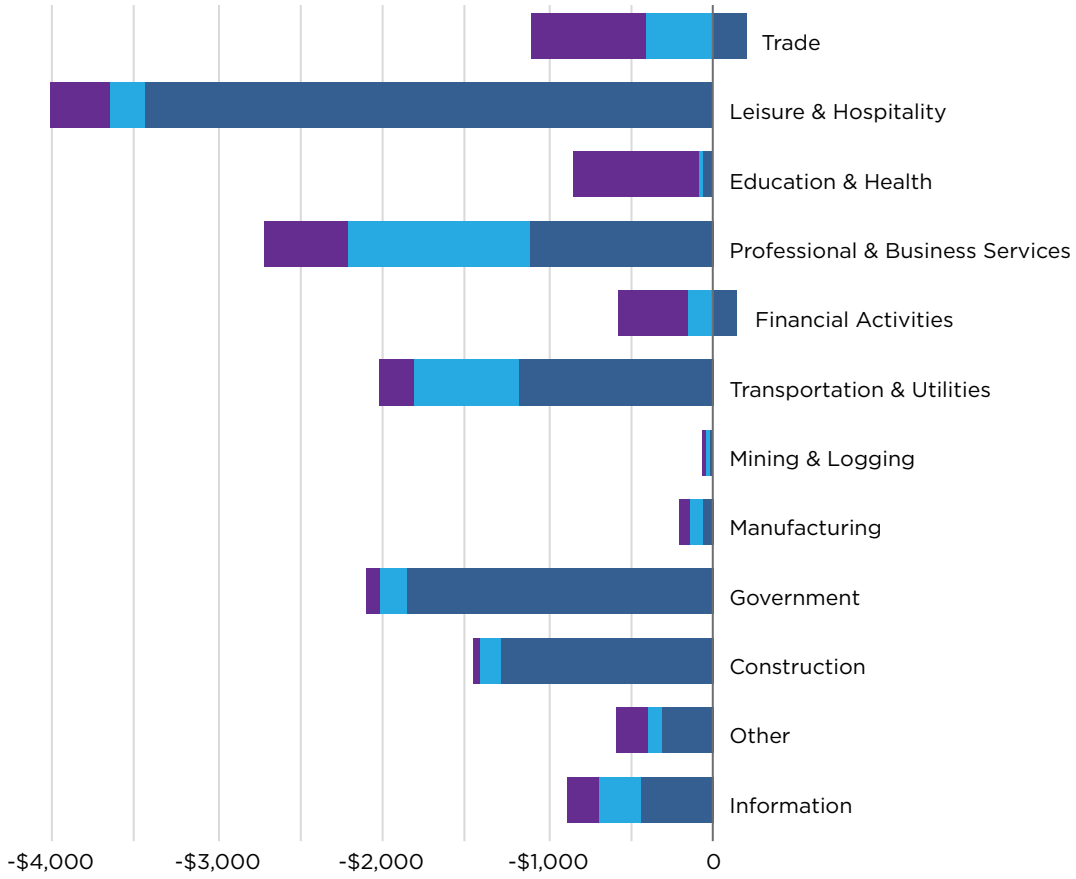
FIGURE 4. STATE GDP IMPACT ($000,000s)



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Fiscal Impacts on State and Local Governments

The fiscal impact on tax collections for state and local governments from March 2020 through September 2020 is estimated at a loss of $1.49 billion (see Table 6). The largest driver in lost revenue during this seven-month period is sales tax (-$765.2 million), followed by property tax (-$520.7 million).

TABLE 6. STATE AND LOCAL TAX IMPACT (MILLIONS $) - MARCH 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020

State Tax Total	Local Tax Total	Total Taxes
(-$765.2)	(-$728.0)	(-$1,493.2)

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Summary of Economic Impacts

Table 7 summarizes the estimated impacts across different categories of job losses, GDP losses, and private income losses. This represents a maximum total for each category and reflects the potential impacts during this seven-month period due to employers' concern and their business outlook facing uncertainties and challenges in this current economy. Employer concern in the economy is estimated to account for a maximum 1.6 percent loss to GDP, and 12.9 percent of the total GDP loss since late 2019. If every single one of the 208,731 jobs were tied to litigation concerns, the maximum cost of that concern to the state GDP from March 2020 through September 2020 is $16.1 billion; however, these are "worst-case" estimates and accordingly they must be considered within a range of potential outcomes.

As shown in Table 7, depending on the extent to which employers' confidence in the economy is shaken by the threat of opportunistic and predatory lawsuits, the Legislature's failure to enact a meaningful shield from liability could negatively impact the Florida economy from March 2020 through September 2020 by as much as $16.1 billion (12.9 percent since the fourth quarter of 2019) with more than 208,000 jobs lost.

TABLE 7. SUMMARY OF POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS - MARCH 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2020

Impact (%)	Job Impact	Personal Income Impact (Millions $)	State GDP Impact (Millions $)
100	208,731	$14,693.7	$16,066.0
75	156,549	$11,020.3	$12,049.5
50	104,366	$7,346.9	$8,033.0
25	52,183	$368.5	$4,016.5

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Conclusions and Recommendations

Florida TaxWatch understands and acknowledges that immunity from civil liability will not stem the spread of COVID-19, nor will it prevent injury or harm or make the associated costs go away. Persons who contract COVID-19 could have contracted the coronavirus from almost anyone they have come into contact with, or at any business they have patronized over the past eight to ten months. As a result, proving a causal relationship will be a difficult burden for a plaintiff. Permitting unlimited civil litigation given the difficulty in proving the proximate cause of contracting COVID-19, even recognizing that the costs will be borne (absent negligence or intent to harm) by those who are injured or harmed and ultimately the taxpayers, is not in the taxpayers' best interest.

Even if those harmed have to burden the costs, if Florida's economy is to recover and regain its pre-pandemic prosperity, it is important that businesses, healthcare facilities, and other entities that are working hard to comply with public health directives or protective measures to reduce the risk of exposure to or transmission of COVID-19 are protected from unnecessary and costly civil liability, even when the plaintiffs cannot meet the current statutory burden of "preponderance of evidence." Responsible business owners and other covered entities who are acting in good faith to comply with public health directives and are investing in measures to protect their patrons and employees must have comfort that they will be able to open and operate their business without fear of opportunistic, predatory, and expensive litigation. It is also important to make sure that those acting in "bad faith" are held accountable for their negligence while ensuring that those who contract COVID-19 because of the gross negligence of others can recover for their injuries.

The analysis by the Regional Economic Consulting Group uses the difference between the projected employment tied to consumer optimism and the actual employment levels to estimate the portion of the change in the number of jobs attributable to employers' concern over litigation, and their economic outlook. Depending on the extent to which employers' confidence in the economy is shaken by the threat of opportunistic and predatory lawsuits, the Legislature's failure to enact a meaningful shield from liability could negatively impact the Florida economy from March 2020 through September 2020 by as much as $16.1 billion (12.9 percent since the fourth quarter of 2019) with more than 208,000 jobs lost. The impact on personal income amounts to a total maximum possible loss of -$14.6 billion. The total maximum effect on tax collections, both the state and local governments, is estimated at -$1.5 billion loss with the lion's share coming from sales tax.

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Florida TaxWatch supports the good work of the RESET Task Force and urges the Legislature to pass the Task Force's draft legislation with consideration of the following additions at the earliest opportunity:

- The rebuttable presumption provisions should be strengthened to make it clear that a covered entity (one that is following reasonable safety protocols) is entitled to the rebuttable presumption that a potential claimant assumes the risk when he or she enters certain premises that provide express warnings or disclaimers.
- The rebuttable presumption provisions should be strengthened to make it clear that, for the purposes of workers' compensation benefits, there is a rebuttable presumption that the contraction of COVID-19 by an essential employee, including but not limited to a health care worker or a public safety worker, is work-related. The presumption applies only to an essential employee who performs functions pertaining to those roles and involving interactions with the public during the public health emergency declared by the governor's executive orders.
- The draft legislation should limit a covered entity's liability to "actual economic compensatory damages," and to exclude any liability for non-economic or punitive damages.

Appendix 1.

EMERGENCY STATE ACTIONS TO LIMIT LIABILITY FROM COVID-19

Alabama On May 8, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey issued an Executive Order that offers protection for businesses, health care providers, universities, public institutions of higher education, and their employees, officers and agents from unwarranted legal liability stemming from COVID-19. Under the Governor's Proclamation, businesses, health care providers, and other covered entities will not be liable for the death or injury to persons or for damage to property resulting from an act or omission related to COVID-19, unless the claimant can show by clear and convincing evidence that the alleged death, injury, or damage was caused by the covered entity's "wanton, reckless, willful, or intentional misconduct." In cases where liability is established and the acts or omissions do not result in serious physical injury, liability is limited to actual economic compensatory damages. In cases involving wrongful death, liability is limited to an award of punitive damages.

Alaska On May 8, 2020, Governor Mike Dunleavy signed into law Senate Bill 241, which provides immunity from civil liability primarily to healthcare providers who take an action based upon an order from the state's health department. Local companies that manufacture personal protective equipment are immune from civil liability for damages resulting from injury to or the death of a user of the personal protective equipment if the manufacturer acted "in good faith" to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The immunity from civil liability does not protect businesses or healthcare providers from liability for "gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct."

Arizona The Arizona legislature adjourned its regular session without the Senate taking action on House Bill 2912, which would have would have allowed COVID-19-related lawsuits only if a business acted with "gross negligence," essentially the reckless disregard for the consequences of the action on others. The burden of proof in any civil action that is based on the plaintiff contracting COVID-19 and that is filed pursuant to House Bill 2912 is "clear and convincing evidence."

Arkansas On June 15, 2020, Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson issued an Executive Order to protect Arkansas businesses from liability related to COVID-19. Businesses that opened or remained open during the COVID-19 pandemic are immune from civil liability for damages or injuries resulting from exposure to COVID-19 on the business premises; however, this immunity does not apply to "willful, reckless, or intentional misconduct" that results in injury or damages. There is a presumption that willful, reckless or intentional misconduct does not exist if the businesses are (a) substantially complying with health and safety directives or guidelines issued by the state; or (b) acting in good faith while attempting to comply. The "clear and convincing evidence" standard of proof established by other states is absent.

California The California General Assembly is currently considering a bill (No. 1759) that would provide immunity from civil liability to public and independent institutions of higher education for injuries related to COVID-19 infection. This immunity does not apply to claims from damages caused by "intentional misconduct, wanton or reckless misconduct, gross negligence, or willful and wanton negligence" if both of the following conditions exist: (1) The alleged negligence or misconduct is proven by "clear and convincing evidence" to have resulted in the transmission of COVID-19 that led to the injury, emotional distress, damage, death of a person, or economic loss; and (2) the action is not brought pursuant to Section 382 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

Connecticut On April 7, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont issued an executive order to protect hospitals and nursing homes from COVID-19 lawsuits and to exempt the medical care community from lawsuits over deaths or injuries involving shortages of personal protective equipment and other medical supplies during the pandemic. The executive order directed every workplace in the state to take additional protective measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 between and among employees, customers, and other persons who might enter the workplace. Legally binding, statewide mandatory rules prescribing such additional protective measures were put into effect. Healthcare professionals and facilities were immune and protected from suit for civil liability for any injury or death alleged to have been sustained because of an individual's or healthcare facility's acts or omissions undertaken "in good faith" while providing health care services in support of the State's COVID-19 response.

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Delaware Delaware's Emergency Management Act provides immunity from civil litigation to qualified medical personnel who are engaged in emergency or disaster relief operations for the death or injury to persons, or damage to property. The immunity does not apply if the qualified medical personnel commit "intentional conduct and willful or wanton disregard of the rights of others resulting in death, injury or damages."

Georgia On June 26, 2020, the Georgia General Assembly passed Senate Bill 359, also known as the "Georgia COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act." The Act, which currently awaits final approval by Governor Brian Kemp pending his office's legal review, intends to protect healthcare providers and certain other businesses, entities, and individuals in the State of Georgia from legal liability arising from COVID-19. However, the Act allows lawsuits to proceed if the claimant can prove "gross negligence, willful and wanton misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm" by one of the Act's covered parties. In other words, if the Act becomes law, the covered parties operating in Georgia would be shielded from lawsuits related to COVID-19 exposure, absent one of the carve-outs for gross negligence or wanton misconduct.

Hawaii On April 16, 2020, Governor Ige issued Executive Order 20-05 which provides immunity from civil liability to health care workers who act "in good faith" for any COVID-19-related death, injury, or property damage that occurs while rendering assistance. Civil immunity does not apply to "willful misconduct, gross negligence, or recklessness."

Idaho On August 24, 2020, the Idaho legislature introduced a series of bills[1] to provide immunity from civil liability to accredited institutions of higher education and to persons who take actions in an effort to "address or mitigate the disaster or emergency arising from a coronavirus-related disaster or emergency." The immunity does not apply to accredited institutions of higher education who act with "malice or criminal intent" and with "reckless, willful, and wanton conduct," and to persons whose actions are the result of "willful misconduct, reckless infliction of harm, or intentional infliction of harm."

Illinois On April 1, 2020 Governor J.B. Pritzker signed Executive Order 2020-19, which provides immunity from civil liability for health care professionals, volunteers, and facilities for any injury caused by any act or omission that occurred while the professional, volunteer, or facility was providing health care services in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The immunity does not apply to injuries or deaths caused by "gross negligence or willful misconduct" of healthcare professionals or facilities, or or injuries or deaths caused by "willful misconduct" by healthcare volunteers.

Indiana Existing Indiana law provides immunity from civil liability to facilities and individuals for injuries resulting from healthcare services provided in response to an emergency. This immunity does not apply to injuries or deaths caused by "gross negligence or willful misconduct."

Iowa On June 18, 2020, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed into law the COVID-19 Response and Back-to-Business Liability Act, which provides immunity from civil liability for Iowa businesses and healthcare providers for damages or injuries sustained from exposure to COVID-19 if the act or omission causing the alleged damage or injury was in "substantial compliance or was consistent with any federal or state statute, regulation, order, or public health guidance elated to COVID-19 that was applicable to the person or activity at the time of the alleged exposure or potential exposure." The Act prohibits a person from bringing a civil action alleging exposure to COVID-19 unless the action relates to a minimum medical condition, involves an act that was intended to cause harm, or involves an act that constitutes actual malice. Damages that may be recovered by a claimant for the cost of medical care shall not exceed the amounts actually paid to the healthcare providers who rendered treatment and any amounts necessary to satisfy the charges that have been incurred but not yet been paid.

Kansas On June 8, 2020, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly signed the COVID-19 Response and Reopening for Business Liability Protection Act, which provides immunity from civil liability for COVID-19 related claims to Kansas businesses acting in substantial compliance with public health directives applicable to the activity giving rise to the cause of action when the cause of action accrued. The provisions of this Act do not apply to civil liability when it is established that the act, omission, or decision constituted gross negligence or willful, wanton, or reckless conduct.

Kentucky On March 30, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed into law Senate Bill 150, which provides limited civil immunity to healthcare providers and manufacturers of personal protective equipment and personal hygiene supplies from liability for COVID-19-related negligence and product liability. The conduct of healthcare providers is immune from liability to the extent that the provider "acts as an ordinary, reasonable, and prudent health care provider would have acted under the same or similar circumstances." The conduct of manufacturers of personal protective equipment and personal hygiene supplies is immune from liability to the extent the companies "acted in good faith and in an ordinary, reasonable, and prudent manner under the same or similar circumstances." The immunity does not apply to claims of "gross negligence, or willful and wanton conduct."

Louisiana Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards has signed two measures passed during the 2020 legislative session legislation that provide immunity to businesses from civil liability for COVID-19 exposure, and that make it difficult for anyone to recover damages for exposure to COVID-19, even if that exposure results in death or serious injury. The first measure (Act 305) shields businesses from liability for COVID-19 exposure if they are in substantial compliance with governmentally established COVID-19 procedures except in cases of "gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct." The second measure (Act 336) limits the ability of persons claiming injury from exposure to COVID-19 to recover damages. Recovery of damages is allowed only if: (a) the business failed to substantially comply with applicable COVID-19 procedures established by the public agency governing those operation; and (b) the death or injury was caused by "gross negligence of reckless misconduct."

Maryland Under existing Maryland law, healthcare providers are immune from civil or criminal liability if the provider acts in good faith and under a catastrophic health emergency proclamation. The immunity applies only if the provider acts "in good faith."

Massachusetts On April 17, Governor Charlie Baker signed into law Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2020, which provides to health care professionals and health care facilities immunity from suit and civil liability for any damages alleged to have been sustained by an act or omission by the health care professional or health care facility in the course of providing health care services during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. This immunity does not apply if the damage was caused by an act or omission constituting "gross negligence, recklessness or conduct with an intent to harm or to discriminate."

Michigan On March 29, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-31, which provides immunity from civil liability to healthcare workers who provide services in support of the state's response to COVID-19. The immunity does not apply to claims of "gross negligence or willful misconduct." Senate Bill 899, which would have provided additional protections to healthcare workers, was vetoed by the Governor in August.

Minnesota Minnesota's emergency management act provides immunity from civil liability to "responders" when acting under an emergency plan. The term "responders" is broadly defined and includes physicians, nurses, first responders, hospitals, clinics, laboratories, and other health care providers and entities. The immunity applies to damages from "good faith acts or omissions" by responders in rendering emergency care. The immunity does not apply if the responder acts in a "willful and wanton or reckless manner" when providing care or assistance.

Mississippi On July 8, 2020, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves signed the Mississippi Back-to-Business Liability Assurance and Health Care Emergency Response Liability Protection Act," which is designed to protect businesses from civil damages for injuries or death resulting from or related to actual, alleged, or potential exposure to COVID-19. Businesses are immune from civil liability if they can show that they attempted "in good faith" to follow applicable public health guidance. Healthcare professionals and facilities are immune from civil liability related to COVID-19 for "acts or omissions while providing health care services related to a COVID-19 state of emergency." Civil immunity would not apply if it can be shown by "clear and convincing evidence" that a defendant acted with "actual malice or willful, intentional misconduct."

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Missouri On July 1, 2020, Governor Mike Parson signed into law Senate Bill 591, which provides immunity from civil liability to small businesses. Under the new law, employers are liable for the actions of their employees if they ordered the employee to act in a manner that caused harm; if they knew about the act; or if the employer knew that their employee was unfit to do their job.

Montana Under existing Montana law, healthcare professionals who "in good faith" render or fail to render emergency care are immune from civil liability during declared states of emergency. The immunity does not apply when the damage or injury is caused by "gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct" and in cases of "willful misconduct, gross negligence, or bad faith."

Nevada On August 11, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak signed into law Senate Bill 4, which provides immunity from civil liability to businesses in the event a customer contracts COVID-19 while on the business premises or during an activity conducted or managed by the business if the business is in "substantial compliance with controlling health standards". The business is immune from civil liability unless it can be proven that the business violated controlling health standards with gross negligence and the gross negligence was the proximate cause of the plaintiff's personal injury or death.

New Jersey On April 13, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law SB 2333, which provides immunity from civil liability to healthcare facilities and professionals in the course of providing medical services to COVID-19 patients, including those undertaken in good faith to support efforts to treat and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Senate Bill 2333 also provides immunity from civil and criminal civil and criminal liability for any damages related to the allocation of ventilators or other scarce medical resources. Immunity does not apply if the acts or omissions constitute a crime or fraud, malice, or "gross negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct." In August, legislation was introduced that would provide immunity from civil liability for businesses against any damage claim stemming from COVID-19 exposure occurring onsite at the businesses. The immunity would not apply to "willful misconduct, reckless infliction of harm or the intentional infliction of harm."

New Mexico In June 2020, legislation was introduced that would provide immunity from civil liability for business owners for a "breach of duty of care" when damages or injury are alleged to result from exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19. The immunity does not apply if the owner failed to comply with "federal and state laws that provide requirements for mitigation of the spread of coronavirus disease 2019."

New York On April 3, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law the Emergency Disaster Treatment Act, which provides immunity from civil and criminal liability to healthcare professionals and facilities, and volunteer organizations, for damages caused by an act or omission in the course of providing healthcare services, if done in "good faith" and pursuant to a COVID-19 emergency rule. These immunities do not apply to "gross negligence, reckless misconduct, intentional harm or willful or intentional criminal misconduct."

North Carolina On July 2, 2020, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper signed legislation (House Bill 118) designed to protect businesses from civil damages arising from any act or omission alleged to have resulted in the contraction of COVID-19. Businesses are required to provide reasonable notice of actions taken on the premises to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to individuals present on the premises. No person is liable for the failure of any individual to comply with rules, policies, or guidelines contained in the notice of actions. The civil immunity does not apply to acts or omissions that constitute "gross negligence, willful or wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing."

Ohio On September 14, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine signed legislation (House Bill 606) that provides all entities civil immunity for injuries, damages, or death related to exposure to, transmission of, or contraction of COVID-19. The civil immunity does not apply if it can be shown that the exposure, transmission, or contraction was the result of "reckless conduct, intentional misconduct, or willful or wanton misconduct." Healthcare providers are also protected from both professional disciplinary action and tort liability resulting from the "provision, withholding, or withdrawal" of healthcare services resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Claimants can still recover damages in a civil action if it can be proven that a healthcare provider acted with "reckless disregard for the consequences" of their actions or engaged in "intentional misconduct or willful or wanton misconduct".

Oklahoma On May 21, 2020, Governor Kevin Stitt signed legislation (Senate Bill 1946) that provides civil immunity from a claim by someone who was exposed to COVID-19 to everyone, provided that no laws were violated and the business accused followed official health guidelines. The civil immunity would not extend to claims where gross negligence or misconduct can be shown.

Oregon On June 30, 2020, Governor Kate Brown signed into law House Bill 4212, which provides immunity to certain public entities from civil liability for claim of illness, injury or death from COVID-19. The immunity does not apply to conduct that constitutes "gross negligence, malice or fraud, that is willful, intentional or reckless, that is criminal or that is unrelated to COVID-19."

Pennsylvania On May 6, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf issued an Executive Order providing healthcare professionals immunity from civil liability related to the death of or any injury to a person or for loss of or damage to property as a result of emergency services activity related to COVID-19. This immunity does not apply to cases of "willful misconduct or gross negligence," and does not apply to the rendering of non-COVID-19 treatment or services. In June, legislation was introduced that, if enacted, would provide immunity from civil liability to health care practitioners and providers acting "in good faith" for any act or omission in the course of rendering health care during the state of a disaster emergency. Immunity from civil liability would also be provided to medical equipment manufacturers and providers for claims stemming from an act or omission that is related to the proper use, condition or nature of the health care equipment. Such immunity would not extend to "criminal actions, intentional torts or instances involving gross negligence."

Rhode Island On April 10, 2020, Governor Gina Raimondo issued Executive Order 20-121, which provides immunity from civil liability to health care facilities and workers, and to other individuals and organizations assisting in the response to COVID-19. These covered entities are not liable for the death of, or injury to, persons, or for damage to property, as a result of COVID-19 response activities. The immunity does not apply to negligence that occurs in the course of providing patient care to patients without COVID-19, and for "willful misconduct, gross negligence, or bad faith."

South Carolina The legislature is considering a joint resolution that would provide immunity from civil liability to "health care providers and businesses that follow public health guidance," regarding COVID-19. Covered entities that follow applicable public health guidance will be immune from liability for claims arising from acts or omissions in the course of operating their businesses unless a claimant can prove, by "clear and convincing evidence," that the damages were caused by "knowingly reckless, willful or intentional misconduct," or by failing to make any attempt to follow public health guidance.

Tennessee On August 18, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed the Tennessee COVID-19 Recovery Act, which provides immunity from civil liability for loss, damage, injury, or death arising from COVID-19 to any person, healthcare provider, or public institution of higher education. The immunity does not apply if a claimant proves by "clear and convincing evidence" that the loss, damage, injury, or death was proximately caused by an act or omission of the institution or its employee or agent constituting "gross negligence or willful misconduct."

Utah On May 4, 2020, Governor Gary Herbert signed legislation (Senate Bill 3007) that grants businesses immunity from civil liability for injury or damage resulting from exposure to COVID-19. The immunity from civil liability does not apply in cases of "willful misconduct, reckless infliction of harm or intentional infliction of harm."

Vermont On April 10, Governor Phil Scott amended Executive Order 01-20 to provide immunity for healthcare facilities, healthcare providers, and healthcare volunteers from civil liability for any death, injury, or loss resulting from COVID-19 related emergency management services or response activities, except in the case of willful misconduct or gross negligence.

Virginia Existing law provides immunity from civil liability to healthcare providers for any injury or wrongful death during a state or local emergency and the provider was unable to provide the requisite level of care as a result of the emergency. The immunity does not apply in cases of "gross negligence or willful misconduct."

Wisconsin On April 15, Governor Tony Evers signed into law Assembly Bill 1038, which provides immunity from civil liability for health care professionals acting "in good faith" and "consistent with state or federal guidance" to address the COVID-19 pandemic and limited immunity for the manufacturers, distributors and sellers of emergency medical supplies and equipment that donate or sell their products.

Wyoming On May 20, 2020, Governor Mark Gordon signed into law Senate Bill 1002, which provides immunity from civil liability to all businesses that "act in good faith" to follow the instructions of a state or local health officer in responding to COVID-19. The immunity does not apply in cases of "gross negligence" or "willful and wanton misconduct."

Sources: King & Spalding COVID-19 Survey of State Liability Reform, retrieved from https://www.kslaw.com/pages/covid-19-survey-of-state-liability-reform, December 3, 2020. Ogletree Deakins COVID-19 Survey of State Liability Reform, retrieved from https://ogletree.com/app/uploads/covid-19/COVID-19-liability-shield-50-state-survey.pdfhttps://ogletree.com/app/uploads/covid-19/COVID-19-liability-shield-50-state-survey.pdf, December 3, 2020.

Appendix 2.

COVID-19-RELATED FLORIDA LAWSUITS

Banking / Financial Services	**14**
Challenges Against Foreign Sovereigns or NGOs	
Cases Against PRC and Its Political Subdivisions	1
Subtotal	**1**
Civil Rights	
Business Closure, Stay-At-Home Order and Group	
Gathering Ban Challenges	14
Essential Versus Non-Essential Business Designations	1
Freedom of Information Act Disputes	1
Government Taking / Commandeering of Property	1
Other Public Safety Measures (Including Private Parties	
Trying to Enforce Government Bans	22
Schools Closing	2
Voting	4
Other	13
Subtotal	**58**
Consumer Cases	
False Advertising or UDTPA-Type Claims	10
Non-Education-Related Cancellations / Postponements	
(e.g., Prepaid Air, Cruise, Events, Vacation Rentals)	14
Personal Injury (i.e., From Exposure)	2
Price Gouging	2
Recurring Membership Fees Charged During Shutdown	3
Other	2
Subtotal	**32**
Contract Disputes	
Cancel or Suspend Contract Performance (i.e., Force Majeure)	6
Failure to Close a Deal Due to COVID-19	2
Failure to Refund	11
Termination of Supply Contract	3
Other	10
Subtotal	**32**
Education	
Request for Refund	15
Other	9
Subtotal	**24**

General Court Administrative Orders Related to COVID-19	**2**
Habeus / Confinement Conditions / Prisoner & Detainee Petitions	**27**
Health / Medical	
Right to Visit Nursing Home Patients	1
Wrongful Death	4
Other	2
Subtotal	**7**
Insurance	**126**
Intellectual Property	
Trademark	3
Subtotal	**3**
Labor & Employment	
Conditions of Employment (e.g., Lack of PPE, Exposure,	
Wrongful Death, Personal Injury)	12
Leaves of Absence	7
Under-, Over-, and Non-Payment Issues / Wage Issues	17
Unlawful Termination	51
Other	2
Subtotal	**89**
Miscellaneous Tort	
Libel / Slander / Defamation	2
Other	1
Subtotal	**3**
None/ Not Coded	**9**
Real Property	
Damage to Property	1
Landlord / Tenant Issues (e.g., Eviction, Failure to Pay)	31
Mortgage Disputes	1
Refusal to Extend Closing Date	2
Other	5
Subtotal	**40**
Securities Litigation	
Derivitive Shareholder Claims	1
Other	4
Subtotal	**5**
TOTAL	**490**

Source: Hunton, Andrews, Kurth, LLP COVID-19 Complaint Tracker (December 7, 2020)

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Appendix 3

IMPLAN Model and Definitions

IMPLAN Model

IMPLAN is a leading provider of economic impact data and analytical software. The company began in 1972 working with the US Forest Service and has grown to a current user base of academics, governments, economic developers, corporations, nonprofits, and consultants. Input-Output (I-O) modeling is based on the foundational concept that all industries, households, and government in the economy are connected through buy-sell relationships; therefore, a given economic activity supports a ripple of additional economic activity throughout the economy.

IMPLAN is an I-O modeling system that uses annual, regional data to map these buy-sell relationships so users can predict how specific economic changes will impact a given regional economy or estimate the effect of past or existing economic activity. Input-output accounting (using the IMPLAN model as an example) describes commodity flows from producers to intermediate and final consumers. The total industry purchases of commodities, services, employment compensation, value added, and imports are equal to the value of the commodities produced. Industries producing goods and services for final use and purchases for final use (final demand) drive the model. Industries producing goods and services for final demand purchase goods and services from other producers. These other producers, in turn, purchase goods and services. This buying of goods and services continues until leakages from the region stop the cycle. The resulting sets of multipliers describe the change of output for every regional industry caused by a US $1.00 change in final demand for any given industry.

Input-Output (I-O) Analysis and IMPLAN are designed to predict the ripple effect of an economic activity by using data about previous spending. Production in a given sector in an economy supports demand for production in sectors throughout the economy, both due to supply chain spending and spending by workers. One of the tenets that makes IMPLAN so attractive is that there are no black boxes. Analysts can view the background data used in the models and customize them with local data and knowledge.

Direct Effects

Direct effects are the set of expenditures applied to the I-O for an impact analysis. It is the initial exogenous change in final demand in terms of industry output, employment, and labor income dollars. It is one or more production changes or expenditures made by producers/consumers as a result of an activity or policy. Direct effects can be positive or negative. These initial changes are determined by an analyst and demonstrate the result of an activity or policy being analyzed. Applying these initial changes to the multipliers in IMPLAN will then display how a region will respond economically to these changes. When consumers purchase goods and services, they create final demand to the Industries producing the goods and services they consume.

Indirect Effects

Indirect effects are the business to business purchases in the supply chain taking place in the region that stem from the initial industry input purchases. As the industry specified spends their money in the region with their suppliers, this spending is shown through the indirect effect.

Induced Effects

Induced effects are the values stemming from household spending of Labor Income, after removal of taxes, savings, and commuter income. The induced effects are generated by the spending of the employees within the business' supply chain.

Employment

Employment data in IMPLAN follows the same definition as Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Economic Accounts (BEA REA) and Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Employment and Wages (BLS CEW) data, which is full-time/part-time annual average. Thus, 1 job lasting 12 months = 2 jobs lasting 6 months each = 3 jobs lasting 4 months each. A job can be either full-time or part-time. Similarly, a job that lasts one quarter of the year would be 0.25 jobs. Note that a person can hold more than one job, so the job count is not necessarily the same as the count of employed persons. Jobs in IMPLAN are not the same as a full-time equivalent number.

Labor Income

Labor Income represents the total value of all forms of employment income paid throughout a defined economy during a specified period of time. It reflects the combined cost of total payroll paid to employees (e.g. wages and salaries, benefits, payroll taxes) and payments received by self-employed individuals and/or unincorporated business owners (e.g. capital consumption allowance) across the defined economy. Labor Income (LI) encompasses two additional representative metrics called Proprietor Income (PI) and Employee Compensation (EC).

Value Added

Value Added represents the difference between *Output* and the cost of *Intermediate Inputs* throughout a defined economy during a specified period of time. It equals gross Output minus Intermediate Inputs (consumption of goods and services purchased from other industries or imported). Value Added is a measure of the contribution to GDP made by an individual producer, Industry, or Sector.

Output

All analysis in IMPLAN is based on Output, which is the value of production by industry in a calendar year. IMPLAN Output data largely come from the same sources as those used by the BEA in developing their Benchmark Input-Output tables. Since output is the total production value of a Sector, it includes all components of production value or output for a given Sector: Output = Employee Compensation + Proprietor Income + Intermediate Expenditures + Tax on Production and Imports + Other Property Income.

Other Property Income

Other Property Income (OPI), previously denoted as "Profit" includes consumption of fixed capital (CFC), corporate profits, and business current transfer payments (net). Subsidies for government enterprises is considered negative profit, therefore any subsidization of a government enterprise will count as a negative value towards the government enterprise Sector's OPI.

Taxes on Production & Imports

Taxes on Production & Imports, less subsidies (TOPI) includes sales and excise taxes, customs duties, property taxes, motor vehicle licenses, severance taxes, other taxes, and special assessments. For all Sectors other than government enterprises, subsidies are counted as a negative value towards TOPI.

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Resending with Meagan's correct email!

Have a great day,

Natalie

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Hey Lisa,

I'm doing well thank you. Is it too late to say Happy New Year?

I've CC'd Meagan in our office. She is handling scheduling in Tallahassee this year.

Thank you,

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Ms. Engelhardt,

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Attachment(s): "54640965_v 1_2021 P2P Bill Overview 1-11-21.pdf"

Hey Leslie!

Amol in our office is coordinating scheduling. I'm sure we can arrange a time for you and the Senator or one of us to touch base on SB 566. Do you expect it to be on the next committee agenda?

(I'm reattaching your overview document so Amol has it handy.)

Have a great weekend,

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Subject: Meeting request

Hi Natalie – I'm not sure you are the correct person to contact about meeting with Sen. Burgess.
I'd like to set a meeting with the Sen. regarding SB 566 by Sen. Perry. I represent Enterprise Rent a Car and we support the measure.
The Senator is on the committee where it will first be heard and I'd like to discuss it with him.

I have also attached an overview of the issue from our standpoint. I can make myself available any time. Regards, Leslie

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Tax Fairness for People Renting Cars in Florida

SB 566 by Sen. Keith Perry/HB 365 by Rep. Mike Caruso

The way consumers access transportation options continue to evolve. A new business model for renting cars – called peer to peer car-sharing - has emerged in Florida. This has resulted in renters of cars being taxed differently depending upon the business they rent from – a rental car company or a peer to peer car-sharing company. These bills seek to ensure all renters of cars are treated the same.

How Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Car-Sharing Works – P2P car-sharing companies are the AirBnb of cars. They contract with private individuals to rent their cars to the public through an app. They also enter agreements with the public who wish to rent cars from their app. The person uses the car for the set amount of time, and their credit card is charged through the company when the car is returned. The person who allows the P2P company to rent out their car is paid by the company via direct deposit. The P2P company keeps between 25-30% of the rental cost.

The activities of P2P companies - taking and confirming reservations online, offering delivery service, providing products such as insurance and roadside assistance, and handling payment for the service – are the same services provided by rental car companies.

Rental Car Surcharge Law – Section 212.0606, F.S. states that *"a surcharge of $2 per day or any part of a day is imposed upon the lease or rental of a motor vehicle licensed for hire and designed to carry fewer than nine passengers regardless of whether the motor vehicle is licensed in this state."*

Florida law levies the surcharge on the rental for the first 30 days of a lease or rental. Further, the state sales tax is collected on the transaction. Exceptions are made for persons with a not for profit organization and those whose car is being repaired. This fee paid by car renters was established by the Legislature in 1987 to ensure vehicles using roads help pay for building and maintaining the roads.

In 2014, the law was updated to clarify people who rent cars from a car-sharing company for less than 24 hours must pay $1 per usage plus sales tax. If that car is kept for 24 hours or more, the $2/day rental car surcharge is levied on the renter of the car.

Unfair Tax Application for Persons Renting Cars – In Florida, the $2/day rental car surcharge and sales tax on that transaction is not being collected from a person renting a car from a P2P company. State law requires renters of cars to pay a $2/day rental car surcharge and the sales tax on the transaction. P2P companies say they only connect owners and renters but state law requires the levy of the taxes on the transaction, not the business model. *This creates a disparate treatment of people paying for the same service.*

The Department of Revenue Calls it a "Rental Transaction" - In a March 2019 informal Letter of Advice, the Department of Revenue stated P2P companies *"…are engaged in the business (i.e. an activity either direct or indirect) of renting motor vehicles for a consideration…. Any rental made through the peer to peer car-sharing program is subject to the $2.00 surcharge."* The surcharge funds the following activities in Florida:

- 80% - Local infrastructure needs through the DOT District in which the surcharge was collected;
- 15.25% - VisitFlorida operations through the Tourism Promotional Trust Fund; and,
- 4.25% - Enterprise Florida for use in its international operations.

In 2019, car renters paid more than $$142 million in rental car surcharges. For 2019-20, $182 million was projected to be collected from persons renting cars from rental car companies. The emergence of COVID-19 caused a major decrease in tourism and business travel, resulting in lower collections.

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Below are the funds provided to DOT districts from the rental car surcharge, based on the rentals that were generated in that District.

Florida Revenue from People Renting Cars (Rental Car Surcharge only)

Dist #	Counties in District	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Projected	2022 Projected
1	Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk, Sarasota	14.9 M	$16.0 M	14.1 M	$8.6 M	$11.2 M
2	Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union	$7.3 M	$7.4 M	$7.0 M	$4.3 M	$5.6 M
3	Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington	$5.3 M	$6.3 M	$5.7 M	$3.5 M	$4.5 M
4	Broward, Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, St. Lucie	$31.5 M	$31.5 M	$29.5 M	$18.0 M	$23.5 M
5	Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia	$36.4 M	$37.9 M	$33.3 M	$20.3 M	$26.4 M
6	Miami-Dade, Monroe	$24.9 M	$24.7 M	$22.1 M	$13.5 M	$17.6 M
7	Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas	$18.0 M	$18.6 M	$16.6 M	$10.2 M	$13.2 M
Total		**$138.4 M**	**$142.2 M**	**$128.3 M**	**$78.4 M**	**$102.0 M**

Other Concerns– The unfair treatment of people who rent cars in Florida is proliferating. Research has found that Florida used car dealers, small rental car companies, and others list several cars on P2P sites, and those renters do not pay any tax. One P2P site has over 30 Florida car owners managing nine to 41 cars, and those renters are not paying sales tax or the surcharge.

Some P2P companies advertise that their cars are cheaper than those provided by rental car companies. However, recent comparison found renters of cars from P2P sites pay more even without paying the surcharge or sales tax.

Proposal – The bills sponsored by Sen. Perry and Rep. Caruso clarify the "rules of the road" and ensure people renting cars in Florida are treated the same regardless of the business model they use. The main components of the bills are:

- *Tax fairness* – Clarifies that all car renters pay the rental car surcharge and subsequent sales tax.
- *Insurance* – Following the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) model insurance language, establishes insurance requirements for the P2P programs and car owners when making a vehicle available to rent on a P2P site. People listing cars on the site would be required to maintain the same level of insurance required of all car owners and rental car companies in Florida (10/20/10).
- *Consumer Protections* – Mirroring the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) model insurance language, the bills ensure vehicles rented on P2P sites do not have open safety recalls and require peer-to-peer car sharing companies to follow certain recordkeeping requirements.

Nine states have approved legislation like what is being proposed in Florida: Colorado, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Thirty states are advancing or preparing to advance legislation in 2021

From: Greg Black <greg@waypointstrat.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:56 PM EST
To: Dhaliwal, Amol <Dhaliwal.Amol@flsenate.gov>
CC: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting with the Senator
Attachment(s): "SB 494 follow-up.msg"

That works perfectly. Also, happy to do just via cell if that helps any as I know folks are on zoom nonstop.

Thank you and I believe you all should have the language I was wanting to discuss, but I am including the email I sent Natalie as an attachment just in case which includes the suggested tweak.

Thanks again!

Greg

From: Dhaliwal, Amol [mailto:Dhaliwal.Amol@flsenate.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Greg Black
Cc: Hebel, Meagan
Subject: Meeting with the Senator

Mr. Black,

My name is Amol Dhaliwal and I received your contact info from Meagan Hebel. She said you were interested in scheduling a meeting with the Senator. Does 4:00 – 4:10 on Wednesday, January 27th work? It will be via zoom, and I will send out that link upon confirmation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best,
Amol Dhaliwal
OPS Legislative Assistant to Senator Danny Burgess
District 20

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From: Greg Black <greg@waypointstrat.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 3:42 PM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: SB 494 follow-up

Hi Natalie! Hope you are doing well and had a good weekend and safe trip up to TLH. I have reached out to Sen. Burgess today, but while he was in committee. Wanted to get this to you quickly in light that the bill has been placed on the agenda for next week.

I know I mentioned late last week that I had some proposed language that would fit in SB 494 since there has not been a successful vehicle in the last many years and this is not something that necessitates a standalone piece of legislation. The language we would want to include would just add on to the end of where the current bill drops off and would be as simple as the below:

Insert the following between lines 42 and 43:

(2) In order to address any unforeseen allergic reaction, a pharmacist may administer an appropriate weight-based dosage of epinephrine using an autoinjector delivery system within the framework of an established protocol under a supervising physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

This would just address the problem that sometimes there is too much epinephrine utilized for infants, toddlers and small children and ensure that the appropriate weight-based dosage would be provided. This is even more important given the instances of anaphylaxis following COVID-19 vaccines.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Best,

Greg

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From: Burgess, Danny
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 12:42 PM EST
To: Geoff Dale <dalecompletelandscaping@gmail.com>
Subject: RE:

Thank you, Mr. Dale!!

From: Geoff Dale <dalecompletelandscaping@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 9:53 PM
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject:

Way to go on the bill for motor vehicle safety. This bill has been stalled for many years and thank you so much for getting this through.

Mr. Dale

Stay safe

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From: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2021 8:42 PM EST
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: NEWS: House and Senate File Legislation to Protect Peaceful Protests, Combat Violent Disorder

Sure thing. Have a great evening.

From: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 8:38 PM
To: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Re: NEWS: House and Senate File Legislation to Protect Peaceful Protests, Combat Violent Disorder

Thank you Katie!

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel
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House and Senate File Legislation Proposed by Gov. Ron DeSantis to Protect Peaceful Protests, Combat Violent Disorder

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. *(Jan. 6, 2021)* **--** In response to the violent mobs in Washington, D.C., the Florida House of Representatives and Senate filed identical bills to combat violence, disorder and looting in Florida. Statements from Governor Ron DeSantis, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senate President Wilton Simpson, Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin, sponsor of House Bill 1, and Senator Danny Burgess, sponsor of Senate Bill 484, are below.

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Sent: Friday, January 08, 2021 4:25 PM EST
To: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>; Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: NEWS ICYMI: Florida Speaker Sprowls Targets Mob Violence with New Bill: 'You Will Go to Prison' (VIDEO)

Thank you Katie!

From: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 4:16 PM
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>; Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: FW: NEWS ICYMI: Florida Speaker Sprowls Targets Mob Violence with New Bill: 'You Will Go to Prison' (VIDEO)

Just FYI..

https://video.foxnews.com/v/6221302530001#sp=show-clips

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Speaker

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ICYMI: Florida Speaker Sprowls Targets Mob Violence with New Bill: 'You Will Go to Prison'

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. *(January 8, 2021)* — Today, Florida Speaker of the House Chris Sprowls (R-Palm Harbor), a former state prosecutor, joined *America's Newsroom* on Fox News Channel to highlight HB 1, the first-in-the-nation bill that targets rioting and mob violence statewide in Florida.

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Sprowls said, “We do not care about which viewpoint is being expressed. This is a nation of laws governed by the Constitution and in the state of Florida our message is very very clear: that kind of conduct, that kind of activity will not be tolerated, and you will go to prison.” (LINK)

HB 1 was filed in the House by Representatives by Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin (R-Miami-Dade) on Wednesday night in timely response to the violent protests in Washington, D.C., and across the nation last summer.

The link to the full interview can be seen here.

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From: David McCabe <david.mccabe@nytimes.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:43 PM EST
To: Kauffman, Lisa <Kauffman.Lisa@flsenate.gov>
CC: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT inquiry

Thanks, Lisa! Nice to meet you, Meagan. Looking forward to chatting with the senator.

On Tue, Jan 12, 2021 at 2:43 PM Kauffman, Lisa <Kauffman.Lisa@flsenate.gov> wrote:

> Hi Meagen and David,
>
> I wanted to connect you two. Meagan Hebel is the Legislative Aide to Senator Danny Burgess.
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> Senator Burgess is available to give David a call at 3:30PM tomorrow.
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> David McCabe's cell is: 917-405-5284.
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> Let me know if you need anything further from me. Thanks!
>
> Lisa

From: Kauffman, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:50 AM
To: 'David McCabe' <david.mccabe@nytimes.com>
Subject: RE: NYT inquiry

Hi David,

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If you would like, I would be happy to facilitate a phone interview with Senator Burgess, who is sponsoring both of these bills.

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Thanks,

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From: Simon, Kimberly on behalf of Burgess, Danny (Web)
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 10:08 AM EST
To: crop4life.kc@gmail.com <crop4life.kc@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Other (flsenate.gov)

Thank you for contacting me regarding the recent election and ongoing legal matters surrounding it. . I appreciate the opportunity to learn of your thoughts, and will keep your views in mind.

Representing you in the Florida Senate is an honor, and I will continue to work hard to serve you. You can access current information on Senate and House legislation by visiting the Florida Senate website at http://www.flsenate.gov.

Again, thank you for contacting me, and please continue to keep me informed of issues that are of importance to you.

Sincerely,

Danny Burgess
State Senator, District 20

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Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:00 AM
To: Burgess, Danny (Web) <Burgess.Danny.Web@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Other (flsenate.gov)

Preferred Response By: Email

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This address is in Senate District 20.
8132400454

Receive updates via email: Yes

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Comment or Question:
Dear Senator Rick Scott,

As a former Republican (now an Independent), I'm writing to you today to express my great disappointment with a great deal of the GOP, in the way in which it has misrepresented my needs, that of my family, and the will of the people of Florida (particularly House District 20). I have been greatly disappointed to hear and read the words that have come out of the mouths of Republicans, from our local leaders, all the way up to that of former President Trump's. So many issues that have plagued our state and nation for the 4 years have been sad, frustrating, downright wrong to witness!!

My husband and I simply don't believe that the GOP represents our values, needs, or true character. We are rather conservative, but we also believe in the effects of climate change and fossil fuels in our world, we support strong borders, but certainly not in the way that Trump went about it. I am a 1st generation American, eldest child of Peruvian naturalized citizens of this great nation. There must be a dialogue to take the needs, aspirations, and situations of dreamers and others that seek to find a better life here in America, whilst giving children born to American citizens an equal opportunity. You MUST support dialogue about police brutality on black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) and seek equality AND equity for all peoples that live in our great nation! We all deserve to live in peace, seeking and speaking TRUTH - regardless of who it might oppose or how it may affect you personally. We are pro-life, from conception to death, but understand that there are also circumstances that warrant conversation and understanding and that there is NO easy answer to these debates. There is so much more I'd like to communicate to you at this time, but I won't take any more of your valuable time!

Finally, my reason for writing to you today is regarding the recent events surrounding Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene. I have seen and heard EXACTLY how Ms. Greene has behaved and how she has spoken in the last 1+ year(s), the kinds of things she communicated to her potential constituents, and how she CONTINUES to express herself - with no true remorse or reflection! She won the vote to represent the people of her district in Georgia based on lies, conspiracy theories, and inciteful, hateful attacks. She is, in part, responsible for the actions of rioters and insurrectionists that stormed the Capitol building on 1/6/21! This kind of behavior and SHE have NO place within the walls of our democratic institutions. I am GREATLY disappointed that you did not vote for her removal from her committee assignments!!

I pray that you and the other representatives for my district and state, gain some perspective, reflect

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upon your own moral conscience, and begin to speak out and properly ACT OUT, so as to "walk the talk", not just "talk the talk"!! I am tired of watching Florida be an embarrassment to America and I hope and pray to see us rise up to be appropriately acknowledged and represented!

We are raising 2 God-fearing, level-minding, discerning, open-minded, and respectful young teenage girls that KNOW and LOVE the Gospel and Jesus' message to all - to love and serve HIM and ALL of his people, with words, actions, as the TRUE way of life!! They are watching and learning to advocate, research, learn, speak the truth, and effect change. They are our only hope at this point!!

Respectfully yours!
Karyn Colon
Frustrated and Disappointed Resident of the Senate District 20

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Subject: RE: Other (flsenate.gov)
Attachment(s): "Social Media Websites Press Release - Burgess - 2021.pdf"

Good morning Charles,

I thank you for reaching out to my office and respect any decision you feel you have to make regarding your political status. I have provided you with a press release that went out last week regarding a bill that I filed for this upcoming session.

Kindest regards,

Senator Danny Burgess
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From: fullenwider@gmail.com <fullenwider@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Burgess, Danny (Web) <Burgess.Danny.Web@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Other (flsenate.gov)

Preferred Response By: Email

Charles Fullenwider
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703 Old Darby St
Seffner, FL
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Receive updates via email: No

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Comment or Question:
I have changed my party affiliation and will encourage anyone to leave the Republican party due to the spineless lack of support for freedom of speech and failure to hold big tech, communist Democrats, antifa and other extreme communist left radical groups accountable.
And, I believe they never will be held accountable.

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Contact: Meagan Hebel
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From: Simon, Kimberly
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:49 AM EST
To: bennetd_uid0@yahoo.com <bennetd_uid0@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Other (flsenate.gov)
Attachment(s): "Social Media Websites Press Release - Burgess - 2021.pdf"

Good morning Denise,

Thank you for reaching out to our office regarding the "Big Tech". I have attached for you a press release that went out last week of a bill that Senator Burgess filed regarding this very issue. Senator Burgess filed this for all Floridians who are being censored in social media. Please keep watch this session to see how it is received in the Chamber.

Kindest regards,

Kimberly Simon
Senior Executive Legislative Aide to
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To: Burgess, Danny (Web) <Burgess.Danny.Web@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Other (flsenate.gov)

Preferred Response By: Email

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Tampa, FL 33647
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8054449603

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Comment or Question:
Dear Senator Burgess,

I am outraged by the recent events and abuse of power from our Federal Government as well as Big Tech censorship of American and Floridian liberties. This was more than free speech issues although that was among the most prominent, in some cases these were threats against people's livelihoods, their ability to peruse happiness. Action needs to be taken to set precedence that Florida will not tolerate this kind of abuse against its citizens, and other competing companies. These companies include Amazon, Google, Facebook, Twitter, Verizon, Shopify, Youtube, and AT&T although it is possible there are more.

I was impacted by their actions and my free speech was censored.
There is also a concerted effort to collect lists of people who have been identified as individuals who supported their political opponent. Their proposals include threats against civil liberties, the ability to obtain a job, bank account, lines of credit, and more.

We need to act now to put protections in place so our state can remain a beacon of freedom.

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From: Brown, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2020 2:34 PM EST
To: Ashley Bauman <Ashley.Bauman@tampagov.net>
Subject: RE: Partial Lane Closures on West Spruce Street and North Lois Avenue begin November 5 for Utility Maintenance Work

Ashley,

When you have a moment, please remove me from your email list. Have a great day!

Thank you,

Natalie Brown
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From: Ashley Bauman <Ashley.Bauman@tampagov.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 5, 2020 11:29 AM
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Subject: Partial Lane Closures on West Spruce Street and North Lois Avenue begin November 5 for Utility Maintenance Work

Transportation Advisory

For additional information, please contact:
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Tampa, FL (November 5, 2020) – Starting November 5th at 9 p.m., there will be temporary lane closures and turn restrictions on West Spruce Street and North Lois Avenue while a department contractor vacuum excavates and tests the thickness of a wastewater force mainline pipe in the area. This scheduled maintenance will impact the following areas:

- Partial closure of the left lane on North Lois Avenue between W Spruce Street and West Union Street.
- Left turns will be restricted from North Lois Avenue onto West Spruce Street.
- Motorists traveling east on West Spruce Street will be restricted at North Lois Avenue.
- Partial closure of the right lane on West Spruce Street at the intersection of North Lois Avenue.
- Right turns will be restricted from North Lois Avenue onto West Spruce Street.

These restrictions will remain in place until 4 a.m. on November 6th. The contractor will return at 9 p.m. on November 6th to complete the inspection. These partial lane closures and turn restrictions will again be in place. The streets will reopen to normal traffic patterns by 4 a.m. on November 7, 2020, weather permitting.

A high-resolution map of the work area and closures is embedded below. The City of Tampa recommends that motorists use alternative routes to avoid traffic congestion. See all road closures at www.tampagov.net/RoadClosures

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From: Hebel, Meagan
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 2:08 PM EST
To: Knudson, James <Knudson.James@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: PIP Talking Points

Hi James,

Sen. Burgess wants more clarification on the bad faith component. Some talking points about what was changed and why this is better, etc.

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel

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Subject: PIP Talking Points

Any discussion of the rate impact of HB 54 cannot be divorced from the fact that Florida's mandatory automobile insurance requirements under the Motor Vehicle No-Fault law are unfair and inadequate.

- The law is unfair because it does not require at-fault drivers to maintain insurance to pay for the injuries they cause other people.
- The law is inadequate because $10,000 in PIP coverage is insufficient coverage in an ever increasing number of auto accidents.
- 48 other states require BI coverage. Even among states that require PIP, every state except Florida also requires BI coverage.
- Florida is the only state where the required insurance to cover bodily injuries, whether it is BI or PIP, is as low as $10,000. Bodily injury coverage with limits of at least 25/50 is required in 40 of 50 states.
- It is necessary and good public policy that Florida increase the minimum limit drivers must carry for coverage of bodily injuries suffered in auto accidents.

This change will, on average, put downward pressure on rates.

- The majority of Floridians who currently purchase auto insurance with BI coverage of 25/50 or more will benefit from PIP repeal and the bad faith reforms in the bill. Those policyholders will not be required to purchase more insurance and can choose to not purchase MedPay. Those drivers will be able to drop PIP coverage they do not need and thus would pay less for insurance.
- In late 2016 the Office of Insurance Regulation commissioned an actuarial study on the impact of repealing PIP and mandating BI. That report estimated that the statewide average premium for total coverage (BI, PD, UM, MedPay, Collision, Comprehensive) would drop 5.6% if PIP were repealed and replaced with a mandate to purchase BI at 25/50 limits.
    - Even if MedPay of $5,000 were mandated, which this bill does not do, the report estimated the average premium would only go up 0.3%. The bill does not mandate MedPay.
- The OIR report did not contemplate a BI mandate that also contains bad faith reform long requested by the insurance industry that provides a safe-harbor if the insurer agrees to settle. The bad faith reforms in the bill will create additional savings.
- Repealing PIP will benefit policyholders in cities where PIP coverage is the most expensive.

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- The 2016 OIR report estimated the average premium for total coverage in Miami-Dade would drop 15.5% if PIP were repealed and replaced with a BI mandate of 25/50.

- While the will should put downward pressure on rates, some policyholders will pay more for their auto insurance. Drivers that now do not purchase any PIP coverage may well pay more for their coverage, which is unfortunately necessary to require that drivers have adequate insurance.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 12:19 PM EST
To: Matt Floyd <mfloyd@tampaport.com>
Subject: RE: Port Tampa Bay Tour

Perfect, thank you!

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From: Simon, Kimberly on behalf of Burgess, Danny (Web)
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:49 PM EST
To: rparkerr555@yahoo.com <rparkerr555@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Public Safety (flsenate.gov)

Thank you for contacting me to share your thoughts and express your concerns. Constituent input is invaluable to our legislative decision making, and I truly appreciate the time you took to reach out to me.

Due to the large volume of email my office receives, it is not always possible to respond personally and timely to each individual. If you are a resident of Senate District 20 and need individual assistance with a state issue, program, or agency, please contact me by calling (813) 779-7059. Additionally, you may send a letter to my District Office at 38507 - 5th Avenue, Zephyrhills, Florida 33547. We will gather information necessary for us to determine how we may best assist you.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I appreciate the trust and confidence the citizens of Senate District 20 have placed in me as their elected Representative.

Sincerely,

Danny Burgess
State Senator
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Subject: Public Safety (flsenate.gov)

Preferred Response By: Email

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Comment or Question:
I am writing about a proposed gun bill, Bill 370.
It is a political bill and has nothing in it that reflects crime or gun use in Florida or the United States for that matter. Criminals rarely use "assault weapons". Actually, by definition, an assault weapon is a rifle that fires in different modes including fully automatic which are severely restricted by Federal Law, but "Assault Weapon" sounds scarier than a "semiautomatic rifle" so this term is used.
Some actual facts for you: According to the FBI's UCR report from 2014-2018 there were 48,549 gun crimes in the US. Hand guns accounted for 31,934 crimes/Deaths while all long guns were 1,437 (semiautomatic rifles were not separated out from other long guns). That is a percentage of just UNDER 3%! In fact in another FBI report in 2018, knives killed 5X's the number of people than guns!
So there are no facts that would support this draconian bill. Yes, I know about the Pulse and Sandy Hook massacres but before we impinge on our Second Amendment rights, which is the only right that says "shall not be infringed", we need to step back and deal with the reality rather than emotionally or simply because it is a political party's wish to make their supporters happy.
The reality is this. These restrictions will not stop shootings or mass shootings. States and cities with the toughest fire arms laws are still the same places with the highest crime and firearm death rates. When California passed their ban on large capacity magazines nobody in the L. A. Bloods said: Hey we're going to F up that party but remember don't use anything except those 10 round magazines! We don't want to get caught doing THAT!" The law changed nothing for the criminals.
The only affect these laws have is to make people that are already law abiding citizens criminals. A mistake, like forgetting there is a 30 round magazine in the bottom of your Range Bag can destroy a good person's life. That is all that will happen.
An actual solution, instead of a political one, is much more complex than simply passing a bill that hurts your constitutes with a law that has no basis in reality and as we've seen over and over does absolutely nothing to stop crime. Please note the INCREASE in crime in New York City despite the massive gun laws on their books.
Let's be honest. The bulk of these shootings are in urban/poor areas. We don't want to be called a racist, especially politicians, so we avoid that fact, just like the black community does. When Mr. Floyd was murdered it set off a year long series of protests, riots, fires and deaths. On this same extended weekend I checked 5 cities newspapers: Atlanta, Oakland, Minneapolis, Chicago and New York. In just those 5 cities there were over 50 people shot. 14 were killed including a beautiful elementary aged girl. Did you hear about that? Of course not. There are "Sandy Hooks" all the time, especially during the summer and they are almost always done with hand guns! Why hand guns? They are cheaper, easier to

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hide so they are very disposable.
The problem is poverty. While Democrats may pass a law like this and walk around patting themselves on the back, in the real world, in these areas, nothing has or will change. NOTHING. As long as we ignore the roots and causes of this cancer it will not stop. Period. We need to do things to bring jobs and therefore hope, to these areas.
Here's a suggestion. We give companies tax breaks or other incentives BUT we require them to hire X% of the workplace's workers to be from within 30 miles or whatever. When they say they can't find trained people for X job we provide free training or have the company train the people from their pool of applicants. This will create jobs and give the people a trade for life if they choose.
I love music. Go to YouTube and listen to Elvis's "In the Ghetto" or the words of Louis Armstrong before he sings 'Wonder World". THAT is how old this problem has been around and been ignored. Fix that Senator.

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From: Brown, Natalie
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 11:00 AM EST
To: Betta, Katherine <BETTA.KATHERINE@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: reaction

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From: Katie Betta <kgb@billgalvano.com>
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Sure thing. Have a great day – hopefully more calm than yesterday!

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Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:09 PM
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Re: Senator Danny Burgess files landmark legislation regarding social media websites

Meagan
For some reason, my computer system won't open the attachment. Can you send the letter as a text, or cut and paste?
thanks,
Bill Cotterell
USA Today-Florida network
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From: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
To: Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Sat, Jan 9, 2021 11:03 am
Subject: Senator Danny Burgess files landmark legislation regarding social media websites

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Meagan Hebel

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By Senator Burgess

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to social media websites; creating s. 364.401, F.S.; defining the term "social media website"; requiring social media websites to provide individual and business users of the site with notice within a specified timeframe that the website has suspended or disabled the user's account; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 364.401, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

364.401 Notice for suspending or disabling social media website accounts.—

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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Contact: Meagan Hebel
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From: Brown, Natalie
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 12:46 PM EDT
To: Roberts, Dawn <Roberts.Dawn@flsenate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sheriff Question

Interesting! I will certainly pass this along. Thank you so much for finding these for us J

Have a great day,

Natalie

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Subject: Re: The Burgess Bulletin: Live from Tallahassee

Mr. Burgess,

Thank you for the email.
This is why I did not vote for you! This bill is authoritarian and overreaching; much like trump and his stooge dessantis. The state should not have the right to interfere with the law enforcement budget of a municipality. This is nothing more than a knee-jerk reaction to the term "defund the police" which, in my interpretation, means rearranging budgets to provide more services like mental health response within law enforcement, not necessarily reducing them. However, if a municipality arrives at a lower law enforcement budget via bargaining or some other means then so be it. The citizens of the municipality have recourse and their votes to voice their concerns.

The term "specific circumstances" is used many times. This is an open ended term inviting abuse at the highest levels. No bail for unlawful assembly is heavy-handed. Unlawful assembly is not the same as a riot and should be separate in punishment. Unlawful assembly could simply be where a group meeting at the wrong street.

On Tue, Jan 12, 2021 at 9:19 AM Danny Burgess <burgess.danny@flsenate.gov> wrote:

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Over the next few months, I will be sending regular newsletters to update you about what's happening in Tallahassee.

In this inaugural newsletter, I provide a brief overview of the upcoming week and discuss a few of the bills I've filed so far.

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Forward March,

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SB 494: Administration of Vaccines

On Friday I filed legislation to improve access to vaccinations for Floridians. **SB 494: Administration of Vaccines** would amend Florida State Statutes to allow pharmacists who meet certain requirements to administer vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to adults.

This legislation will increase the number of vaccination sites by allowing licensed and approved pharmacists to vaccinate the public at their local pharmacy.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder

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We are a nation of law and order, not violence, destruction, and unrest. We respect the right to peacefully protest, but the shameful conduct we witnessed at the United States Capitol and episodes of violent civil unrest that we have witnessed over the last several months have no place in our country.

Last week I filed **SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder.** SB 484 makes it clear that here in Florida criminals who seek to thwart peaceful protests by willfully inciting violence, attacking law enforcement, and destroying public or private property will be held accountable.

Read the statements from Governor Ron DeSantis, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senate President Wilton Simpson, and Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin HERE.

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The Week Ahead

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Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees, and the Former Secretary of the Florida Agency on Health Care Administration, Mary Mayhew will be presenting to the committee.

You can watch the committee meeting safely from your office or from home on the Florida Channel here from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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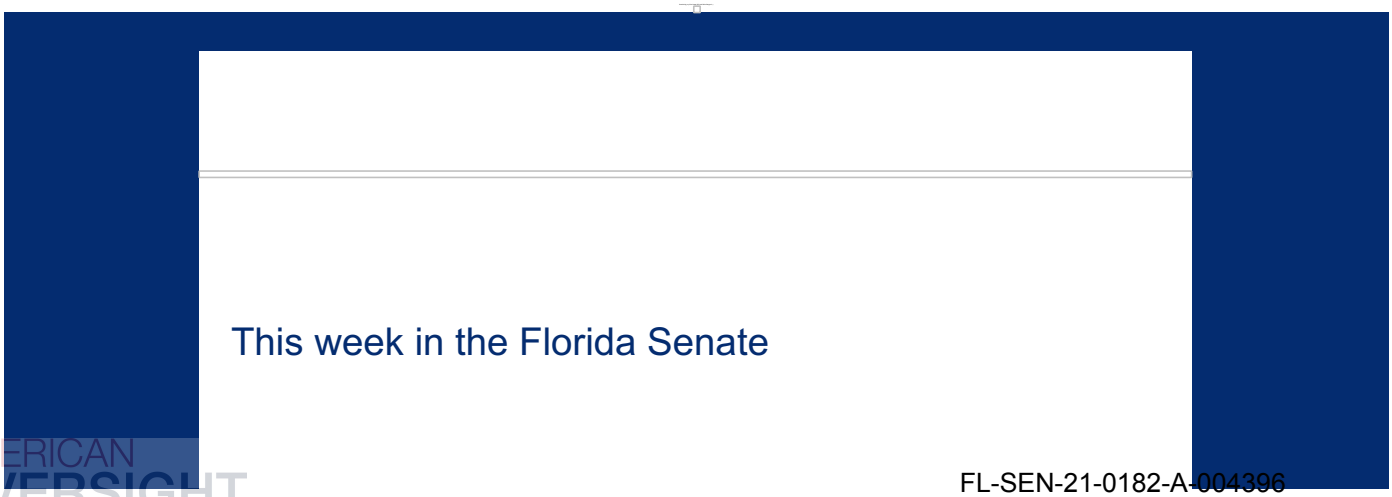

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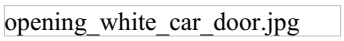

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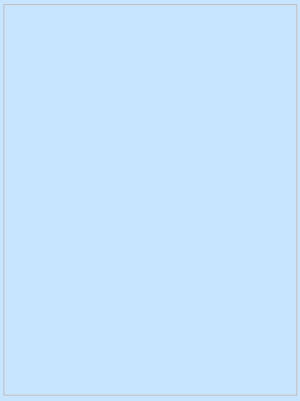

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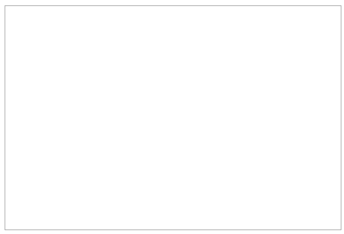

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And, if you ever need any help on issues/priorities in Tampa, happy to help the Senator (He knows that) . . . at your service, Kim

My cell is: 813-546-8125

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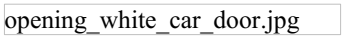

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And, if you ever need any help on issues/priorities in Tampa, happy to help the Senator (He knows that) . . . at your service, Kim

My cell is: 813-546-8125

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Thank you,

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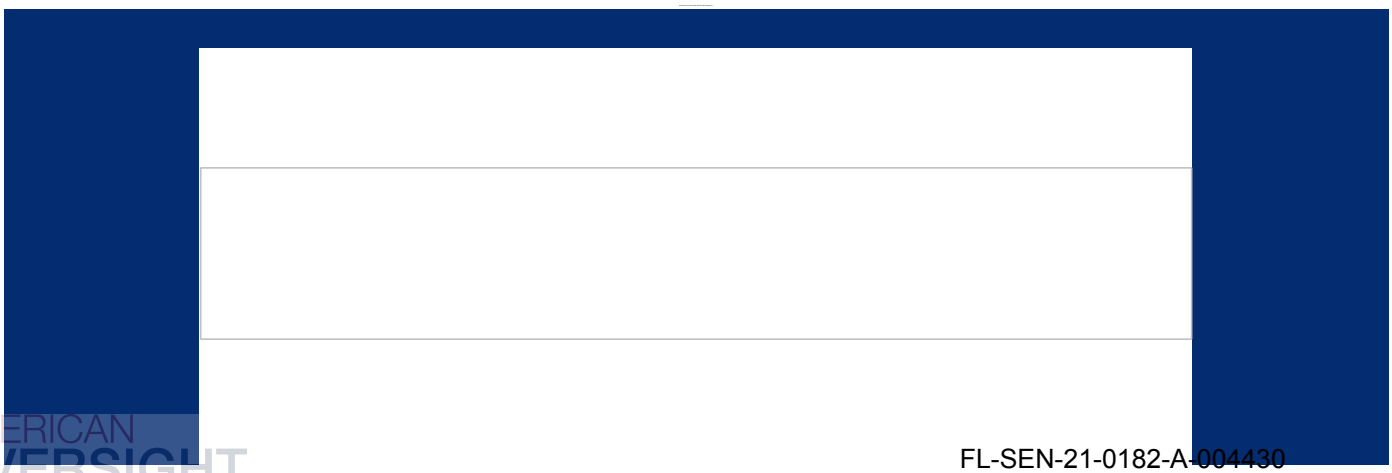

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To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Re: The state legislators need to STOP their attacks on HOME RULE
Attachment(s): "Home Rule Issue.docx"

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From: Susan <susaninflorida@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>; Bean, Aaron (Web) <BEAN.AARON.WEB@flsenate.gov>
Cc: Boylan, Michael <MBoylan@coj.net>; Bowman, Aaron <ABOWMAN@coj.net>; Hazouri, Thomas <THAZOURI@coj.net>; KCarrico@coj.net; Freeman, Terrance <TFreeman@coj.net>; Jackson, Brenda <BPJackson@coj.net>; Becton, Daniel <DBECTON@coj.net>; Ferraro, Albert <FERRARO@coj.net>; Dennis, Garrett <GARRETTD@coj.net>; Danford, Joyce <JOYCEMORGAN@coj.net>; Pittman, JuCoby <JPittman@coj.net>; Cumber, LeAnna <LCumber@coj.net>; Carlucci, Matthew <MCarlucci@coj.net>; DeFoor, Randle <RDeFoor@coj.net>; Diamond, Rory <RDiamond@coj.net>; Salem, Ronald <RSalem@coj.net>; White, Randy <RandyWhite@coj.net>; Newby, Samuel <SNEWBY@coj.net>; Gaffney, Reginald <rgaffney@coj.net>; news@wjct.org; 'WJXT 4 Newsroom <newstips@news4jax.com>; A. G. Gancarski G. Gancarski <a.g.gancarski@gmail.com>
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Please find the full press release attached (in email body below), and photos from today's Board of County Commissioners meeting.

If you have any questions please contact me via email or my mobile phone listed below.

Sincerely,

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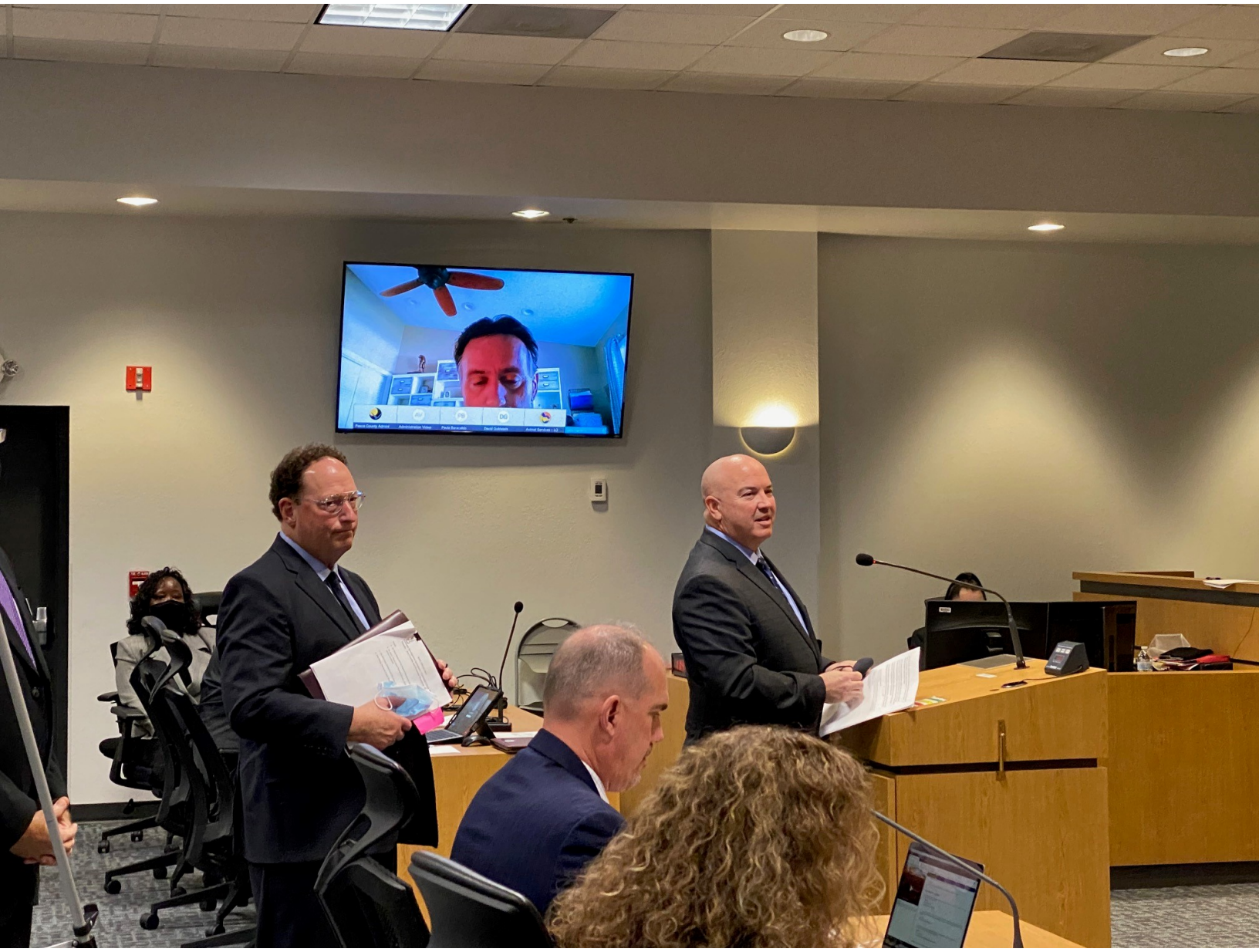

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From: Berman, Lori <Berman.Lori@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2021 1:50 PM EST
To: Senators and District Staff – All <SenateDistrictStaff-All@flsenate.gov>
Subject: SB 194: Crimes Evidencing Prejudice

Dear Senators,

Countering hate motivated violence such as the 2018 attack at a Tallahassee yoga studio is not a Democratic or Republican value, but an American value. To that end, I have introduced **Senate Bill 194: Crimes Evidencing Prejudice**, which would strengthen our state's hate crime laws.

Under current Florida law - §§ 775.085 and 775.083 - a hate crime cannot be charged if person is targeted for a criminal act because of physical disability, gender or gender identity. So, had the perpetrator of the Tallahassee yoga studio attack lived, he could not be charged with a gender-based hate crime under Florida law. Also, an individual who assaults a person because he or she is blind, paralyzed or transgender could not be charged with a hate crime.

Furthermore, the hate crime law does not cover "association with" or "mixed-motive" hate crimes. As a result, an individual cannot be charged with a hate crime where for example a person is victimized for being at a bar or restaurant with African American or Hispanic friends. And a person involved in fender-bender who assaults the other driver while yelling racial epithets and angry remarks about the accident at him or her, cannot not be charged with a hate crime.

SB 194 would fix these critical gaps in the hate crime law by (1) expanding its definition of disability to cover physical disabilities; (2) adding the categories of gender and gender identity; and (3) covering association with and mixed-motive hate crimes.

Florida's hate crime law is more than just a vehicle for increasing sentences by reclassifying charges for criminals who target victims based on race, religion, sexual orientation or other personal characteristics. It also provides a way for our State to recognize that these crimes strike special fear within victimized groups, fragment communities, and tear at the very fabric of our democratic way of life.

Every major police organization in the country has supported hate crime laws — because they understand the special impact of these crimes. The FBI has been collecting hate crime data from the 18,000 police agencies across the country since 1990. According to the latest FBI hate crimes data, 2019 set a 10-year high for hate crimes nationally.

While Florida's numbers dropped to 111 from 141 in 2018, these numbers, do not tell the whole story because Florida has an underreporting problem. In fact, New York and Texas, which have approximately the same population size as Florida, reported 611 and 456 hate crimes in 2019. Hate crimes in general are underreported. While the FBI's 2019 national figure of 7,120 hate crimes is a 10-year high, the U.S. Department of Justice estimates that nationally 250,000 non-fatal hate crimes occur annually. This issue is more pronounced in Florida. For 2019, the number of Florida law enforcement agencies reporting one or more hate crimes to the FBI was 50% lower than the national average. Only 51 out of 638 Florida agencies reported hate crimes. Florida's statutory exclusion of hate crimes committed because of physical disability, gender, gender identity, as well as "association with" or "mixed motive" hate crimes, most likely contributes to this underreporting.

We all understand that Americans are free to believe and say whatever they want. Hate crime laws, however, only punish criminal acts, such as aggravated assault or vandalism. Just as in any criminal case, hate crime laws require bias motive to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt with admissible evidence. Indeed, the Florida Supreme Court in 1994 upheld the State's current hate crime law against a First Amendment challenge.

It would be naïve to think that racism and bigotry can be legislated away, but a strong and inclusive hate crime law is essential to deterring and preventing these crimes. When hate crimes are committed, hate crime charges and condemnation by public officials can bring a measure of dignity and closure to victims, as well as the victims' communities.

All Floridians deserve the full protection of our State's hate crime law. The Florida Senate should come together to send a resounding message against bias-motivated crimes. I therefore urge you to co-sponsor **SB 194: Crimes Evidencing Prejudice.**

Sincerely,

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From: Heere, Robert <Heere.Robert@flsenate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 1:32 PM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: SB 40- Claim Bill Reginald Jackson
Attachment(s): "2017 Reginald Jackson Analysis.PDF"

Natalie,

Our bosses had a conversation earlier about the claim bill Rouson filed, SB 40. I wanted to also share with you the analysis from the previous time this bill was filed back in 2017. See attached Judiciary analysis.

Best,

Robbie

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THE FLORIDA SENATE

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DATE	COMM	ACTION
1/29/17	SM	Favorable
03/22/17	JU	**Fav/CS**
	CA	
	RC	

March 16, 2017

The Honorable Joe Negron
President, The Florida Senate
Suite 409, The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

Re: **CS/SB 298** – Judiciary Committee and Senator Darryl Rouson
HB 6517 – Representative Ramon Alexander
Relief of Reginald Jackson

SPECIAL MASTER'S FINAL REPORT

THIS IS A CONTESTED EXCESS JUDGMENT CLAIM FOR $312,500 BASED ON A JURY AWARD FOR THE CLAIMANT REGINALD JACKSON AND AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKELAND FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED BY THE CLAIMANT WHEN HE WAS SHOT IN THE NECK BY A LAKELAND POLICE OFFICER AFTER A TRAFFIC STOP.

CURRENT STATUS:

This claim bill was previously filed with the Legislature for the 2010 Legislative Session. At that time, it was heard by Bram D. E. Canter, an administrative law judge from the Division of Administrative Hearings, serving as a Senate Special Master. After the hearing, the judge issued a report containing findings of fact and conclusions of law and recommended that the bill be reported FAVORABLY. Judge Canter's special master report from SB 66 (2010), the latest report available, is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

Thomas C. Cibula
Senate Special Master

cc: Secretary of the Senate

CS by Judiciary:
The committee substitute, in conformity with a recent opinion of the Florida Supreme Court, does not include limits on the amount of lobbying fees, costs, and similar expenses that may be paid from the proceeds of the bill.

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DATE	COMM	ACTION
12/04/09	SM	Favorable

December 4, 2009

The Honorable Jeff Atwater
President, The Florida Senate
Suite 409, The Capitol
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Re: **SB 66 (2010)** – Senator Chris Smith
Relief of Reginald Jackson

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FINDINGS OF FACT:

On October 18, 2001, around midnight, Reginald Jackson, then 24 years old, was driving home on Memorial Boulevard in Lakeland after picking up his girlfriend's 18-month-old brother from a relative's house. Officer Michael Cochran of the Lakeland Police Department was behind Jackson in a marked patrol car. Officer Cochran entered Jackson's tag number in his computer which indicated that there was a discrepancy. Officer Cochran turned on his flashing lights and pulled Jackson over. Officer Cochran asked Jackson for his license and vehicle registration. When Jackson's registration looked in order, Officer Cochran returned to his patrol car and ran the tag number again. There was no problem with Jackson's vehicle tag. Officer Cochran realized that he had initially entered the wrong tag number.

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However, Officer Cochran had observed that Jackson had a child in the front passenger seat who was not in a child car seat. Officer Cochran proceeded to write Jackson a citation for transporting a child without a car seat. He told Jackson that Jackson could not drive home without a car seat and would have to get someone to bring a car seat for the child. Jackson asked Officer Cochran if he could follow the officer to Jackson's home, which was nearby, but Officer Cochran declined. Officer Cochran then drove away.

Jackson tried to use a pay phone close to where his car had been pulled over, but the phone was not working. Jackson saw another pay phone in the parking lot of a lounge a block away, so he got back into his car and drove to the lounge. Meanwhile, Officer Cochran had lingered nearby in an alleyway, apparently to observe Jackson because Officer Cochran suspected that Jackson would not obey the instruction not to drive anywhere unless the child was in a car seat. When Officer Cochran saw Jackson drive away, he immediately followed Jackson and pulled into the parking lot of the lounge with the intent to arrest Jackson.

Officer Cochran exited his patrol car and approached Jackson, who was at or near the pay phone, telling Jackson that he was under arrest. Jackson replied that he was just using the pay phone and he walked quickly to his car, got in, started it up, backed up a short distance, and then put the vehicle in "drive" with the intent to drive away. Jackson explained his reaction as caused by his being startled and confused. It was also asserted by his attorneys that, because Jackson is an African American and Officer Cochran is white, Jackson believed that Officer Cochran was acting out of racism. Jackson did not say that he feared he would be physically harmed by Officer Cochran.

Officer Cochran drew his handgun and positioned himself in front of Jackson's car, on the driver's side, with his body to the side of the front right tire and his left hand on the fender of the car. As Jackson slowly moved the car forward, Officer Cochran was yelling for Jackson to "stop or I'll shoot." Officer Cochran then shot through the windshield, striking Jackson in the neck. The bullet passed through Jackson's neck and came out of his back. The shot fired by Officer Cochran was reasonably calculated to kill Jackson. Jackson momentarily lost consciousness and his car continued forward and crossed

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all lanes of Memorial Boulevard. Jackson regained consciousness in time to apply the brakes and prevent the car from crashing into a storefront.

The written policies of the Lakeland Police Department regarding the use of firearms by police officers state that their use "shall be limited to those situations in which lethal defensive action is warranted," and firearms are not to be drawn or displayed unless there is a "reasonable suspicion of a threat of death or great bodily harm to an officer or another person."

Officer Cochran claimed that he feared for his life because he believed Jackson was attempting to run him over with the car. The more persuasive evidence indicates that, if Officer Cochran feared for his life, it was an unreasonable fear. The car was rolling forward slowly. The evidence is ambiguous as to whether Officer Cochran was positioned to the side of the car or slightly in front of the car. However, even if he was positioned slightly in front of the car, the more persuasive evidence indicates he could have side-stepped or dodged the car by moving to his right. His decision to end the "threat" by shooting to kill Jackson was not a reasonable act. Although Jackson's actions in returning to his car and beginning to drive away indicated that he was going to resist arrest and flee, his actions did not give rise to a reasonable belief that he intended to kill or cause serious bodily harm to Officer Cochran.

The gunshot wound left Jackson with a permanent brachial plexus injury which is an injury to nerves that control shoulder, arm, and hand movements. There is no surgery or treatment that can repair the damage. As a result of the injury, Jackson has intermittent pain, numbness, or tingling in his right arm and hand. His right arm is also weaker.

LITIGATION HISTORY:

Jackson filed a lawsuit in 2005 against the City in the circuit court for Polk County. Following a three-day trial, the jury determined that the City was 75 percent at fault and Jackson was 25 percent at fault. The jury verdict was $550,000. Applying the 75/25 split, the circuit court issued a final judgment against the City for $412,500. The City paid the sovereign immunity limit of $100,000, leaving a balance of $312,500 to seek through a claim bill.

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CLAIMANT'S POSITION: Officer Cochran was negligent in the use of his firearm and the jury award is fair and reasonable.

THE CITY'S POSITION: Officer Cochran's actions were reasonable under the circumstances. Jackson is solely responsible for his injury.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW: The claim bill hearing was a *de novo* proceeding for the purpose of determining, based on the evidence presented to the Special Master, whether the City is liable in negligence for the injuries suffered by Jackson and, if so, whether the amount of the claim is reasonable.

It was claimed that Officer Cochran violated Police Department policy when he first drew his firearm. However, because Jackson quickly returned to his car when he was told he was under arrest, Jackson created a reasonable suspicion in the mind of Officer Cochran that Jackson might be going to get a weapon. Therefore, Officer Cochran did not violate Police Department policy when he drew his firearm. Thereafter, however, it was apparent to Officer Cochran that Jackson had not returned to the car to get a weapon and that Jackson did not have a weapon. Officer Cochran was not justified in shooting Jackson for resisting and fleeing from an attempted arrest for transporting a child without a car seat. See Light v. State, 796 So. 2d 610 (Fla. 2d DCA 2001)(police officers had no authority to use deadly force to arrest a person who had committed only a misdemeanor).

To state a claim for negligence under Florida law, a plaintiff must allege that the defendant owed the plaintiff a duty of care, that the defendant breached the duty, and that the breach caused the plaintiff to suffer damages. Paterson v. Deeb, 472 So. 2d 1210, 1214 (Fla. 1985).

Although the decision to make an arrest is a discretionary governmental function which does not give rise to a duty of care that can be breached, the actions of law enforcement officers in conducting an arrest can create a duty to exercise reasonable care. See, generally, Wallace v. Dean, 3 So. 3d 1035 (Fla. 2009). In Lewis v. City of St. Petersburg, 260 F. 3d 1260 (11th Cir. 2001), it was held that when a police officer draws his or her firearm, the officer owes a duty to act with reasonable care to all persons that are within the zone of risk associated with the discharge of the firearm. The court stated that Florida law clearly recognizes a cause of action for the

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negligent handling of a firearm and the negligent decision to use a firearm.

In City of Miami v. Sanders, 672 So. 2d 46 (Fla. 3d DCA 1996), the appellate court reversed the trial court's judgment for the plaintiff for negligent use of excessive force by a police officer during an arrest, stating that "there is no such thing as a negligent commission of an intentional tort." The court stated that the proper action would be for the intentional tort of battery in which the analysis would focus on whether the force used was reasonable under the circumstances. The court went on to say that there can be a distinct cause of action for negligence brought against a police officer separate from the claim of excessive force, but "the negligence component must pertain to something other than the actual application of force during the course of the arrest." Id., at 48.

Ansley v. Heinrich, 925 F. 2d 1339 (11th Cir. 1991) involved several claims against two deputy sheriffs for shooting a man who was carrying a handgun, but had not been observed to have committed a crime. The appellate court did not address the negligence claim, but mentioned that the trial court entered a judgment against the Hillsborough County Sheriff for negligence. Mazzilli v. Doud, 485 So. 2d 477 (Fla. 3d DCA 1986) involved the review of a trial court's judgment against the City of Hialeah for assault and battery and negligence by a Hialeah police officer who shot a federal drug enforcement officer, believing that the federal officer was a felon. The appellate court found "ample evidence" to support the jury's conclusion that the police officer was negligent. These cases do not remove all doubt about the proper application of the law of negligence to a law enforcement officer's use of his or her firearm, but these cases along with the Jackson case make three known cases where a judgment of negligence was entered. Accordingly, my recommendation is based on the premise that negligence is a proper cause of action.

Jackson was within the zone of risk created when Officer Cochran drew his weapon and, therefore, Officer Cochran owed Jackson a duty to act with reasonable care. Officer Cochran did not act with reasonable care when he fired his weapon. Contributing to the finding that Officer Cochran did not act with reasonable care is the fact that the discharge of his firearm endangered the life of the child sitting next to Jackson. Officer Cochran breached his duty to Jackson and

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the breach was the proximate cause of Jackson's injuries. Officer Cochran was acting within the course and scope of his employment at the time of the incident. Therefore, the City, as his employer, is be liable for Officer Cochran's negligence and the damages that resulted.

The jury award is reasonable for the injuries that Jackson suffered.

ATTORNEY'S FEES AND LOBBYIST'S FEES: In compliance with s. 768.28(8), F.S. Jackson's attorneys agreed to limit their fees to 25 percent of any amount awarded by the Legislature. They have not acknowledged the requirement of the claim bill that costs and lobbyist's fees be included in the 25 percent figure.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: This is the first claim bill filed for Reginald Jackson.

RECOMMENDATION: For the reasons set forth above, I recommend that Senate Bill 66 (2010) be reported FAVORABLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Bram D. E. Canter
Senate Special Master

cc: Senator Chris Smith
R. Philip Twogood, Secretary of the Senate
Counsel of Record

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From: Paul Cox <president@iatselocal631.com>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 2:03 PM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
CC: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>; Hebel, Meagan <Hebel.Meagan@flsenate.gov>; Simon, Kimberly <Simon.Kimberly@flsenate.gov>
Subject: SB 484 / HB 1

Hon. Danny Burgess,

I am writing you today on behalf of the over 3,000 Floridians that IATSE Local 631 represents. We are a trade union that represents the hard working Floridians that work behind the scenes in Entertainment, on experiences that are uniquely Floridian products. Be that the trade show, convention, theme park, concerts, theatre, movie, or television industries. When we have disputes we always try to follow every law in whatever actions we take including when we peacefully protest.

I have now read all of HB1, and while I like the anti-doxing provisions, I have serious concerns about the rest of SB 484/HB1, and the impact that it could have if outside agitators commit crimes, or if one impassioned person crosses the line. Under what I have read in HB1 those actions could create legal jeopardy for those that have done nothing other than raise their voice peacefully, because it could declared an unlawful assembly.

This could create an issue were someone doing nothing more that marching, or holding a sign could be arrested and held without bail because of “no release until first appearance” holding them longer than what is currently required by law. Under this bill, anyone peacefully protesting should be ready to spend a few day in jail before being able to bail out, even if they are swept up for not doing anything wrong. This approach would lead to Dr. King being arrested for marching in a Selma like march if it happened today. It would lead to Caesar Chaves being held without bail for speaking up for farm workers. It would lead to myself being arrested for peaceful protesting, to help 48,000 Disney World Workers a living wage just a few years ago. (There was a protest where we were accused of blocking traffic, even as most protesters crossed with the lights in the cross walks)

And that is before we allow counter-protester to escape civil liability for injuring or even killing protestor with their car, or a gun, or any other means. This is just a few of the concerns I have with the dangerous bill, but is not a full accounting, but in respect for your, and your staffs time I will keep this brief.

This is a bad Bill, this is a bad law, and will hurt Floridians. This is not about looting or rioting, this bill looks like, to this worker’s rights advocate, as an attempt to scare Floridians into shutting up and being quiet. I hope that is not the goal of this bill, but that is how this reads to me and many others.

In Solidarity,

Paul Cox
President
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From: Hebel, Meagan
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:52 PM EST
To: Pizzo, Jason <Pizzo.Jason@flsenate.gov>
CC: Jones, Lauren <JONES.LAUREN@flsenate.gov>
Subject: SB 484 Committee Agenda Request
Attachment(s): "SB 484 Criminal Justice Committee Agenda Request.pdf"

Chair Pizzo,

Senator Burgess respectfully requests SB 484 to be placed on the next Criminal Justice Committee agenda. Thank you for your consideration.

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel
Legislative Aide to Senator Danny Burgess
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The Florida Senate

Committee Agenda Request

To: Senator Jason Pizzo, Chair
Committee on Criminal Justice

Subject: Committee Agenda Request

Date: January 27, 2021

I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #484**, relating to Combating Public Disorder, be placed on the:

☐ committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.

☒ next committee agenda.

Senator Danny Burgess
Florida Senate, District 20

File signed original with committee office

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From: Hebel, Meagan
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 2:08 PM EST
To: akela.lacy@theintercept.com <akela.lacy@theintercept.com>
Subject: SB 484

Hi Akela,

I have linked the Senator's press release regarding this bill:https://flsenate.gov/Media/PressReleases/Show/3876

Thanks!

Warm regards,

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From: Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 9:22 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: SB 484

Senator---love your bill. I fully support the bill and have some ideas to make it stronger. Below are some initial thoughts:

-After the bill becomes law it will almost certainly get challenged in Court. For that reason--you should add a **severability clause**.

-Would love to see a **citizen standing** provision---for citizens of the state and members of historical preservation organizations. Right now ANTIFA will damage or tear down a monument and no one does anything about it. When the historical preservation groups try to file suit---it is always dismissed for lack of standing.
Here's some language to consider:

A public entity owning a monument, any resident of this state, or an entity whose purpose is historic preservation, shall have standing to seek enforcement of this Act through civil action in the circuit court in the county in which a memorial which has been damaged, defaced, destroyed or removed is located.
If the State of Florida or a political subdivision of the state accepts, or has accepted, the donation of a memorial the donor of the monument, and any organization of the state organized for the purpose of historic preservation, shall have a continuing interest in the monument and shall have standing to bring a cause of action to protect and preserve the donated monument.
Waiver of Sovereign Immunity-Notwithstanding the provisions of s.768.28 sovereign immunity is waived by the state and its subdivisions for purposes of permitting a victim of a crime resulting from a violent or disorderly assembly to file an action for damages against any subdivision of the state when that subdivision was grossly negligent in failing to protect persons and property from harm.

-It would be great if the **Secretary of State had the ability to pull back funding or remove a historic district designation** if a local government removes historic monuments. Here's some possible language:

Florida Statute 265.705 is amended to read:
Section 7. A. State policy relative to historical properties.—The rich and unique heritage of historical properties in this state, representing more than 10,000 years of human presence, is an important legacy to be valued and conserved for present and future generations. The destruction of these nonrenewable historical resources will engender a significant loss to the state's quality of life, economy, and cultural environment. It is therefore declared to be state policy to provide leadership in the preservation of the state's historical resources and to administer state-owned or state-controlled historical resources in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship, and accordingly the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to take such action necessary or appropriate to protect
and preserve the historical resources of the state, including but not limited to criminal referrals to the Attorney General of Florida
B. The Secretary of State shall have authority to de-certifiy a Historic District in the State of Florida when a historic resource is removed from a Historic District and make reduce or eliminate funding to any historic district in the state that has removed any historic resource that served as the basis for the creation of the Historic District.
C. The Secretary of State shall have standing to pursue any legal action necessary to protect and preserve historic property or historic resources in this state as defined in s. 265.7025 (4).

-How about appointing a **Domestic Terrorism Task Force**. It would provide an opportunity to really dive into the tactics being used by Anitifa and others to intimidate local elected officials and coerce them into removing historical monuments. You could have hearings across the state all summer and really bring to light some of the tactics used by ANTIFA and other extreme leftists groups (I have some pictures). One thing they do is to arrive in a large group to protest a monument---and threaten to keep coming back every week--forcing a local government to spend money they don't have on additional security.

-On line 441 you may want to consider removing the phrase "without consent of the owner thereof"....it is often difficult to determine who actually owns some of the historical monuments.

-You may want to look at Chapter 876 "Criminal Anarchy, Treason, and Other Crimes Against Public Order"....there are a number of provisions that could easily be amended to add some teeth to the bill.

Please consider me a resource and sounding board. This is an important piece of legislation and I would like to

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help you get it across the finish line.

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Subject: SB 494 follow-up

Hi Natalie! Hope you are doing well and had a good weekend and safe trip up to TLH. I have reached out to Sen. Burgess today, but while he was in committee. Wanted to get this to you quickly in light that the bill has been placed on the agenda for next week.

I know I mentioned late last week that I had some proposed language that would fit in SB 494 since there has not been a successful vehicle in the last many years and this is not something that necessitates a standalone piece of legislation. The language we would want to include would just add on to the end of where the current bill drops off and would be as simple as the below:

Insert the following between lines 42 and 43:

(2) In order to address any unforeseen allergic reaction, a pharmacist may administer an appropriate weight-based dosage of epinephrine using an autoinjector delivery system within the framework of an established protocol under a supervising physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

This would just address the problem that sometimes there is too much epinephrine utilized for infants, toddlers and small children and ensure that the appropriate weight-based dosage would be provided. This is even more important given the instances of anaphylaxis following COVID-19 vaccines.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Best,

Greg

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Attached!

Let me know if you need anything!

The Senator would like to go through with the interview.

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel

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Let me be clear:

One of the most important things to me as a State Senator is listening and advocating on behalf of my constituents in Tallahassee. Over the last several months there have been a countless amount of individuals who have reached out to my office with concerns over their Facebook and Twitter accounts. Many of them have been banned without notice and are not able to get ahold of anyone at Facebook or Twitter to resolve their issues. My office attempted, on their behalf, to get to the bottom of their claims but were unsuccessful. These social media companies are monopolies, holding onto millions and millions of American's intellectual property free of charge. They also seem to be selectively enforcing their Terms of Service agreements by moderating certain content and not others. As the bill stands now, we would only be requiring these companies to provide notification to the user as to why they were banned. My intent with this bill is to add components of enforcement, limitations on censorship, and a pathway for users who were wrongly suspended or banned to gain access to their account again. I did not include these ideas in the first draft because I wholeheartedly believe in the committee process and would like all of my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to have a say in this matter.

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Senator Danny Burgess moves to protect Floridians' First Amendment Rights

Tallahassee, FL - Yesterday's events regarding Twitter's decision to permanently ban the President of the United States and Apple threatening to remove the conservative-leaning application known as Parler, has prompted Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills) to file landmark legislation to protect Floridians from this dangerous precedent.

The First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law…prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech…" "It seems to me that the government explicitly has granted Facebook, Twitter, and others immunity under federal law. As publishers of third-party content, they should not be allowed to discriminate based on content and ban individuals just because they do not agree with their viewpoint." says Senator Burgess.

This bill, as it stands, would require social media websites to provide electronic notice to a user who has been disabled or suspended, within 30 days, and explain why this user was punished. Senator Burgess fully intends to amend this legislation to include social media censorship and rely on the committee process to evaluate its merits.

"I just filed the Combating Public Disorder bill that creates a criminal offense for individuals who cyber intimidate others online. This bill goes a step further by signaling to social media websites that regardless of a person's background, political history, religion, race, gender, or any other identifying measure, Twitter and Facebook cannot be the sole judge, jury, and executioner on American's First Amendment rights. For better or for worse, social media has become a major part of our everyday life and society. These unilateral actions set a terrifying precedent that must be addressed appropriately. " says Senator Burgess.

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Subject: SB 54 - Motor Vehicle Insurance

Dear Senator Burgess,

I wanted to circle back with you to discuss SB 54 – Motor Vehicle Insurance. We have discussed this legislation in the past and some of the concerns that the Florida Orthopaedic Society has with eliminating PIP without providing patients with clarity over what insurance coverage will cover any harm they may do to themselves and unambiguous language that will make it clear that health insurance will become the primary payer of care rendered in the event of an automobile accident.

Our specific concerns with the current bill are as follows:

1. We understand the argument that for drivers that have both health insurance and PIP, they are carrying duplicative coverage. But we also understand there are a significant number of Floridians that are uninsured because their employers do not offer them coverage and they are priced out of the health insurance market. The massive loss of jobs due to COVID has made this situation even worse. For those uninsured, the Florida no-fault coverage is their only health insurance coverage. Though the bill has a mandatory "offering" of med pay, we would encourage mandatory election of such coverage for those drivers that cannot provide proof of health insurance coverage when purchasing their auto policy. This would create a small risk pool of uninsured patients that are required to pay into Med Pay Coverage which should have a positive impact on rates with more people paying into that pool, rather than just relying on those that voluntarily choose to purchase the additional med pay. We support a strict definition of what is covered in that mandatory Med Pay coverage to be limited to only Emergency Care as defined in the Statutes. We strongly believe there will be a significant impact on emergency physicians and uninsured Floridians if there is no mandated coverage to pay for emergency care if the motorist cannot provide prove of health insurance.
2. It is current practice for health insurance carriers to deny claims that are related to automobile accidents. That is why our members routinely have to ask if an injury the patient has sustained is related to an auto accident or workers compensation. When other insurance products may be responsible, the health insurance carriers currently deny the claim. We would strongly encourage you to include clear language that establishes that health insurance is the primary payer for auto injuries and provides a process for coordination of benefits after the fact with an Auto Insurance Carrier that is ultimately found responsible for the claim. This will ensure timely access to care and treatment for injured motorists and a process for the health insurance carrier to be made whole for the payment of any treatment that was the responsibility of the auto carrier.
3. Finally, with more patients needing to utilize their health insurance to receive treatment for auto accidents in emergency rooms and outside of their usual primary care and specialist networks, physicians and insurance carriers will need a venue to address any out-of-network payment disputes that will arise. It would help to make it clear that any payment dispute between the health insurer, auto carrier, and physician, the appropriate venue for resolution is the Provider and Health Plan Dispute Resolution Program currently in statute and housed at AHCA. That dispute resolution process was last reviewed when the state addressed Surprise Medical Billing. We believe the need to use that process will increase as health insurance becomes primary for more auto related care. We do need to fix that Dispute Resolution Process to include mandatory participation from the insurance carriers as well as currently their participation is optional and we have seen many refuse to participate.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide these three concerns that we have with the current legislative proposal. We hope to work with you on your legislation as it moves through the process so we achieve clarity for all stakeholders and make sure patients are able to access care in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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Senators,

Attached is a bill summary for Senate Bill 484: Combating Public Disorder by Senator Danny Burgess Please do not hesitate to utilize this document as your office addresses constituent concerns and ideas. Our office is available to assist you should you have any questions.

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Senate Bill 484: Combating Public Disorder
by Senator Danny Burgess

Bill Summary:

- Codifies current offense of rioting and creates new offenses of aggravated rioting and aggravated inciting or encouraging a riot.

- Creates a minimum mandatory sentence of six months in jail for a person convicted of battery of a law enforcement officer in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.

- Creates offense of doxing that will make it a 1st degree misdemeanor to electronically publish another's personal identification information with the intent the information will be used to threaten, intimidate, harass, or place a person in fear of death or great bodily harm.

- Creates offense of mob intimidation for an assembly of three or more persons acting together to compel another person by force, or threat of force, to do any act or assume or abandon a particular viewpoint.

- Creates a cause of action and waives sovereign immunity to allow a victim of a crime resulting from a riot to sue a municipality for damages – if, the municipality obstructed or interfered with law enforcement's ability to provide police protection during a riot or unlawful assembly.

- Enhances penalties for defacing a memorial and creates offense of destroying a memorial. Also, requires mandatory restitution for the full cost of repair or replacement of the memorial.

- Reclassifies the misdemeanor or felony degree of the offenses of assault, battery, theft and burglary offenses when committed in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.

- Requires a person to be held in jail until appearing before a court for a first appearance when the individual is arrested for certain rioting offenses.

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- Increases the ranking in the offense severity ranking chart for specified crimes committed in furtherance of a riot. The offenses include aggravated assault or battery, assault or battery on a law enforcement officer, removing a tomb or monument or disturbing a grave, and specified thefts or burglaries.

- Provides a process for objecting to a reduction in a police budget and will allow the Governor and Cabinet to overturn a reduction upon a finding that public safety would be compromised.

- Corrects constitutional infirmities in current law to permit law enforcement to prohibit obstructing streets, highways, and roads and creates a defense to civil liability for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage arising from injury or damage sustained by a person participating in a riot or unlawful assembly.

- This is companion legislation to House Bill 1.

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Senators,

On Tuesday, January 26, the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance will consider Senate Bill 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance by Senator Danny Burgess. Please see the attached talking points and bill summary for Senate Bill 54, created by the Senate Majority Office. Our office is available to assist you should you have any questions.

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Senate Bill 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance

by Senator Danny Burgess

Repealing PIP, requiring BI coverage, and creating a new framework for bad faith actions

Talking Points:

- Senate Bill 54 transforms ineffective and outdated insurance practices to result in a more stable insurance market and better outcomes for all insured Floridians.
- Florida is one of only two states that does not currently require drivers to carry liability coverage that immediately kicks in if they cause bodily injury or death.
- This legislation repeals Florida's No-Fault Law and instead enacts a bodily injury liability system, providing fairness to insured drivers and placing liability on the at-fault party in an accident.
- Florida's No-Fault Law, which requires Personal Injury Protection (PIP), has failed to substantially reduce litigation.
- For everyone's protection, drivers must be insured at sufficient levels. The repeal of PIP will allow Floridians to purchase better coverage.
- Enacting Senate Bill 54 will ensure more significant bodily injury liability coverage for Floridians and require insurance companies to offer first party medical coverage (MedPay) of $5,000 or $10,000 to all drivers.
- Senate Bill 54 also reforms bad faith actions in order to reduce litigation by providing a set of standards that will govern conduct of both parties during the claims handling process.
- This legislation creates a framework to improve the claims handling process and lead to more favorable conclusions for both the insured and insurance company.
- Allowing insurers to conduct settlement negotiations that are more in line with insurer's evaluation of the claim can lead to less overall costs.
- Senate Bill 54 aims to lower the number of uninsured and underinsured drivers and provide a greater safety net in the event of an accident.

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Bill Summary:

Repeal Personal Injury Protection (PIP) and Mandate Bodily Injury (BI) Coverage

- Repeals the Florida's No-Fault Law, which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain PIP coverage.
- Enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:
    - For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and;
    - Subject to that limit for one person, $50,000 for BI or death of two or more people in any one crash.
    - Retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.
    - Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
    - Eliminates limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Mandate the Offer of Medical Payments Coverage (MedPay)

- Requires insurers to offer MedPay with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured.
    - Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000.
    - Insurers may offer deductibles of up to $500.
- Requires insurers to reserve $5,000 of MedPay to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.

Create a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Claims

- Creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance.
- Requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.

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- Establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:
    - Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
    - State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
    - Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
    - Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed their policy limit.
    - Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
    - Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of demand and ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.
- Allows the third-party bad faith claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a 2-hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets.
- The claimant may withdraw the settlement demand after the EUO.
- If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, they may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.
- Provides a safe harbor to the insurer in third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., providing that an insurer is not liable for bad faith if it tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a settlement demand.
- Requires the trier of fact to consider certain actions of the insurer such as compliance with best practices.
- Prohibits punitive damages in a bad faith failure to settle action.

<u>Allow Named Driver Exclusions</u>

- Authorizes the exclusion of a specifically named individual from specified insurance coverages under a private passenger motor vehicle policy, with the written consent of the policyholder.

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Senator Burgess Files Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law
SB 54 Repeals PIP, Requires BI Coverage, Creates New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions

Tallahassee–State Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills) today filed Senate Bill 54, Motor Vehicle Insurance. The legislation repeals Florida's current Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, which requires drivers to carry personal injury protection coverage, instead requiring that drivers carry bodily injury liability coverage. The bill also creates a new framework to govern motor vehicle insurance claims for bad faith failure to settle.

"Florida is one of only two states in the country that does not currently require drivers to carry liability coverage that would immediately kick in if they cause the bodily injury or death of another person while operating a motor vehicle," said Senate President Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby). "PIP coverage is outdated and doesn't protect consumers. It's the right time for Florida to move to mandatory coverage for bodily injury liability."

"Replacing our no-fault system with a bodily injury liability system more appropriately places liability where it should be – with the party that caused the accident," said Senator Burgess. "Additionally, the bill creates a new framework for handling bad faith litigation that provides a clear set of standards to govern the conduct of both parties in the claims handling process, which we believe will lead to better outcomes for both insured Floridians and their insurance companies."

Repeals No-Fault, Requires Bodily Injury Liability Coverage
SB 54 repeals the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law (No-Fault Law), which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. The bill enacts financial responsibility requirements for liability for motor vehicle ownership or operation, as follows:

- For bodily injury (BI) or death of one person in any one crash, $25,000, and
- Subject to that limit for one person, $50,000 for BI or death of two or more people in any one crash.
- Retains the existing $10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage.
- Revises required coverage amounts for garage liability and commercial motor vehicle insurance, and increases the cash deposit amount required for a certificate of self-insurance establishing financial responsibility for owners and operators of motor vehicles that are not for-hire vehicles.
- Repealing the No-Fault Law eliminates the limitations on recovering pain and suffering damages from PIP insureds, which currently require bodily injury that causes death or significant and permanent injury.

Requires Medical Payments Coverage
SB 54 requires insurers to offer medical payments coverage (MedPay) with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured. Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000, and may offer deductibles of up to $500. The bill requires that insurers must reserve $5,000 of MedPay benefits for 30 days to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.

Creates a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions
SB 54 creates a new framework to govern all bad faith claims for failure to settle related to motor vehicle insurance. The bill requires insurers to follow claims handling best practices standards based on long-established good faith duties related to claim handling, claim investigation, defense of the insured, and settlement negotiations.

The bill establishes that it is a condition precedent to bringing a third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., that the claimant serve a demand for settlement. The demand must:

- Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
- State the legal and factual basis of the claim.
- Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and the amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
- Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed the insured's policy limit.
- Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
- Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of the demand and the ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.

The bill allows the third-party bad faith claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a two hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets. The bad faith claimant may withdraw the demand for settlement after the EUO. If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, the insurer may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.

The bill provides that in a third-party action for bad faith failure to settle not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., the insurer is not liable for bad faith if the insurer tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a demand for settlement.

Allows for Named Driver Exclusions
SB 54 authorizes the exclusion of a specifically named individual from specified insurance coverages under a private passenger motor vehicle policy, with the written consent of the policyholder.

For more information, please visit www.FLSenate.gov.

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Dear Elected Officials and Staff:

SR 50 to be closed between US 98 and US 301 this weekend

Ridge Manor, FL -- SR 50 (Cortez Blvd.) will be closed to through-traffic between US 98 and US 301 from 10 p.m. Friday February 5 to 6 a.m. Monday, February 8 for a sanitary sewer line installation just west of US 301. Eastbound local traffic will be able to go as far east as Tree Lane and westbound local traffic will be able to go as far west as US 301.

SR 50 DETOUR: Motorists will be directed by signs to use US 98 (McKethan Road) and US 301 (Trieman Blvd.) to detour around the closed area of SR 50.

Project information: https://www.fdottampabay.com/project/254/416732-4-52-01

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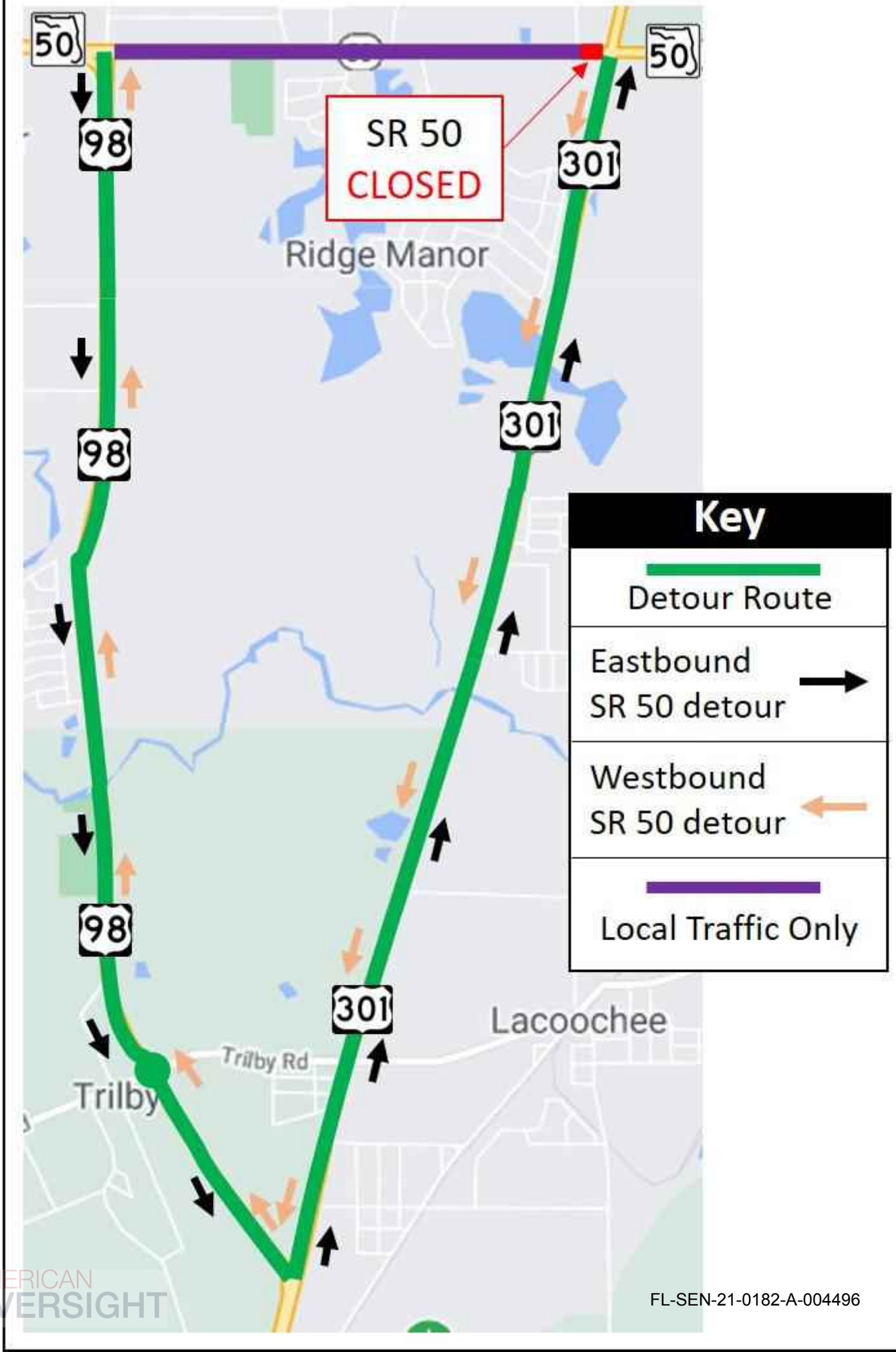

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SR 52 to be Closed February 4th to 8th for CSX Crossing Replacement

Shady Hills, FL -- SR 52 is scheduled to be closed in both directions to all through-traffic at the railroad crossing between Shady Hills Road and US 41 from after 9 p.m. on Thursday, February 4 to 6 a.m. Monday, February 8. The closure is needed to replace the CSX crossing on SR 52 between Kent Grove Drive and Pierce Lake Road / Giddens Road.

Local traffic access will be maintained, but no vehicles will be allowed into the construction zone near the railroad tracks. Giddens Road will be closed at SR 52 and detoured to Kent Grove Drive.

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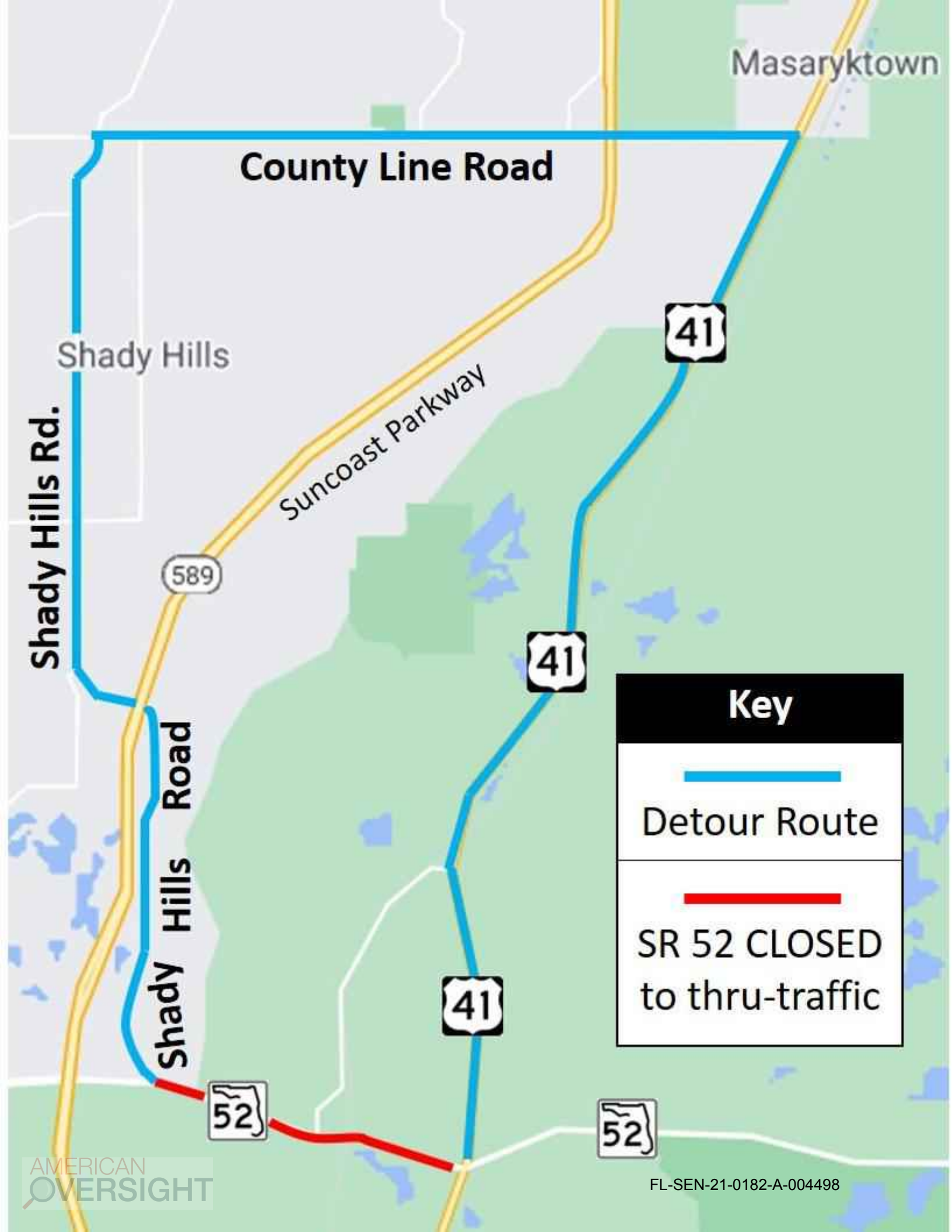

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Subject: Stop infringement on first amendment rights

Elected Representative,

I am a Florida resident contacting you today to urge you to OPPOSE HB1, the Combatting Violence, Disorder, and Looting Law Enforcement Protection Act. There are already laws in place regarding violence, disorder, and looting, which do not infringe on protesters' due process protections and extra protections for Law Enforcement Officers in the state of Florida under FL §112.532.

While the events that took place at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, are abhorrent and a direct attack against democracy, it is also evident due to the circumstances of 2020 that law enforcement is not always capable of discerning civil disobedience. A constitutionally protected act, from rioting and other illegal activity. This bill language was drafted before the Capitol siege and targeted civil rights protesters, many of whom were eventually proven innocent.

Just this summer in Jacksonville, over 70 peaceful civil rights protesters were unlawfully detained. Among these protesters were families, students, pastors, business owners, teachers, medics, and lawyers. All charges were dropped. Four protesters even sued the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and won a $100,000 settlement due to their rights being deliberately violated. With this new bill, these innocent people would have had incredible difficulty maintaining their freedom, even in the court of law.

As a concerned citizen, I am asking you not to allow fear and chaos to influence a hasty decision that could jeopardize honest Americans' freedom. We have seen the blatant double standards regarding protesting and treatment amongst groups, and this bill was proposed before this tyrannic event and is only being pushed into legislation in haste and to further suppress our freedoms.
Please VOTE NO on HB1.

Sincerely,
Jenna Ferreira

Sent from my iPhone

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Thank you so much for today!

I have attached the talking points draft. Please feel free to tell me what is wrong with it so we can fix it!

Thanks again J

Warm regards,

Meagan Hebel

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SB 484 – Talking Points

- Municipal Law Enforcement Budget Changes
  - (pages 4-5, lines 107-147)
  - Within 30 days after a municipality posts its budget on their official website/means of communication, a resident of the municipality may file an appeal by petition to the Administration Commission if the tentative budget reduces funding of the local law enforcement agency.
    - ☐ Petition must state reasons or grounds for the appeal and shall be filed with the EO of Governor.
    - ☐ Governing body of municipality has 5 week days after delivery to file a reply with EO of Governor to the petition.
    - ☐ Upon receipt of petition, EO of Governor must provide a budget hearing for matters to be presented. A report of findings and recommendations of the EO of Governor shall be submitted to the Administration Commission within 30 days.
    - ☐ The budget that is amended, approved, or modified by the Administration Commission budget is final.
- Obstruction of public streets, highways, and roads
  - (pages 6-9, lines 150-250)
    - ☐ Amends current statute to say that a person may not intentionally obstruct the free, convenient, and normal use of a public street, highway, or road by hindering, stifling, retarding, or restraining traffic or by standing or remaining on the street.
    - ☐ Removes part of statute due to unconstitutionality (Case Law from LJ)
      - A person who violates this subsection shall be cited for a pedestrian violation, punishable as provided in Chapter 318.
        - Statute 318.18 says that all infractions for pedestrian regulations are $15. (waiting to be confirmed by LJ)
- Waiver of Sovereign Immunity/ Civil Liability for damages caused during a riot
  - (pages 9-11, lines 253-295)
    - ☐ A governing body of a municipality that intentionally obstructs or interferes with the ability of a law enforcement agency to provide reasonable law enforcement protection during a riot or unlawful assembly is civilly liable for any damages, including damages arising from personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage.
- Assault
  - (page 11, lines 299-310)

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- A person who assaults another person in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot prohibited under s. 870.01 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.
    - Definition: is an intentional, unlawful threat by word or act to do violence to the person of another, coupled with an apparent ability to do so, and doing some act which creates a well-founded fear in such other person that such violence is imminent.
    - Example: yelling and making someone scared, no touching
    - Punishment for normal assault: 60 day to jail and a $500 fine (lowest of criminal penalties)
    - Punishment for riot assault: up to a year in jail, $1000 fine

- Aggravated Assault
    - (pages 11-12, lines 311-320)
        - A person who commits aggravated assault commits a felony of the third degree.
            - Definition: Aggravated assault is an assault but with:
                - Use of deadly weapon without intent to kill; or
                - With an intent to commit a felony
            - Example: yelling and making someone scared with deadly weapon or in attempt of intent to commit a felony (threatening to burglarize, kidnap, etc.), still no touching
            - Punishment for aggravated assault is currently a level 6, but if it is during a riot it will automatically go to a level 7 which is guaranteed to score prison time.
            - Punishment for normal aggravated assault: Punishable up to 5 years in prison and a $5,000 fine (lowest felony)
            - Punishment for riot aggravated assault: Same punishment but guaranteed to "score" prison time. Judge may differ.
- Battery
    - (page 12, lines 323-342)
        - A person who commits battery in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot prohibited under s. 870.01 commits a felony of the third degree.
            - Definition: Actually and intentionally touches or strikes another person against the will of the other; or intentionally causes bodily harm to another person.
            - Example: touching people against their will
            - Punishment for normal battery: up to a year in jail, $1000 fine

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        - Punishment riot battery is a 3rd degree felony: punishable up to 5 years in prison and a $5,000 fine (lowest felony)
- Aggravated Battery
    - (pages 12-13, lines 345-364)
        - ☐ A person who commits aggravated battery is charged with a felony of the second degree.
            - Definition/Change from Battery: A person commits aggravated battery who, in committing battery,:
                - Intentionally or knowingly causes bodily harm, permanent disability, or permanent disfigurement
                - Uses a deadly weapon
                - Victim of battery was pregnant at the time of the offense and the offender knew or should have known that the victim was pregnant.
            - Punishment for normal aggravated battery: up to 15 years in prison, $10,000 fine
            - Punishment for riot aggravated battery: Bumps up from Level 7 to Level 8
- Mob Intimidation
    - (pages 13-14, lines 367-378)
    - It is unlawful for a person, with two or more people acting with common intent, to compel or induce, or attempt to compel or induce, another person by force, or threat of force, to do any act or to assume or abandon a particular viewpoint.
        - ☐ A person who violates this commits a misdemeanor of the first degree
            - Punishment: up to a year in jail, $1000 fine
        - ☐ A person arrested for this violation of this shall be held in custody until brought before the court for admittance to bail
            - When you get arrested, sometimes you can bond out before first appearance. Now you have to stay till first appearance (within 24 hours).
- Assault or battery of a law enforcement officer
    - (pages 14-15, lines 382-434)
    - A person convicted of battery upon a law enforcement officer committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot prohibited shall be sentenced to a minimum term of imprisonment of 6 months.
        - ☐ Punishment: Battery of law enforcement officer is a level 4, would bump to level 5. Aggravated battery of law enforcement officer is level 7, would bump up to 8. Aggravated assault of law enforcement officer is level 6, would bump to level 7 (guaranteed to score prison time).

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- Criminal Mischief
    - (page 16, lines 441- 463)
    - Any person, without consent of the owner, who willfully and maliciously defaces, injures, or otherwise damages a memorial, and the value of the damage is over $200, commits a felony of the third degree.
        - Punishment: up to 5 years in prison and a $5,000 fine
- Destroying or demolishing a memorial
    - (page 17-18, lines 466-498)
    - It is unlawful for any person to willfully and maliciously destroy or demolish any memorial, or pull down a memorial, unless authorized by owner.
        - ☐ Definition: memorial as a plaque, statute, marker, flag, banner, cenotaph, religious symbol, painting, seal, tombstone, structure name, or display.
        - ☐ Punishment: up to 15 years in prison, $10,000 fine
        - ☐ Payment: Must pay restitution which includes full cost of repair or replacement in addition to the fine
- Burglary
    - (page 18-21, lines 528-578)
    - During a riot or an aggravated riot a person who commits burglary and the perpetration of the burglary is facilitated by conditions arising from the riot it is punishable as a felony in the second degree.
        - ☐ Definition of "conditions arising from the riot": means civil unrest, power outages, curfews, or a reduction in the presence of or response time for first responders or homeland security personnel
        - ☐ Punishment: up to 15 years in prison, $10,000 fine
- Theft
    - (pages 21-25, lines 612-696)
    - Second degree felony if NOT during a riot:
        - ☐ Value of property is valued at more than 20k but less than 100k
        - ☐ The property stolen is cargo valued at less than $50,000 that has entered the stream of interstate or intrastate commerce from the shipper's loading platform to the consignee's receiving dock;
        - ☐ The property stolen is emergency medical equipment, valued at $300 or more, that is taken from a facility licensed under chapter 395 or from an aircraft or vehicle permitted under chapter 401; or
        - ☐ The property stolen is law enforcement equipment, valued at $300 or more, that is taken from an authorized emergency vehicle, as defined in s. 316.003.
        - ☐ Current punishment: up to 15 years in prison, $10,000 fine
    - 1st degree felony if DURING a riot:

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- ☐ Same requirements as above
- ☐ Punishment: up to 30 years in prison, $10,000 fine

- Grand Theft:
  - ☐ 3rd Degree felony if NOT during a riot:
    - Valued at $750 or more, but less than $5,000.
    - Valued at $5,000 or more, but less than $10,000.
    - Valued at $10,000 or more, but less than $20,000.
    - A will, codicil, or other testamentary instrument.
    - A firearm.
    - A motor vehicle, except as provided in paragraph (a).
    - Any commercially farmed animal, including any animal of the equine, avian, bovine, or swine class or other grazing animal; a bee colony of a registered beekeeper; and aquaculture species raised at a certified aquaculture facility. If the property stolen is a commercially farmed animal, including an animal of the equine, avian, bovine, or swine class or other grazing animal; a bee colony of a registered beekeeper; or an aquaculture species raised at a certified aquaculture facility, a $10,000 fine shall be imposed.
    - Any fire extinguisher that, at the time of the taking, was installed in any building for the purpose of fire prevention and control. This subparagraph does not apply to a fire extinguisher taken from the inventory at a point-of-sale business.
    - Any amount of citrus fruit consisting of 2,000 or more individual pieces of fruit.
    - Taken from a designated construction site identified by the posting of a sign as provided for in s. 810.09(2)(d).
    - Any stop sign.
    - Anhydrous ammonia.
    - Any amount of a controlled substance as defined in s. 893.02. Notwithstanding any other law, separate judgments and sentences for theft of a controlled substance under this subparagraph and for any applicable possession of controlled substance offense under s. 893.13 or trafficking in controlled substance offense under s. 893.135 may be imposed when all such offenses involve the same amount or amounts of a controlled substance.
    - Punishment: up to 5 years in prison and a $5,000 fine
  - ☐ 2nd Degree felony if DURING a riot:

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- Same requirements
- Punishment: up to 15 years in prison, $10,000 fine

- Cyberintimidation by publication
  - (page 25, lines 702-716)
    - ☐ A person who electronically publishes another's personal identification information with the intent to threaten, intimidate, harass, incite violence, or commit a crime against a person, or place a person in reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm commits a misdemeanor of a first degree.
    - ☐ Definition of "electronically publish": means to disseminate, post, or otherwise disclose information to an internet site or forum
    - ☐ Definition of "harass": means to engage in conduct directed at a specific person that is intended to cause substantial emotional distress to such person and serves no legitimate purpose. "Harass" does not mean to use personal identification information for accepted commercial purposes. The term does not include constitutionally protected conduct such as organized protests or the use of personal identification information for accepted commercial purposes.
    - ☐ Definition of "personal identification information": means any name or number that may be used, alone or in conjunction with any other information, to identify a specific person, including any:
      - Name, postal or electronic mail address, telephone number, social security number, date of birth, mother's maiden name, official state-issued or United States-issued driver license or identification number, alien registration number, government passport number, employer or taxpayer identification number, Medicaid or food assistance account number, bank account number, credit or debit card number, or personal identification number or code assigned to the holder of a debit card by the issuer to permit authorized electronic use of such card;
      - Unique biometric data, such as fingerprint, voice print, retina or iris image, or other unique physical representation;
      - Medical records;
      - Telecommunication identifying information or access device; or
      - Other number or information that can be used to access a person's financial resources.
    - ☐ Punishment: up to a year in jail, $1000 fine
- Affrays and riots
  - (pages 25-27, lines 719-768)

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    - Definition of “affray”: a person who, by mutual consent, engages in fighting with another in a public place to the terror of the people commits an affray and is a misdemeanor of the first degree.
        - ☐ Punishment: up to a year in jail, $1000 fine
    - Definition of “riot”: a person who participates in a public disturbance involving an assembly of three or more persons acting with a common intent to mutually assist each other in disorderly and violent conduct resulting in injury or damage to another person or property, or creating a clear and present danger of injury or damage to another person or property is a felony of the third degree.
        - ☐ Punishment: punishable up to 5 years in prison and a $5,000 fine
    - Definition of “aggravated riot”: A person commits aggravated riot if they commit a riot and:
        - ☐ Participates with nine or more people;
        - ☐ Causes great bodily harm to a person not participating in the riot;
        - ☐ Displays, uses, threatens to use, or attempts to use a deadly weapon; or
        - ☐ By force, or threat of force, endangers the safe movement of a vehicle traveling on a public street, highway, or road.
        - ☐ If aggravated riot, it is a felony of the second degree.
        - ☐ Punishment: up to 15 years in prison, $10,000 fine
        - ☐ First appearance
- Unlawful assemblies
    - (page 27, lines 776-778)
    - If three or more persons meet together to commit a breach of the peace, or to do any other unlawful act, each of them commits a misdemeanor of the second degree,
        - ☐ A person arrested for a violation of this section shall be held in custody until brought before the court for admittance to bail.
        - ☐ Punishment: up to 60 days in jail, $500 fine
- Riots and routs:
    - (pages 27-28, lines 782-789)
    - If any person unlawfully assembles and demolishes, pull downs or destroys, or begin to demolish, pull down or destroy, any dwelling house or other building, or any ship or vessel, each of them commits a felony of the third degree.
        - ☐ Punishment: punishable up to 5 years in prison and a $5,000 fine
    - A person arrested for this violation shall be held in custody until brought before the court for admittance to bail.
- Affirmative defense in civil action
    - (pages 28-30, lines 792-808)

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    - Definition: Affirmative defense is an offense that is saying “hey, maybe I did do it but (insert excuse here)”
        - Common excuse is self-defense
    - In a civil action for damages for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage, it is an affirmative defense that such action arose from injury or damage sustained by a participant acting in furtherance of a riot or unlawful assembly. The affirmative defense authorized by this section shall be established by evidence that the participant has been convicted of riot, aggravated riot, or unlawful assembly, or by proof of the commission of such crime by a preponderance of the evidence.
    - A civil action in which a defendant raises an affirmative defense under this section, the court must, on motion by the defendant, stay the action during the pendency of a criminal action that forms the basis for the defense, unless the court finds that a conviction in the criminal action would not form a valid defense under this section.
    - Same bail situation as before
- Severity Ranking Chart
    - (pages 30-52)

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Instead of addressing the horrendous housing crisis, the broken unemployment system, the failing healthcare system, the disorganized and chaotic education system, AND the rising number of deaths, poverty, job loss and sickness in Florida HB1 repackages legislation put forward by Governor DeSantis as a “response to the violent insurrectionist mobs” that attempted a coup on the nation’s Capitol. This language is a smokescreen for the true intent of the bill which is to circumvent the mess that Florida has as a consequence of the pandemic and lack of support for Florida’s poverty impacted and oppressed. I am not fooled by this. This is the same legislation it was back in September with the same purpose - to limit the basic civil rights of BLM protestors that is guaranteed to all people under the US Constitution.

I believe that HB1 is being used to distract media and organizers from focusing on the real problem: lack of support for those in need across the state. How dare the Governor and the Florida Legislature waste taxpayer time and money on proposing solutions to a made up problem. Section 870 of the Florida Statute already criminalizes riots, unlawful assemblies, and looting but this legislation would actually make it legal for motorists who strike protestors with their vehicle, even if the incident results in someone’s death. It limits people’s ability to apply to Florida’s already broken unemployment system if they have been convicted under the proposed legislation and allows victims of violent crimes to recover civil damages from a local government that is deems responsible for grossly negligent “policing” during a “riot”. Meanwhile, the Florida Legislature is fast-tracking HB7/SB72 to create COVID19 liability immunity for the real victims of negligence by businesses, government agencies, schools, and religious organizations who have caused the spread of COVID19.

The Executive Director of the ACLU of Florida, Micah Kubic, stated that “This (bill) is not an attempt to make our communities safer. This proposed legislation by DeSantis is nothing more than a campaign political stunt. Now, it is being disguised as a response to the failed violent coup at the US Capitol. And, it is just as unconstitutional.”

A statewide survey of Florida voters put out after the attack by Donald Trump’s supporters on the US Capitol suggested a lack of support for HB1 and Governor DeSantis’ push to amp up criminal penalties for “disorderly” protests. Ninety-percent of those asked stated their support for “protecting our constitutional right to free assembly and free speech by legally protesting without fear of criminal charges”. Seventy-one percent of Democrats and 74% of Republicans deemed the issue a top priority. Eighty percent of respondents said they were more likely to support a legislator who voted to protect that priority, and 56% were “much more likely”. On the other hand, 83% of respondents thought that it was important to strengthen unemployment protections for people who lost their jobs because of COVID-19, 63% said that this was “very important”. (1)

Finally, this legislation also creates a preemptive attack on local municipalities that might want to “defund” the police and put their money towards more humanitarian initiatives to provide real solutions to small business and economic crises caused by the pandemic. Instead of restricting local government’s ability to find solutions we need legislation that answers the call of the people in the streets. People only protest when they are being abused, oppressed, marginalized or violated. It's time the House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee address the calls of Florida voters and people who cared enough to peacefully assemble. We need to face the issues head on and answer to the humanity and dignity of working class, black, brown, and immigrant families in Florida who are suffering with workable policies that help the state grow and prosper.

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I am writing to you to ask you to please OPPOSE HB1 at the House Justice Appropriations meeting when it is scheduled for a hearing. I am outraged that this legislation even got assigned to a public hearing must less that it has been fast-tracked through the House on party lines. Florida currently faces the worst economic and public health crisis in history and instead of working to find solutions HB1 criminalizes free speech, peaceful assembly and dissent through unconstitutional language that is targeted at silencing Black voices demanding basic human rights, equality, and fair treatment by law enforcement.

Instead of addressing the horrendous housing crisis, the broken unemployment system, the failing healthcare system, the disorganized and chaotic education system, AND the rising number of deaths, poverty, job loss and sickness in Florida HB1 repackages legislation put forward by Governor DeSantis as a “response to the violent insurrectionist mobs” that attempted a coup on the nation’s Capitol. This language is a smokescreen for the true intent of the bill which is to circumvent the mess that Florida has as a consequence of the pandemic and lack of support for Florida’s poverty impacted and oppressed. I am not fooled by this. This is the same legislation it was back in September with the same purpose - to limit the basic civil rights of BLM protestors that is guaranteed to all people under the US Constitution.

I believe that HB1 is being used to distract media and organizers from focusing on the real problem: lack of support for those in need across the state. How dare the Governor and the Florida Legislature waste taxpayer time and money on proposing solutions to a made up problem. Section 870 of the Florida Statute already criminalizes riots, unlawful assemblies, and looting but this legislation would actually make it legal for motorists who strike protestors with their vehicle, even if the incident results in someone’s death. It limits people’s ability to apply to Florida’s already broken unemployment system if they have been convicted under the proposed legislation and allows victims of violent crimes to recover civil damages from a local government that is deems responsible for grossly negligent “policing” during a “riot”. Meanwhile, the Florida Legislature is fast-tracking HB7/SB72 to create COVID19 liability immunity for the real victims of negligence by businesses, government agencies, schools, and religious organizations who have caused the spread of COVID19.

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If this legislation passes I will be letting people know that they should not travel in Florida, they

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should not move to Florida, they should not visit Florida, because our government does not support them and keep them safe. Public health and the economy should be your number one priority. Please OPPOSE HB1 and support legislation that provides real solutions to the real problems Floridians face today.

(1) EMC Research. “Florida Statewide Poll on Legislative Priorities”. https://s3.amazonaws.com/s3.progressflorida.org/images/emc-memo-11920.pdf

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3rd times the charm...

Updates from the Florida Senate

Dear friends,

Yesterday I arrived in Tallahassee for my first committee week as your state senator. We have a lot of work ahead of us and the 2021 Legislative Session is just around the corner.

Over the next few months, I will be sending regular newsletters to update you about what's happening in Tallahassee.

In this inaugural newsletter, I provide a brief overview of the upcoming week and discuss a few of the bills I've filed so far.

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SB 494: Administration of Vaccines

On Friday I filed legislation to improve access to vaccinations for Floridians. **SB 494: Administration of Vaccines** would amend Florida State Statutes to allow pharmacists who meet certain requirements to administer vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to adults.

This legislation will increase the number of vaccination sites by allowing licensed and approved pharmacists to vaccinate the public at their local pharmacy.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder

We are a nation of law and order, not violence, destruction, and unrest. We respect the right to peacefully protest, but the shameful conduct we witnessed at the United States Capitol and episodes of violent civil unrest that we have witnessed over the last several months have no place in our country.

SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder makes it clear that here in Florida criminals who seek to thwart peaceful protests by willfully inciting violence, attacking law enforcement, and destroying public or private property will be held accountable.

Read the statements from Governor Ron DeSantis, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senate President Wilton Simpson, and Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin HERE.

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SB 520: Social Media Websites

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For better or for worse, social media has become a major part of our everyday life and society. First thing Monday morning, I filed **SB 520: Social Media Websites**.

This legislation would require social media companies to provide individual and business users notice when the website has suspended or disabled a user's account and requires the companies to detail the steps necessary to restore the account.

SB 520 signals to social media websites that regardless of a person's background, political history, religion, race, gender, or any other identifying measure, Twitter and Facebook cannot be the sole judge, jury, and executioner of Americans' First Amendment rights.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

The Week Ahead

As the chair of the Senate Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, I am looking forward to our first meeting on Thursday, January 14.

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees and the Secretary of the Florida Agency on Health Care Administration, Mary Mayhew will be presenting to the committee.

You can watch the committee meeting safely from your office or from home on the Florida Channel here from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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My Legislation

Below are the bills I will present in committee meetings next week:

- S 416 **POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial**
  - On Committee agenda-- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/02/21
- S 494 **Administration of Vaccines**
  - On Committee agenda-- Health Policy, 02/04/21

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Subject: The state legislators need to STOP their attacks on HOME RULE

Senator Burgess,
Will city councils be reluctant to increase police budgets if SB 484 passes? This is a horrible attack on home rule.

My town is experimenting with ways to keep people out of jail by utilizing social workers and monies to find the homeless places to live. IF you force the city council to keep the same budget for our sheriff's office, they might be less inclined to raise the budget one year for an experimental plan that might cost more in the initial year. Please QUIT attacking home rule.

There are multiple problems with your bill SB 484. One of the problems is an attack on home rule. Cities will be struggling with their budgets. What right does the state have to step in? Excerpt from SB 484:

Starting at line 107

(4)(a) Within 30 days after a municipality posts its tentative budget to the official website under subsection (3), a resident of the municipality may file an appeal by petition to the Administration Commission ***if the tentative budget contains a funding reduction to the operating budget of the municipal law enforcement agency***.

Beginning on line 118

The petition shall be filed with the Executive Office of the Governor,

Beginning on line 122

The governing body of the municipality has 5 working days after delivery of a copy of the petition to file a reply with the Executive Office of the Governor,

Beginning on line 135

The budget as approved, amended, or modified by the Administration Commission shall be final.

Thanks,
Susan Aertker

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Senators,

Attached is *This Week in the Senate for January 25-29, 2021*and photos highlighting this week's events. Please do not hesitate to share this information with your constituents. Our office is available to assist you should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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SENATE BILL 72

by Senator Jeff Brandes

✓ PROTECTING BUSINESSES WHO ARE SAFELY REOPENING DURING THE PANDEMIC

✓ SHIELDING BUSINESSES ACTING IN GOOD FAITH FROM FRAUDULENT LAWSUITS RELATED TO COVID-19

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THIS WEEK IN THE FLORIDA SENATE

January 25-29, 2021

Legislation Advances to Protect Businesses Safely Reopening During the Pandemic

Florida business owners and their employees have suffered significant losses for nearly a year due to COVID-19. The vast majority of these businesses have worked tirelessly making their best effort to adhere to changing safety guidance and regulations. The Senate Committee on Judiciary passed Senate Bill 72: *Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19*, by Senator Jeff Brandes, which aims to shield businesses from fraudulent or opportunistic lawsuits related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When a business makes a good faith effort to adhere to safety guidelines to reopen during a period of extreme uncertainty, our laws should protect them and our legal system should not be a place where they face frivolous and costly litigation. Senate Bill 72 works to separate the serious and merited claims from the fraudulent and unfair claims brought against a Florida business. The legislation requires an affidavit from a physician attesting that the defendant caused the plaintiff's injuries or damages. It also requires the plaintiff to prove the defendant failed to make a good faith effort to adhere to safety guidelines and that the defendant's actions were grossly negligent.

"Frivolous lawsuits should not interfere with the ability of business owners and employees to earn a living and support their families," said Senator Brandes. "This legislation will create a safe harbor for Florida businesses who are struggling every day to keep their doors open during this unprecedented time."

Senate legislation to ensure protections for the health care providers who have been on the front lines of the pandemic is forthcoming.

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Committee Approves Bill Ensuring College Tuition Exemptions for Students in DCF Care

Senator Ray Rodrigues presents Senate Bill 52: Postsecondary Education in the Senate Committee on Education.

Young Floridians who enter the child welfare system deserve all the support that we can give. The Senate Committee on Education, chaired by Senator Joe Gruters, advanced Senate Bill 52: *Postsecondary Education*, by Senator Ray Rodrigues. This legislation clarifies state laws to ensure students who turn 18 while in the custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) or a specified guardian are exempt from tuition and fees at Florida's postsecondary institutions.

Senate Bill 52 also increases access to dual enrollment for all students by creating the Dual Enrollment Scholarship Program to bolster state funding of dual enrollment tuition and instructional material costs and authorizes universities to create a bonus program to reward exceptional university staff.

"Dual enrollment helps our students make the most of their high school experience with a head start towards earning higher education credentials. This legislation increases access to dual enrollment opportunities for students in public, private, or virtual education settings," said Senator Rodrigues. "Additionally, our universities should be able to reward exceptional employees without being required to consider across-the-board bonuses. This legislation authorizes universities to create individualized bonus structures for their best employees."

Emergency Management Director, Florida National Guard Brief Committee on Pandemic Response

Florida Division of Emergency Management Director, Jared Moskowitz, introduces Cobra, a COVID-19 sniffing dog, to the Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response.

Division of Emergency Management Director Jared Moskowitz updated the Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, chaired by Senator Danny Burgess, on the state's COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Director Moskowitz provided a week-by-week review of Florida's vaccine distribution and administration progress. Although Florida leads the nation in vaccinations of seniors 65 years of age and older, there remains a critical need for increased vaccine supply from the federal government. The lack of vaccine supply from the federal government is currently the major impediment to vaccinating more Floridians, according to Director Moskowitz.

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The Florida National Guard's Director of Military Support, Col. John L. Steele, also briefed the Select Committee on their response to COVID-19. The Florida National Guard continues to support the state's COVID-19 response through operational support of Community Based Testing Sites, Community Vaccination Sites, Mobile Testing Teams, augmentation to airport screening, statewide logistics support, coordination, food distribution, planning and operational mission sets.

Legislation to Repeal Florida's Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law Advances

Senate Bill 54: *Motor Vehicle Insurance*, by Senator Danny Burgess, aims to lower the number of uninsured and underinsured drivers and provide a greater safety net for Floridians in the event of an accident. The Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, chaired by Senator Jim Boyd, approved the legislation.

Senate Bill 54 repeals Florida's current Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, which requires drivers to carry personal injury protection coverage, instead requiring that drivers carry bodily injury liability coverage. The bill also creates best practice standards for handling motor vehicle insurance claims and requires insurers to offer medical payments coverage (MedPay) with limits of $5,000 or $10,000 to cover medical expenses of the insured.

"Senate Bill 54 transforms this ineffective and outdated insurance structure, which we believe will lead to a more stable insurance market and better outcomes for insured Floridians when they face the unfortunate and in some cases tragic circumstance of being involved an a serious vehicle accident," said Senator Burgess.

Resolution to Denounce Democratic Socialism Passes Committee

Since before our nation's founding, the American spirit has embraced the ideals of democracy and freedom. The Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability, chaired by Senator Ray Rodrigues, voted to approve Senate Resolution 150: *Individual Liberty and Democracy* by Senator Manny Diaz, Jr. The resolution rejects democratic socialism in favor of our true American values of individual liberty and democracy. The Florida Senate will continue to protect our freedom, which unites us as a nation and is the cornerstone of America.

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Pro-Consumer Legislation Passes First Committee

Senate Bill 56: *Community Association Assessment Notices,* by Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez, unanimously passed the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries, chaired by Senator Travis Hutson. Senate Bill 56 provides additional notice requirements for condominium, cooperative, and homeowners' associations relating to the collection of assessments by these community associations.

Senator Ana Maria Rodriguez presents Senate Bill 56: Community Association Assessment Notices in the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries.

This legislation ensures condominium owners are informed of assessment changes enacted by their associations and will help to reduce late-fees caused by the inconsistent delivery of assessments. These changes will keep unit owners, especially seniors, properly informed if the delivery method of a statement of account transitions to e-mail delivery.

The bill also increases the payment deadline for a condominium or cooperative unit owner from 30 days to 45 days after receiving an association's Notice of Intent to Record a Claim of Lien in order to avoid the filing of a claim of lien.

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Senate Bill 484: Combating Public Disorder
by Senator Danny Burgess

Bill Summary:

- Codifies current offense of rioting and creates new offenses of aggravated rioting and aggravated inciting or encouraging a riot.

- Creates a minimum mandatory sentence of six months in jail for a person convicted of battery of a law enforcement officer in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.

- Creates offense of doxing that will make it a 1st degree misdemeanor to electronically publish another's personal identification information with the intent the information will be used to threaten, intimidate, harass, or place a person in fear of death or great bodily harm.

- Creates offense of mob intimidation for an assembly of three or more persons acting together to compel another person by force, or threat of force, to do any act or assume or abandon a particular viewpoint.

- Creates a cause of action and waives sovereign immunity to allow a victim of a crime resulting from a riot to sue a municipality for damages – if, the municipality obstructed or interfered with law enforcement's ability to provide police protection during a riot or unlawful assembly.

- Enhances penalties for defacing a memorial and creates offense of destroying a memorial. Also, requires mandatory restitution for the full cost of repair or replacement of the memorial.

- Reclassifies the misdemeanor or felony degree of the offenses of assault, battery, theft and burglary offenses when committed in furtherance of a riot or aggravated riot.

- Requires a person to be held in jail until appearing before a court for a first appearance when the individual is arrested for certain rioting offenses.

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- Increases the ranking in the offense severity ranking chart for specified crimes committed in furtherance of a riot. The offenses include aggravated assault or battery, assault or battery on a law enforcement officer, removing a tomb or monument or disturbing a grave, and specified thefts or burglaries.

- Provides a process for objecting to a reduction in a police budget and will allow the Governor and Cabinet to overturn a reduction upon a finding that public safety would be compromised.

- Corrects constitutional infirmities in current law to permit law enforcement to prohibit obstructing streets, highways, and roads and creates a defense to civil liability for personal injury, wrongful death, or property damage arising from injury or damage sustained by a person participating in a riot or unlawful assembly.

- This is companion legislation to House Bill 1.

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Dear Legislator,
We the American people know that every Trump Rally has been patriotic, peaceful, and respectful; the last one was overtaken by thugs, mobs, and terrorists!!
80 million Americans voted for our President Trump, and we realize that Trump is freedom, peaceful, patriotic, loyal, and Godly; we implore you to eliminate the terrorist threats of thugs, mobs, and terrorists!!
We implore you to support our President Trump, and do not impeach him over evil democratic lies!!
We the American people would appreciate you impeaching Pelosi over Illegal votes and instigating the tyranny at the Capitol on January 6th!!
Sincerely,
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We are a nation of law and order. Not violence, destruction and unrest. We respect the right to peacefully protest, and this conduct is shameful. What we are witnessing at the United States Capitol has no place in our democracy. Those involved must be held accountable.

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Senator Burgess,

The attached PDF is the official number of uninsured motorists in the state of Florida. For November 2020, it was 6.6 percent. I've included their uninsured motorist estimate as an attachment dated 12.16.2020.

Here is how DHSMV generates that number:

- Once a month a data pull is conducted for the number of vehicles registered in the state, and the number of vehicles that have meet the minimal insurance requirements as reported to the Department from the Insurance industry. Those numbers are reflected on the page and used to create a rate. Commercial vehicles are excluded from the pull since it is only to reflect personally owned vehicles.

The insurance industry generates a very different number. A 2017 Insurance Research Council report estimated that in 2015, 26.7 percent of Florida drivers were uninsured. This was the highest uninsured motorist rate in the country. In my experience, the insurance industry points to this number rather than the DHSMV number. I've included the 2017 IRC report as an attachment.

Here is how the IRC generates their number:

- Uninsured motorist rates were estimated by comparing the injury portion of UM insurance coverage with bodily injury (BI) liability coverage. If an insured person is injured in an auto accident caused by an at-fault driver, then he or she will fi le a BI liability claim against the at-fault driver seeking compensation for their injury. However, if the at-fault driver is uninsured or the injured person is a victim of a hit-and-run driver, then the injured person will fi le a UM claim with their own insurance company to seek compensation. Claim frequencies measure the number of insurance claims per 100 vehicles insured for an entire year. The ratio of UM claim frequency to BI claim frequency represents the chance that someone injured in an auto accident was the victim of an uninsured at-fault driver.

It think the IRC number likely overestimates the number of true uninsured in Florida because Florida does not require BI coverage. The most likely ways the DHSMV number is incorrect is if there are large numbers of unregistered vehicles on the roads, or the insurance industry data is somehow incorrect regarding the real number of insureds.

Personally, I think that by mandating BI, the IRC number of 26.7% is likely to decrease because more drivers will have BI, but the DHSMV number will increase because the coverage will likely be more expensive for some people that currently buy PIP/PD only policies.

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Average Uninsured Motorist Rate in FL for CY 2020

	Vehicles Registered Requring Insurance	Number Of Uninsured Vehicles	% of Uninsured Vehicles
January 2019	14,307,274	870,475	6.084
February 2019	14,455,785	871,196	6.027
March 2019	14,530,348	852,507	5.867
April 2019	14,581,375	835,962	5.733
May 2019	14,681,314	854,852	5.823
June 2019	14,697,659	866,487	5.895
July 2019	14,749,245	877,606	5.950
August 2019	14,746,471	888,887	6.028
September 2019	14,752,148	898,349	6.090
October 2019	14,763,143	907,656	6.148
November 2019	14,781,065	986,880	6.677
December 2019	14,796,734	1,079,572	7.296
January 2020	14,607,444	1,213,035	8.304
February 2020	14,763,716	1,216,847	8.242
March 2020	14,848,562	1,170,098	7.880
April 2020	14,883,373	1,040,236	6.989
May 2020	14,872,564	1,015,738	6.830
June 2020	14,814,079	977,708	6.600
July 2020	14,878,914	971,508	6.529
August 2020	14,927,788	988,004	6.619
September 2020	14,948,625	994,795	6.655
October 2020	14,978,402	995,977	6.649
November 2020	14,998,642	993,383	6.623

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Executive Summary

Most licensed drivers in the United States are required by state law to maintain liability insurance coverage that will compensate others for injuries or damages resulting from auto accidents in which the insured is found to be at fault. Forty-nine states and the District of Columbia have adopted compulsory insurance laws requiring drivers to maintain liability insurance coverage.[1] Even in New Hampshire, the only state without a compulsory auto insurance law, drivers who have demonstrated a lack of financial responsibility for past auto accidents must provide proof of financial responsibility for potential future accidents.[2]

Despite the near-universal requirement that drivers maintain liability insurance coverage, a significant number do not, and these uninsured drivers increase costs for drivers who do have coverage. Auto insurance policies typically include uninsured motorist (UM) coverage that will protect the insured if they are injured by an at-fault uninsured driver. The costs associated with UM insurance coverage can be significant. According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), the countrywide average premium cost per covered vehicle for UM coverage in 2013 was $67.[3]

Uninsured motorists pose additional costs for insurance companies, state governments, and taxpayers. In 2012, the average UM claim included $11,379 in claimed medical losses and $7,960 in lost wages.[4] In addition to underwriting UM insurance coverage and processing UM insurance claims, auto insurance companies must comply with regulations in many states requiring insurers to inform the state any time auto insurance coverage is cancelled. State governments administer taxpayer-funded programs to monitor the insurance status of motor vehicles registered in the state.

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1 Insurance Information Institute, 2017 Insurance Fact Book (New York: Insurance Information Institute, 2017) p. 87.

2 New Hampshire Statute RSA 264.

3 National Association of Insurance Commissioners, Auto Insurance Database Report 2013/2014 (Kansas City, Kans.: National Association of Insurance Commissioners, 2017) p. 148. The amount noted includes costs associated with underinsured, as well as uninsured, motorist claims. Texas is not included in the calculation.

4 Insurance Research Council, Auto Injury Claims: Countrywide Patterns in Treatment, Cost, and Compensation (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2012) p. 39.

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This report updates previous Insurance Research Council (IRC) estimates of the percentage of drivers who are uninsured. New estimates for the years 2013–15 are presented, along with earlier estimates from 1999–2012. The new estimates are based on the analysis of auto injury claim frequency data provided by 143 insurance companies, representing 60 percent of the private passenger auto insurance market countrywide in 2015.

Uninsured motorist rates were estimated by comparing the injury portion of UM insurance coverage with bodily injury (BI) liability coverage. If an insured person is injured in an auto accident caused by an at-fault driver, then he or she will file a BI liability claim against the at-fault driver seeking compensation for their injury. However, if the at-fault driver is uninsured or the injured person is a victim of a hit-and-run driver, then the injured person will file a UM claim with their own insurance company to seek compensation. Claim frequencies measure the number of insurance claims per 100 vehicles insured for an entire year. The ratio of UM claim frequency to BI claim frequency represents the chance that someone injured in an auto accident was the victim of an uninsured at-fault driver.

Because an at-fault driver is either uninsured or insured, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio estimates the percentage of all drivers who are uninsured. For example, if, in a group of 10,000 vehicle owners, 1,000 (10 percent) do not have auto liability insurance and accidents involving injuries occur at a frequency of 5 percent per year, then 500 auto accidents with an injury would occur (5 percent × 10,000), of which 50 would involve uninsured drivers (10 percent × 500). Five of the 50 accidents (10 percent) would involve another uninsured motorist, while 45 of the accidents would involve insured motorists as the injured parties. As a result, these 45 injured individuals would submit UM claims to their own insurers, producing a claim frequency rate of 0.005 (45 UM claims for 9,000 insured vehicles). Meanwhile, there would be 450 BI claims for 9,000 insured vehicles, producing a BI claim frequency of 0.05. The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies would be 0.10, or 10 percent (0.005/0.05). Thus, the ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies produces a measure of the probability that an injury to an insured car occupant will have been the fault of an uninsured driver. This approach assumes that insured and uninsured drivers experience the same frequency of at-fault accidents resulting in injuries. If accident rates for uninsured drivers are greater than for insured drivers, then the IRC estimates understate the true prevalence of uninsured drivers. If, on the other hand, accident rates for insured drivers are greater than for uninsured drivers, then the IRC estimates overstate the true prevalence of uninsured drivers.

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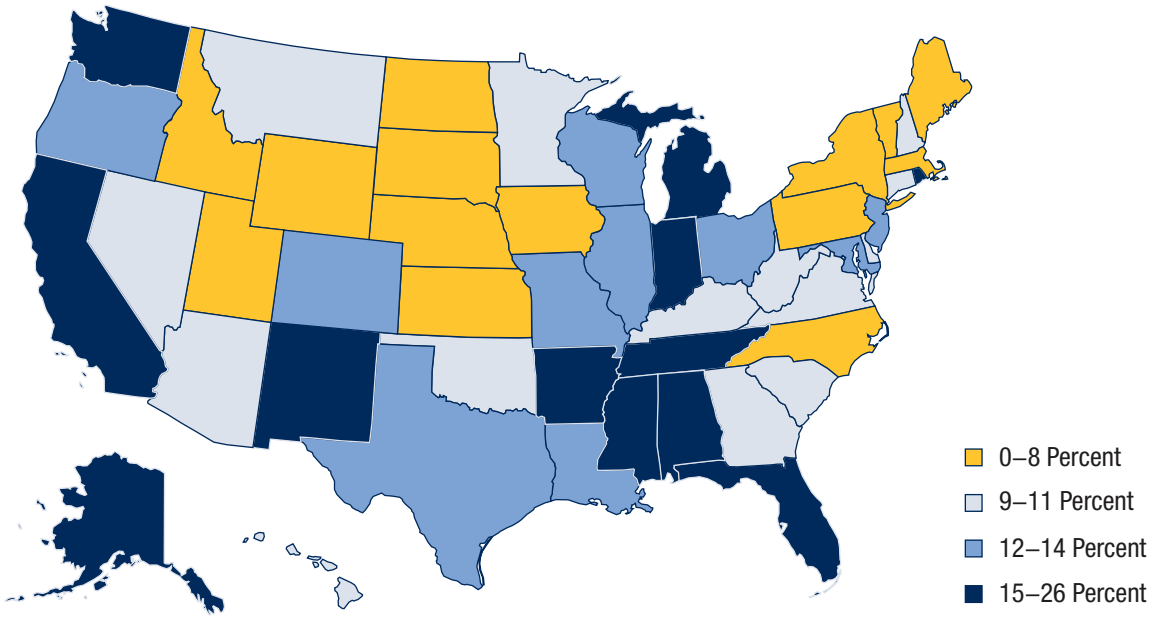
Major findings

- In 2015, when someone was injured in an auto accident in the U.S., the chances were about one in 8 that the at-fault driver in the accident was uninsured. From 2010 to 2015, the countrywide ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies increased from 12.3 percent to 13.0 percent, following a seven-year decline from a high of 14.9 percent in 2003.
- The percentage of uninsured drivers varied significantly by state. In 2015, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio was highest in Florida (26.7 percent) and lowest in Maine (4.5 percent). Other states with comparatively high uninsured motorist rates in 2015 were Mississippi (23.7 percent), New Mexico (20.8 percent), Michigan (20.3 percent) and Tennessee (20.0 percent). Figure 1 illustrates the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers in each state in 2015. In thirteen states and the District of Columbia, the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers was equal to or greater than 15 percent.

Figure 1

Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers in 2015



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- Five states (Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Florida, and North Dakota) experienced increases in their estimated uninsured motorist rates of 3 percentage points or more from 2006–15. Two of these states (Michigan and Florida) had uninsured motorist rates exceeding 20 percent in 2015. Massachusetts and North Dakota had comparatively low uninsured motorist rates in 2015, even after experiencing significant increases over the 2006–15 period.
- Several states experienced significant improvements in their uninsured motorist rates over the 2006–15 period. Oklahoma's rate fell 13.5 percentage points, from 24.0 percent to 10.5 percent, likely due to legislation enacted in 2013 aimed at reducing the number of uninsured drivers. New Mexico also experienced a significant decline in its uninsured motorist rate—from 30.7 percent to 20.8 percent.
- High uninsured motorist rates do not always indicate high underlying claim frequencies. For example, Michigan had one of the highest uninsured motorist rates in the country in 2015 (20.3 percent), but also had one of the country's lowest UM and BI claim frequency rates. Indiana experienced low BI claim frequency rates and medium UM claim frequency rates, but had one of the ten highest uninsured motorist estimates (16.7 percent).
- Uninsured motorist rates are likely influenced by several factors. Higher average expenditures for auto liability insurance coverage are associated with higher rates of uninsured motorists, although the relationship is relatively weak and insurance cost is not a strong predictor of uninsured motorist rates. Future IRC research will explore the factors and conditions that explain uninsured motorist rates across states and over time.

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National Uninsured Motorists Trends

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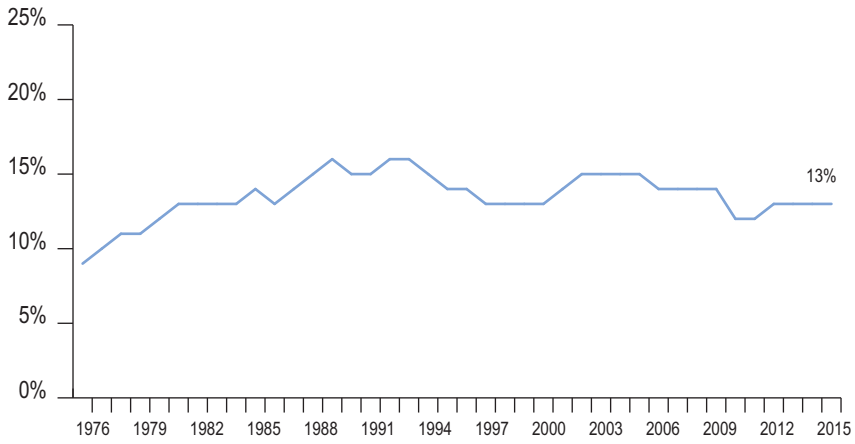
The IRC previously estimated that, in 2012, the countrywide uninsured motorist rate was 12.6 percent.[5] This report adds three additional years to the trend of uninsured motorist estimates. The IRC estimates that the percentage of drivers countrywide who were uninsured increased to 12.7 percent in 2013, and then to 13.0 percent in 2014. In 2015, the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers remained at 13.0 percent.

The percentage of drivers who are uninsured has increased slowly since 2011, when the UM rate was at its lowest since 1980, 12.2 percent (Figure 2). Uninsured motorist rates have typically fluctuated between 11 and 15 percent. Only 6 of the 37 years that the IRC has studied uninsured motorists had estimated rates that fell outside the 11 to 15 percent range. The current estimate of 13 percent is in the middle of that range.

Figure 2

Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers Countrywide

(Ratio of UM to BI claim frequency rates)



Source: IRC estimates. Estimates for 1987, 1988, and 1998 are interpolated from prior and post year IRC estimates.

[5] Insurance Research Council, Uninsured Motorists, 2014 Edition (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2014), p. 4.

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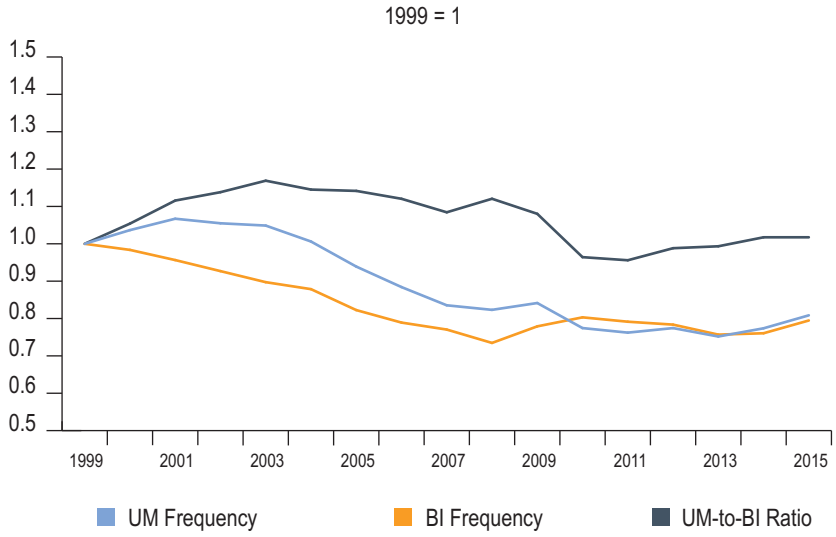
The ratio of UM and BI claim frequency rates forms the basis for the IRC's estimate of the prevalence of uninsured motorists. Figure 3 depicts change over time in UM and BI claim frequency rates and the UM to BI ratio by indexing each measure to 1, starting in 1999. The trends illustrate how changes in underlying claim frequencies affect the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers. The UM to BI claim frequency ratio (the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers) changes very little when UM and BI claim frequency trends follow each other closely. For example, from 2014 to 2015, the UM and BI claim frequency rates both increased, but at approximately the same rate, thus resulting in no change in the UM to BI ratio. When UM and BI claim frequency trends move in different directions, or move in the same direction but at different rates, then the UM to BI claim frequency ratio changes. For example, from 2007 to 2008, the UM claim frequency rate decreased, but not as rapidly as BI claim frequency. As a result, the UM to BI claim frequency rate increased. A more dramatic example can be seen with 2009 to 2010, when UM claim frequency decreased as BI claim frequency increased, resulting in a significant decline in the UM to BI ratio, from 13.8 to 12.3 percent.

Figure 3

Indexed Change in Countrywide UM & BI Claim Frequencies, UM/BI Ratio



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Despite long-term declines in both UM and BI claim frequencies, the UM to BI claim frequency ratio was only slightly different in 2015, at 13.0 percent, than it was in 1999, when it was 12.7 percent. The UM to BI ratio was little changed because UM and BI claim frequency rates experienced very similar declines over the sixteen-year period. If the UM and BI claim frequency trends had experienced very different trends, then the UM to BI ratio in 2015 would have differed considerably from what it was in 1999.

Countrywide uninsured motorists and bodily injury claim frequency rates, as well as the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers (the UM to BI claim frequency ratio) are presented in Figure 4 for the years 1999–2015. Only claims involving bodily injury are included in the UM claim frequency rates. Claim frequency rates and uninsured motorist estimates prior to 1999 can be found in previous IRC *Uninsured Motorists* reports.

Figure 4

Countrywide Claim Frequencies and UM to BI Ratios

	UM claim frequency*+	BI claim frequency+	Ratio: UM to BI claim frequencies
1999	0.164	1.285	12.8%
2000	0.170	1.264	13.4
2001	0.175	1.229	14.2
2002	0.173	1.191	14.5
2003	0.172	1.153	14.9
2004	0.165	1.129	14.6
2005	0.154	1.057	14.6
2006	0.145	1.014	14.3
2007	0.137	0.990	13.8
2008	0.135	0.944	14.3
2009	0.138	1.001	13.8
2010	0.127	1.032	12.3
2011	0.125	1.017	12.3
2012	0.127	1.007	12.6
2013	0.123	0.973	12.7
2014	0.127	0.977	13.0
2015	0.133	1.021	13.0

* Including only injury claims paid under UM coverage.

+ Number of claims paid per 100 insured exposures.

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State UM Trends

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Individual state UM to BI claim frequency ratios in 2015 ranged from 4.5 percent in Maine to 26.7 percent in Florida. Four other states, in addition to Florida, had UM to BI ratios of 20 percent or more: Mississippi (23.7 percent), New Mexico (20.8 percent), Michigan (20.3 percent), and Tennessee (20.0 percent). Wide variation in uninsured motorist rates across states is not a new phenomenon; similar differences have been documented in previous IRC UM studies. The 2015 ranking of states by the percentage of uninsured drivers, as measured by the UM to BI claim frequency ratio, is shown in figure 5.

Figure 5

Estimated Uninsured Motorist Rates in 2015

Rank		UM Claim Frequency*	BI Claim Frequency*	Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers
1	Florida	0.358	1.339	26.7%
2	Mississippi	0.229	0.966	23.7
3	New Mexico	0.192	0.921	20.8
4	Michigan	0.061	0.299	20.3
5	Tennessee	0.171	0.855	20.0
6	Alabama	0.158	0.862	18.4
7	Washington	0.208	1.197	17.4
8	Indiana	0.122	0.728	16.7
9	Arkansas	0.164	0.985	16.6
10	District of Columbia	0.321	2.060	15.6
11	Alaska	0.103	0.670	15.4
12	California	0.165	1.091	15.2
13	Rhode Island	0.283	1.869	15.2
14	New Jersey	0.110	0.740	14.9
15	Wisconsin	0.086	0.604	14.3
16	Texas	0.182	1.291	14.1
17	Missouri	0.125	0.892	14.0
18	Illinois	0.123	0.894	13.7
19	Colorado	0.115	0.862	13.3
20	Louisiana	0.265	2.043	13.0

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Rank		UM Claim Frequency*	BI Claim Frequency*	Estimated Percentage of Uninsured Drivers
21	Oregon	0.150	1.174	12.7%
22	Ohio	0.119	0.956	12.4
23	Maryland	0.213	1.725	12.4
24	Arizona	0.142	1.185	12.0
25	Georgia	0.192	1.599	12.0
26	Kentucky	0.115	0.996	11.5
27	Minnesota	0.045	0.387	11.5
28	Delaware	0.139	1.223	11.4
29	Nevada	0.159	1.490	10.6
30	Hawaii	0.039	0.368	10.6
31	Oklahoma	0.096	0.916	10.5
32	West Virginia	0.073	0.720	10.1
33	Montana	0.049	0.497	9.9
34	Virginia	0.091	0.923	9.9
35	New Hampshire	0.062	0.633	9.9
36	Connecticut	0.116	1.240	9.4
37	South Carolina	0.141	1.510	9.4
38	Iowa	0.046	0.536	8.7
39	Utah	0.083	1.016	8.2
40	Idaho	0.066	0.807	8.2
41	Wyoming	0.026	0.339	7.8
42	South Dakota	0.033	0.430	7.7
43	Pennsylvania	0.049	0.647	7.6
44	Kansas	0.032	0.443	7.2
45	North Dakota	0.019	0.275	6.8
46	Nebraska	0.049	0.728	6.8
47	Vermont	0.034	0.510	6.8
48	North Carolina	0.066	1.019	6.5
49	Massachusetts	0.079	1.280	6.2
50	New York	0.051	0.822	6.1
51	Maine	0.026	0.580	4.5

*Number of paid claims per 100 insured exposures.

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In 2015, twenty states had uninsured motorist rates equal to or greater than the countrywide rate (13.0 percent) while 30 states had rates below the countrywide rate. Most of the states with the highest uninsured motorist rates in 2015 also had high rates in 2006, but that was not the case for all of them. Indiana, for example, ranked eighth in 2015 but only twentieth in 2006. Similarly, Arkansas ranked ninth in 2015, but nineteenth in 2006. Conversely, some states with relatively high rankings in 2006 had significantly lower rankings 10 years later. Oklahoma, for example, had the fourth highest uninsured motorist rate in 2006, but ranked thirty-first by 2015.

Uninsured motorist rates for individual states often change from year-to-year, although the changes are typically small. Some states, however, have experienced significant changes over extended periods of time. Figure 6 lists states with the greatest increases or decreases in their UM to BI ratios from 2006 to 2015. Although the 2015 UM to BI ratio for Massachusetts (6.2 percent) was less than one-half the countrywide rate, the state experienced the largest percentage point increase, rising 4.8 points over the ten-year period. Many of the other states with the largest percentage point increases also are among the states with the highest UM to BI ratios in 2015. Michigan, for example, experienced a 3.8 percentage point increase in its UM to BI ratio, and Florida, which ranked fifth highest among all the states in 2006, ranked first in 2015, with a UM to BI ratio of 26.7 percent. This followed a 3.4 percentage point increase over 10 years.

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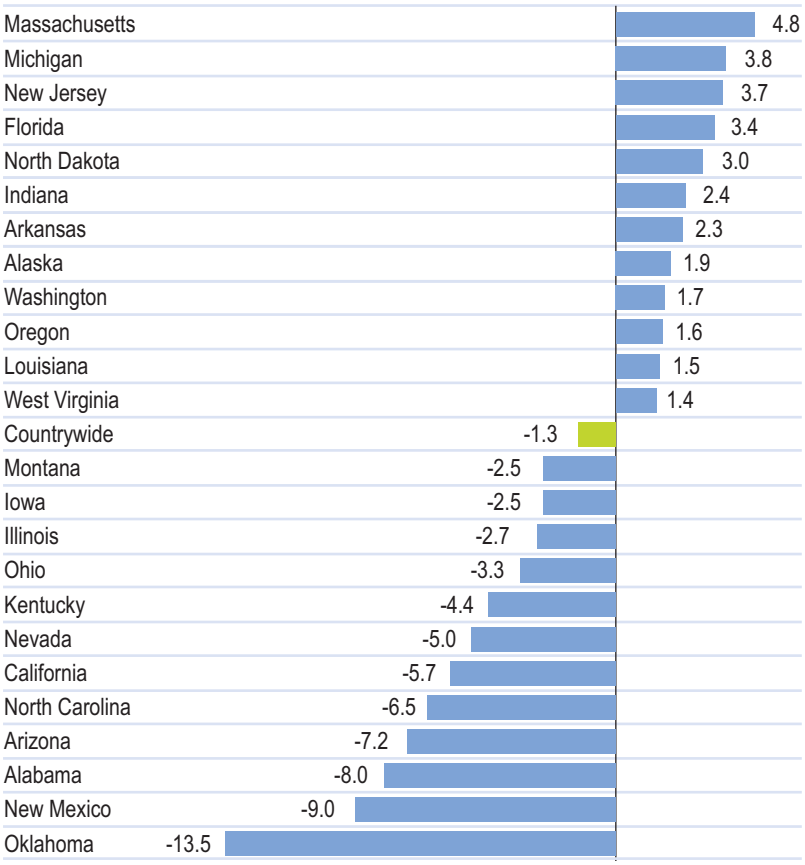
Figure 6

States With Largest Percentage Point Increases or Decreases in Estimated Uninsured Motorist Rates 2006–15



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Among the states with significant decreases in their UM to BI ratios, Oklahoma is particularly noteworthy. The dramatic decrease in Oklahoma's ratio (falling from 24.0 percent to 10.5 percent) may be attributed to the enactment of legislation in 2013 aimed at reducing the number of uninsured drivers.[6] Others states experiencing substantial decreases include New Mexico (declining 9.0 points to 20.8 percent) and Alabama (declining 8.0 points to 18.4 percent). Even with substantial decreases, however, New Mexico and Alabama are among the states with the highest estimated percentage of uninsured drivers. Another state to note is California, where the UM to BI ratio dropped 5.7 points, to 15.2 percent. In 2006, California had the sixth highest estimated percentage of uninsured drivers in the country. By 2015, California ranked twelfth among all the states.

Further insight into uninsured motorist rates is found in the underlying claim frequency rates used to calculate UM to BI claim frequency ratios. Figure 7 indicates for each state whether UM and BI claim frequencies are relatively low, medium, or high. The 10 states with the highest UM to BI ratios are shown in bold. Uninsured motorist rates may be high even when claim frequency rates are low, as was the case with Michigan, where strong no-fault rules limit all types of liability claims involving bodily injury. States with medium and high BI claim frequency rates and high UM claim frequency rates tend to have higher UM to BI ratios. Thirteen of 17 states with this combination of claim frequencies also experienced UM to BI ratios equal to or greater than the countrywide average (13.0 percent), in 2015.

[6] The legislation authorized law enforcement personnel to remove the tags of any uninsured vehicle and return the tags only after insurance has been purchased and any related fines have been paid. "Oklahoma Governor Signs Uninsured Motorist Bill," Insurance Journal, May 2, 2013, www.insurancejournal.com/news/ southcentral/2013/05/02/290661.htm (accessed August 9, 2015).

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Figure 7

UM and BI Claim Frequency Distribution, 2007

UM Claim Frequency	Low < .75	Medium .75 to 1	High > 1
High > 0.15		**AL, AR, MS, NM**, SC, **TN**, UT	CA, **DC, FL**, GA, LA, MD, NV, RI, TX, **WA**
Medium 0.07 to 0.15	AK, **IN**, NJ, WI	CO, IL, KY, MO, OH, OK, VA	AZ, CT, DE, MA, OR
Low < 0.07	HI, IA, KS, ME, **MI**, MN, MT, ND, NH, PA, SD, VT, WV, WY	ID, NE, NC, NY	

BI Claim Frequency

States with the 10 highest UM to BI claim frequency ratios are in bold.

UM and BI claim frequency rates varied more across states than did UM to BI claim frequency ratios. The coefficient of variation (CV) is a commonly used measure of variation across a set of data. It is particularly useful in comparing different groups of data with different characteristics. Expressed as a percentage, a higher CV indicates greater variation among the data in a group, and a lower CV indicates less variation. The CV for UM claim frequency in 2015 was 65 percent, compared with 46 percent for BI claim frequency, which indicates that BI claim frequency varied less across states than UM claim frequency. The CV for state UM to BI claim frequency ratios was even lower at 39 percent, indicating that state uninsured motorist rates, as measured by UM to BI ratios, varied less than the underlying claim frequencies on which the uninsured motorist estimates are based.

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Understanding why uninsured motorist rates vary significantly across states is a critical requirement to devise effective strategies to reduce the prevalence of uninsured drivers. For example, as might be expected, higher insurance costs are associated with higher uninsured motorist rates. Figure 8 illustrates the relationship between state UM to BI ratios and average liability premiums, as calculated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Average liability premiums are the total premiums paid by policyholders for all auto liability coverages combined, divided by the number of insured liability exposures (that is, the number of vehicles insured for an entire year).[7] The slope of the line and the dispersion of states around the line indicates that only about 15 percent of the total variation in the UM to BI ratios of every state and the District of Columbia in 2014 was explained by average liability premium costs. In other words, the average cost of insurance (average liability premium) explains only a portion of the variation in uninsured motorist rates across states. A $200 difference in average liability premium costs was associated with an average 2.4 percentage point difference in UM to BI ratios. However, the wide dispersion of states at different premium cost levels indicates that cost alone is a poor predictor of uninsured motorist rates. States with similar insurance costs had uninsured motorist rates that varied widely. For example, in states with average liability premium costs ranging narrowly between $750 and $850, the UM to BI ratio ranged from 6.2 percent to 26.7 percent. This finding suggests that factors in addition to the cost of insurance likely contribute to the prevalence of uninsured drivers in any particular state.[8]

[7] National Association of Insurance Commissioners, "Auto Insurance Database Report 2013/2014," www.naic.org/prod_serv/AUT-PB-TOC.pdf (accessed August 15, 2017).

[8] This analysis could be strengthened by controlling for differences in liability coverage limits actually purchased. Information on coverage limits in force, however, was not available to the IRC.

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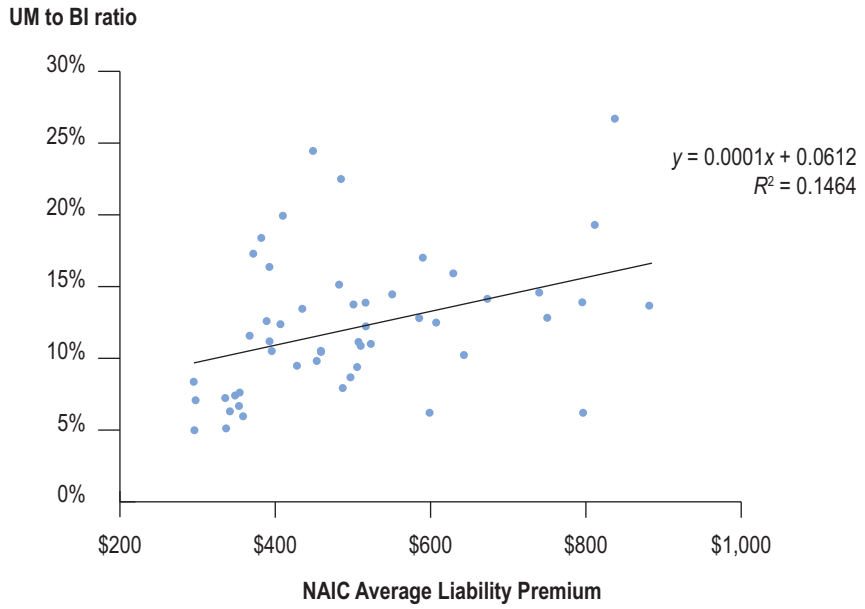
Figure 8

NAIC Average Liability Premium and UM to BI Ratios, 2014

Each point denotes the UM to BI ratio and average liability premium for a single state in 2014.



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Many states have taken steps to encourage drivers to obtain auto insurance coverage and to reduce the frequency of uninsured driving. The most common approach to promoting insurance coverage is to enact compulsory auto insurance laws requiring motor vehicle owners to obtain property damage and bodily injury liability coverage with specific minimum coverage limits. Figure 9 lists the minimum insurance requirements for motorists in each state. In addition to requiring liability coverage, states with no-fault systems require Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. Several states also require UM coverage to protect those who incur medical and/or property damage losses caused by an uninsured driver. Compulsory insurance requirements, while designed and intended to promote insurance coverage, may have the unintended effect of increasing the prevalence of uninsured drivers if the amount of coverage required, and the associated costs, are greater than what some drivers believe they are able to afford or prefer to pay.

Most states also prescribe specific penalties and fines for failing to comply with state insurance requirements. The penalties for driving without insurance vary widely, ranging from $100 for a first offense to a year in jail for multiple violations.[9] The states also take a variety of steps to enforce insurance requirements and identify drivers who fail to maintain minimum coverage. In several instances, state enforcement mechanisms require insurance companies to report detailed information to state agencies whenever a change in a policy that might indicate that a vehicle is no longer appropriately insured occurs.

Compulsory insurance requirements, fines and penalties for noncompliance, and the cost and affordability of insurance coverage are just some of the factors that may influence the prevalence of uninsured motorists. Future IRC research will explore how these factors work both independently and in concert to explain differences in uninsured motorist rates across states.

[9] Insurance Research Council, *Uninsured Motorists*, 2014 Edition (Malvern, Pa.: Insurance Research Council, 2014), pp. 16–18.

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Figure 9

State Bodily Injury and Property Damage Auto Insurance Requirements (per person bodily injury/per accident bodily injury/property damage)*L

State	Minimum Liability Limits	UM Coverage Required
Alabama	25/50/25	
Alaska	50/100/25	
Arizona	15/30/10	
Arkansas @	25/50/25	
California	15/30/5	
Colorado	25/50/15	
Connecticut #	20/40/10	Yes
Delaware @	15/30/10	
D.C. @	25/50/10	Yes
Florida @ +	-/-/10	
Georgia	25/50/25	
Hawaii @	20/40/10	
Idaho	25/50/15	
Illinois #	25/50/20	Yes
Indiana	25/50/10	
Iowa	20/40/15	
Kansas @	25/50/25	
Kentucky @	25/50/10	
Louisiana	15/30/25	
Maine	50/100/25	Yes
Maryland @ #	30/60/15	Yes
Massachusetts @	20/40/5	Yes
Michigan @	20/40/10	
Minnesota @ #	30/60/10	Yes
Mississippi	25/50/25	
Missouri	25/50/10	Yes

State	Minimum Liability Limits	UM Coverage Required
Montana	25/50/10	
Nebraska #	25/50/25	Yes
Nevada	15/30/10	
New Hampshire %	-/-/-	
New Jersey @ #	15/30/5	Yes
New Mexico	25/50/10	
New York @	25/50/10	Yes
North Carolina #	30/60/25	Yes
North Dakota @ #	25/50/25	Yes
Ohio	25/50/25	
Oklahoma	25/50/25	
Oregon @ #	25/50/20	Yes
Pennsylvania @	15/30/5	
Rhode Island	25/50/25	
South Carolina	25/50/25	Yes
South Dakota #	25/50/25	Yes
Tennessee	25/50/15	
Texas	30/60/25	
Utah @	25/65/15	
Vermont #	25/50/10	Yes
Virginia #	25/50/20	Yes
Washington	25/50/10	
West Virginia	25/50/25	Yes
Wisconsin	25/50/10	Yes
Wyoming	25/50/20	

* In $ thousands.
@ PIP coverage also required.
# Underinsured motorists coverage also required.
\+ Bodily injury liability coverage is not required.
% Neither bodily injury nor property damage liability coverage are required.

Source: Insurance Information Institute, *2017 Insurance Fact Book*, p 87.

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Methodology

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IRC analyzed UM and BI liability exposure and claim count data provided by participating companies for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. Data from previous IRC studies were also examined. Fourteen insurers, representing approximately 60 percent of the private passenger auto liability insurance business countrywide, participated in the study. Each insurer provided data for its total private passenger auto line of business (preferred, standard, and nonstandard lines) in each state. The number of earned car years and the number of incurred claims, including incurred but not reported claims, were combined to calculate UM and BI claim frequencies and the corresponding UM to BI claim frequency ratio.

The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies produces a reasonable estimate of the proportion of injury-producing accidents caused by uninsured or hit-and-run motorists. Claim frequencies, rather than claim counts, were used to minimize distortions from different numbers of UM and BI earned car years. Calculating the size of the uninsured driver population is important in fashioning appropriate public policies to address the uninsured motorist issue and to measure the effectiveness of different approaches. The illegal nature of driving a vehicle without insurance makes obtaining an exact and accurate number of uninsured drivers in each state a difficult task. The ratio of UM to BI claim frequencies provides an estimate of the probability that an at-fault driver in an accident was uninsured and unable to satisfy their liability for someone else's injuries caused by the accident. Therefore, the UM to BI ratio provides a measure of the impact on society of uninsured motorists.

A limitation of the UM to BI ratio is that the UM claim frequency also includes injury claims from hit-and-run accidents in which it is unknown if the at-fault driver had insurance. Also, any potential underlying differences in claiming behavior between injured parties deciding to make a BI claim versus a UM claim could affect underlying claim frequencies. Vehicles that were not insured, but also not driven on the road, do not factor into the UM to BI ratio. Finally, this approach assumes that insured and uninsured drivers experience the same frequency of at-fault accidents resulting in injuries. If accident rates for uninsured drivers are actually greater than or less than the rates for insured drivers, then IRC estimates understate or overstate, respectively, the true prevalence of uninsured drivers. Considering these factors, the UM to BI ratio provides a consistent and reasonable measure for comparing the estimated percentage of uninsured drivers from state to state and over time within each state.

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Description of Relevant Auto Insurance Coverages

The claim frequency information in this study relied on the UM and BI portions of private passenger auto injury insurance coverage. If an injury occurred to a person in an auto accident and the other driver was at fault, the injured person would file a BI claim against the at-fault driver. Because the injured claimant is typically someone outside the driver's household, BI claims are referred to as third-party claims. BI payments can include coverage for medical expenses and lost wages, as well as payments for general damages, sometimes referred to as pain and suffering payments.

However, if an injury occurred to a person in an auto accident and the other driver was at fault but did not have liability insurance, the injured person would file a UM claim with his or her own insurance company. The insured's UM coverage pays the amount the injured person would have otherwise received from the at-fault driver. Eligibility for payments from either BI or UM coverage depends on the other driver being at fault for the accident.

Other auto injury insurance coverages, such as medical payments (MP) and PIP, were not included in this analysis because neither involves a comparable group of claims to UM claims. UM is a fault-based coverage, whereas MP and PIP are no-fault, first-party coverages.

Participating Companies

Allstate Insurance Company

American Family Insurance Group

Amica Mutual Insurance

CSAA Insurance Group

Erie Insurance Group

GEICO

Hanover Insurance

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.

Liberty Mutual Group

Nationwide Insurance

Sentry Insurance

State Farm Insurance Companies

Travelers Insurance

USAA

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Appendix Uninsured Motorist Estimates by State, 1999–2015

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Alabama	1999	0.273	0.973	28.1%	3
	2000	0.227	0.926	24.5	4
	2001	0.198	0.920	21.5	6
	2002	0.208	0.889	23.4	4
	2003	0.212	0.867	24.5	4
	2004	0.219	0.884	24.8	2
	2005	0.212	0.824	25.7	2
	2006	0.212	0.804	26.4	2
	2007	0.206	0.786	26.1	3
	2008	0.169	0.721	23.5	4
	2009	0.171	0.785	21.8	6
	2010	0.171	0.791	21.6	4
	2011	0.156	0.778	20.1	6
	2012	0.155	0.791	19.6	7
	2013	0.145	0.796	18.2	6
	2014	0.150	0.816	18.4	6
	2015	0.158	0.862	18.4	6
Alaska	1999	0.191	1.338	14.3%	15
	2000	0.197	1.182	16.7	11
	2001	0.220	1.216	18.1	9
	2002	0.225	1.184	19.0	9
	2003	0.169	1.179	14.3	19
	2004	0.176	1.145	15.3	16
	2005	0.154	1.114	13.8	20
	2006	0.142	1.049	13.5	22
	2007	0.120	0.947	12.7	24
	2008	0.116	0.875	13.3	28
	2009	0.109	0.834	13.0	26
	2010	0.108	0.823	13.1	17
	2011	0.101	0.804	12.5	21
	2012	0.113	0.856	13.2	21
	2013	0.108	0.821	13.2	17
	2014	0.099	0.688	14.5	13
	2015	0.103	0.670	15.4	11

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Arizona	1999	0.287	1.698	16.9%	8
	2000	0.282	1.621	17.4	9
	2001	0.289	1.575	18.3	8
	2002	0.299	1.517	19.7	8
	2003	0.318	1.484	21.4	8
	2004	0.329	1.491	22.0	5
	2005	0.288	1.373	21.0	7
	2006	0.255	1.327	19.2	8
	2007	0.221	1.243	17.8	8
	2008	0.148	1.059	14.0	23
	2009	0.122	1.024	11.9	28
	2010	0.109	1.079	10.1	31
	2011	0.111	1.135	9.8	32
	2012	0.119	1.123	10.6	29
	2013	0.130	1.118	11.7	28
	2014	0.127	1.143	11.1	28
	2015	0.142	1.185	12.0	24
Arkansas	1999	0.132	1.204	10.9%	27
	2000	0.135	1.156	11.6	27
	2001	0.131	1.159	11.3	29
	2002	0.136	1.133	12.0	28
	2003	0.150	1.131	13.3	23
	2004	0.163	1.179	13.9	21
	2005	0.151	1.097	13.8	21
	2006	0.151	1.056	14.3	19
	2007	0.152	1.018	14.9	15
	2008	0.161	0.927	17.3	9
	2009	0.154	0.964	16.0	12
	2010	0.156	0.986	15.8	10
	2011	0.153	0.990	15.4	12
	2012	0.158	0.994	15.9	11
	2013	0.158	0.943	16.7	7
	2014	0.155	0.949	16.4	9
	2015	0.164	0.985	16.6	9

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
California	1999	0.290	1.501	19.4%	6
	2000	0.291	1.490	19.5	7
	2001	0.306	1.479	20.7	7
	2002	0.310	1.390	22.3	5
	2003	0.313	1.314	23.8	5
	2004	0.320	1.291	24.8	3
	2005	0.248	1.178	21.0	6
	2006	0.232	1.111	20.9	6
	2007	0.197	1.090	18.1	7
	2008	0.169	1.025	16.5	11
	2009	0.163	1.086	15.0	17
	2010	0.169	1.148	14.7	14
	2011	0.162	1.123	14.4	14
	2012	0.167	1.132	14.7	13
	2013	0.162	1.078	15.0	11
	2014	0.162	1.071	15.1	11
	2015	0.165	1.091	15.2	12
Colorado	1999	0.131	0.437	29.9%	1
	2000	0.112	0.433	25.9	3
	2001	0.115	0.430	26.8	2
	2002	0.134	0.460	29.2	1
	2003	0.144	0.668	21.6	7
	2004	0.141	0.940	15.0	17
	2005	0.116	0.804	14.4	18
	2006	0.107	0.741	14.4	18
	2007	0.109	0.741	14.7	19
	2008	0.108	0.717	15.0	19
	2009	0.111	0.733	15.2	16
	2010	0.113	0.718	15.7	11
	2011	0.117	0.748	15.6	11
	2012	0.121	0.748	16.2	9
	2013	0.116	0.777	15.0	13
	2014	0.113	0.823	13.8	17
	2015	0.115	0.862	13.3	19

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Connecticut	1999	0.176	1.760	10.0%	34
	2000	0.197	1.688	11.6	28
	2001	0.183	1.562	11.7	27
	2002	0.176	1.556	11.3	32
	2003	0.196	1.631	12.0	28
	2004	0.195	1.604	12.2	29
	2005	0.156	1.463	10.6	35
	2006	0.137	1.335	10.2	37
	2007	0.126	1.337	9.4	36
	2008	0.109	1.204	9.1	42
	2009	0.120	1.257	9.5	40
	2010	0.096	1.364	7.0	43
	2011	0.100	1.423	7.0	43
	2012	0.109	1.370	8.0	41
	2013	0.132	1.201	11.0	29
	2014	0.124	1.211	10.2	34
	2015	0.116	1.240	9.4	36
Deleware	1999	0.191	1.324	14.4%	14
	2000	0.184	1.323	13.9	17
	2001	0.171	1.340	12.7	25
	2002	0.193	1.395	13.8	21
	2003	0.172	1.305	13.2	25
	2004	0.142	1.215	11.7	31
	2005	0.140	1.218	11.5	32
	2006	0.147	1.200	12.2	28
	2007	0.137	1.312	10.4	34
	2008	0.160	1.184	13.5	26
	2009	0.128	1.194	10.8	36
	2010	0.129	1.212	10.6	28
	2011	0.117	1.136	10.3	29
	2012	0.133	1.161	11.5	27
	2013	0.170	1.287	13.2	16
	2014	0.165	1.190	13.9	15
	2015	0.139	1.223	11.4	28

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
DC	1999	0.487	2.538	19.2%	7
	2000	0.510	2.310	22.1	5
	2001	0.504	2.115	23.8	3
	2002	0.395	1.832	21.6	6
	2003	0.406	1.655	24.5	3
	2004	0.328	1.599	20.5	7
	2005	0.285	1.543	18.5	9
	2006	0.224	1.475	15.2	16
	2007	0.220	1.517	14.5	20
	2008	0.262	1.666	15.7	14
	2009	0.280	1.832	15.3	15
	2010	0.209	1.638	12.7	19
	2011	0.191	1.602	11.9	23
	2012	0.188	1.574	11.9	24
	2013	0.278	1.819	15.3	11
	2014	0.288	1.809	15.9	10
	2015	0.321	2.060	15.6	10
Florida	1999	0.179	1.197	15.0%	12
	2000	0.202	1.211	16.7	10
	2001	0.213	1.226	17.4	12
	2002	0.221	1.206	18.3	10
	2003	0.231	1.166	19.8	9
	2004	0.233	1.200	19.4	8
	2005	0.272	1.128	24.1	5
	2006	0.254	1.090	23.3	5
	2007	0.252	1.100	22.9	5
	2008	0.269	1.064	25.2	3
	2009	0.294	1.250	23.5	5
	2010	0.288	1.401	20.6	6
	2011	0.288	1.336	21.6	4
	2012	0.292	1.224	23.8	2
	2013	0.312	1.222	25.5	1
	2014	0.341	1.278	26.7	1
	2015	0.358	1.339	26.7	1

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Georgia	1999	0.102	1.089	9.3%	36
	2000	0.121	1.084	11.1	30
	2001	0.117	1.088	10.7	33
	2002	0.130	1.063	12.3	26
	2003	0.118	1.044	11.3	33
	2004	0.098	1.026	9.6	39
	2005	0.140	1.183	11.9	29
	2006	0.133	1.154	11.5	31
	2007	0.135	1.165	11.6	31
	2008	0.179	1.103	16.2	12
	2009	0.196	1.248	15.7	14
	2010	0.134	1.256	10.7	27
	2011	0.148	1.286	11.5	25
	2012	0.157	1.348	11.7	26
	2013	0.165	1.390	11.9	24
	2014	0.173	1.417	12.2	25
	2015	0.192	1.599	12.0	25
Hawaii	1999	0.090	0.559	16.1%	10
	2000	0.077	0.536	14.4	16
	2001	0.074	0.484	15.2	16
	2002	0.068	0.491	13.9	20
	2003	0.071	0.476	15.0	17
	2004	0.062	0.461	13.5	22
	2005	0.056	0.439	12.6	24
	2006	0.052	0.420	12.5	26
	2007	0.049	0.393	12.4	26
	2008	0.048	0.350	13.7	25
	2009	0.045	0.403	11.2	31
	2010	0.032	0.360	8.9	36
	2011	0.036	0.368	9.8	31
	2012	0.033	0.369	8.9	37
	2013	0.041	0.390	10.5	32
	2014	0.039	0.374	10.4	33
	2015	0.039	0.368	10.6	30

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Idaho	1999	0.083	1.068	7.7%	40
	2000	0.099	1.061	9.3	39
	2001	0.103	1.009	10.2	37
	2002	0.085	0.981	8.7	44
	2003	0.090	0.944	9.5	39
	2004	0.085	0.967	8.8	42
	2005	0.088	0.923	9.5	39
	2006	0.089	0.909	9.8	39
	2007	0.079	0.862	9.2	39
	2008	0.066	0.738	8.9	43
	2009	0.058	0.741	7.9	45
	2010	0.060	0.734	8.2	41
	2011	0.049	0.732	6.6	45
	2012	0.050	0.742	6.7	45
	2013	0.058	0.791	7.4	43
	2014	0.058	0.781	7.4	42
	2015	0.066	0.807	8.2	40
Illinois	1999	0.210	1.317	16.0%	11
	2000	0.210	1.283	16.4	13
	2001	0.199	1.184	16.8	14
	2002	0.191	1.184	16.2	14
	2003	0.181	1.115	16.2	14
	2004	0.168	1.043	16.1	13
	2005	0.170	1.024	16.6	12
	2006	0.168	1.025	16.4	10
	2007	0.159	1.078	14.8	17
	2008	0.128	0.894	14.3	22
	2009	0.133	0.892	14.9	20
	2010	0.112	0.884	12.7	21
	2011	0.110	0.854	12.8	19
	2012	0.114	0.862	13.3	20
	2013	0.116	0.862	13.5	15
	2014	0.116	0.861	13.5	19
	2015	0.123	0.894	13.7	18

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Indiana	1999	0.124	1.087	11.4%	24
	2000	0.131	1.053	12.5	23
	2001	0.136	1.000	13.6	19
	2002	0.134	0.954	14.0	19
	2003	0.128	0.889	14.4	18
	2004	0.133	0.854	15.5	14
	2005	0.122	0.799	15.3	18
	2006	0.113	0.769	14.7	21
	2007	0.109	0.751	14.5	22
	2008	0.122	0.756	16.1	13
	2009	0.127	0.777	16.3	10
	2010	0.115	0.758	15.1	13
	2011	0.109	0.731	14.9	13
	2012	0.105	0.739	14.2	14
	2013	0.114	0.694	16.5	8
	2014	0.122	0.707	17.3	7
	2015	0.122	0.728	16.7	8
Iowa	1999	0.079	0.785	10.0%	33
	2000	0.077	0.780	9.9	34
	2001	0.077	0.726	10.7	34
	2002	0.083	0.702	11.9	29
	2003	0.081	0.710	11.5	32
	2004	0.083	0.669	12.4	25
	2005	0.126	0.852	14.7	17
	2006	0.116	0.817	14.3	20
	2007	0.112	0.796	14.0	21
	2008	0.071	0.584	12.2	34
	2009	0.061	0.527	11.5	29
	2010	0.044	0.522	8.3	39
	2011	0.047	0.473	9.9	30
	2012	0.047	0.484	9.7	32
	2013	0.039	0.467	8.4	40
	2014	0.042	0.501	8.4	39
	2015	0.046	0.536	8.7	38

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Kansas	1999	0.040	0.498	8.0%	39
	2000	0.037	0.435	8.5	41
	2001	0.038	0.441	8.7	42
	2002	0.046	0.456	10.2	35
	2003	0.051	0.462	11.1	34
	2004	0.062	0.487	12.7	23
	2005	0.038	0.420	9.1	40
	2006	0.041	0.423	9.6	40
	2007	0.044	0.449	9.8	35
	2008	0.037	0.394	9.3	41
	2009	0.038	0.390	9.8	39
	2010	0.034	0.396	8.5	37
	2011	0.037	0.399	9.2	36
	2012	0.039	0.420	9.4	33
	2013	0.034	0.404	8.4	41
	2014	0.033	0.433	7.6	41
	2015	0.032	0.443	7.2	44
Kentucky	1999	0.095	0.978	9.7%	35
	2000	0.097	0.974	9.9	33
	2001	0.102	0.947	10.8	32
	2002	0.101	0.877	11.5	30
	2003	0.105	0.889	11.8	30
	2004	0.104	0.883	11.8	30
	2005	0.139	0.843	16.5	13
	2006	0.138	0.867	15.9	11
	2007	0.131	0.842	15.6	12
	2008	0.153	0.862	17.8	8
	2009	0.167	0.940	17.8	8
	2010	0.151	0.908	16.6	9
	2011	0.138	0.884	15.6	10
	2012	0.147	0.932	15.8	12
	2013	0.093	0.924	10.1	33
	2014	0.105	0.955	11.0	29
	2015	0.115	0.996	11.5	26

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Louisiana	1999	0.180	2.435	7.4%	42
	2000	0.225	2.397	9.4	38
	2001	0.240	2.325	10.3	36
	2002	0.243	2.253	10.8	33
	2003	0.232	2.158	10.7	36
	2004	0.216	2.118	10.2	34
	2005	0.211	2.046	10.3	36
	2006	0.225	1.950	11.5	32
	2007	0.229	1.871	12.3	27
	2008	0.229	1.769	13.0	29
	2009	0.240	1.864	12.9	27
	2010	0.213	1.766	12.1	22
	2011	0.227	1.756	12.9	18
	2012	0.249	1.791	13.9	16
	2013	0.219	1.836	11.9	23
	2014	0.240	1.873	12.8	20
	2015	0.265	2.043	13.0	20
Maine	1999	0.065	1.288	5.1%	51
	2000	0.063	1.147	5.5	50
	2001	0.051	1.060	4.8	50
	2002	0.046	0.957	4.8	51
	2003	0.041	0.938	4.4	51
	2004	0.036	0.864	4.2	51
	2005	0.074	1.404	5.3	49
	2006	0.069	1.339	5.1	49
	2007	0.052	1.193	4.3	50
	2008	0.025	0.684	3.7	51
	2009	0.032	0.725	4.5	50
	2010	0.027	0.592	4.6	50
	2011	0.026	0.557	4.7	50
	2012	0.026	0.566	4.7	50
	2013	0.029	0.585	5.0	51
	2014	0.030	0.595	5.1	50
	2015	0.026	0.580	4.5	51

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Maryland	1999	0.202	1.920	10.5%	29
	2000	0.227	1.851	12.3	24
	2001	0.231	1.809	12.8	23
	2002	0.214	1.715	12.5	25
	2003	0.220	1.624	13.5	22
	2004	0.192	1.577	12.2	28
	2005	0.193	1.545	12.5	26
	2006	0.190	1.502	12.7	25
	2007	0.186	1.494	12.5	25
	2008	0.191	1.430	13.4	27
	2009	0.232	1.557	14.9	18
	2010	0.181	1.555	11.6	25
	2011	0.179	1.578	11.4	26
	2012	0.193	1.578	12.2	22
	2013	0.191	1.563	12.2	22
	2014	0.198	1.588	12.5	23
	2015	0.213	1.725	12.4	23
Massachusetts	1999	0.108	1.608	6.7%	44
	2000	0.077	1.435	5.3	51
	2001	0.059	1.341	4.4	51
	2002	0.082	1.533	5.3	50
	2003	0.082	1.548	5.3	50
	2004	0.080	1.336	6.0	49
	2005	0.012	0.913	1.3	51
	2006	0.011	0.815	1.4	51
	2007	0.007	0.712	1.0	51
	2008	0.051	1.223	4.2	50
	2009	0.054	1.211	4.5	51
	2010	0.064	1.689	3.8	51
	2011	0.065	1.621	4.0	51
	2012	0.060	1.536	3.9	51
	2013	0.076	1.282	5.9	47
	2014	0.079	1.273	6.2	47
	2015	0.079	1.280	6.2	49

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Michigan	1999	0.071	0.507	14.0%	16
	2000	0.070	0.481	14.5	15
	2001	0.079	0.450	17.7	11
	2002	0.066	0.408	16.1	15
	2003	0.063	0.358	17.7	12
	2004	0.055	0.312	17.5	11
	2005	0.048	0.300	15.9	15
	2006	0.047	0.286	16.5	12
	2007	0.047	0.278	16.9	9
	2008	0.046	0.244	18.7	7
	2009	0.052	0.267	19.5	7
	2010	0.045	0.261	17.3	8
	2011	0.054	0.281	19.2	7
	2012	0.060	0.288	21.0	5
	2013	0.060	0.294	20.5	4
	2014	0.058	0.300	19.3	5
	2015	0.061	0.299	20.3	4
Minnesota	1999	0.055	0.513	10.7%	28
	2000	0.057	0.500	11.4	29
	2001	0.052	0.447	11.5	28
	2002	0.049	0.431	11.5	31
	2003	0.049	0.423	11.5	31
	2004	0.044	0.424	10.4	33
	2005	0.049	0.396	12.5	27
	2006	0.043	0.359	12.1	29
	2007	0.046	0.388	11.9	29
	2008	0.041	0.338	12.2	33
	2009	0.046	0.356	13.0	25
	2010	0.038	0.353	10.7	26
	2011	0.038	0.352	10.7	27
	2012	0.040	0.369	10.8	28
	2013	0.042	0.384	11.0	30
	2014	0.042	0.428	9.8	35
	2015	0.045	0.387	11.5	27

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Mississippi	1999	0.336	1.180	28.4%	2
	2000	0.297	1.130	26.2	2
	2001	0.259	1.117	23.2	4
	2002	0.264	1.052	25.1	3
	2003	0.258	0.987	26.1	2
	2004	0.265	0.999	26.5	1
	2005	0.243	0.951	25.6	3
	2006	0.234	0.937	25.0	3
	2007	0.244	0.878	27.8	2
	2008	0.235	0.823	28.5	2
	2009	0.254	0.906	28.0	1
	2010	0.218	0.917	23.7	1
	2011	0.217	0.896	24.2	1
	2012	0.201	0.877	22.9	3
	2013	0.211	0.899	23.4	2
	2014	0.225	0.919	24.5	2
	2015	0.229	0.966	23.7	2
Missouri	1999	0.153	1.259	12.2%	21
	2000	0.143	1.206	11.9	26
	2001	0.142	1.175	12.1	26
	2002	0.139	1.148	12.1	27
	2003	0.133	1.111	12.0	29
	2004	0.136	1.117	12.2	27
	2005	0.129	1.023	12.6	25
	2006	0.123	0.963	12.8	24
	2007	0.129	0.940	13.7	22
	2008	0.119	0.859	13.8	24
	2009	0.118	0.857	13.7	22
	2010	0.109	0.850	12.9	18
	2011	0.105	0.820	12.8	20
	2012	0.111	0.818	13.5	18
	2013	0.103	0.813	12.7	20
	2014	0.104	0.837	12.4	24
	2015	0.125	0.892	14.0	17

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Montana	1999	0.083	0.829	10.1%	32
	2000	0.089	0.822	10.8	32
	2001	0.081	0.751	10.8	31
	2002	0.077	0.761	10.1	36
	2003	0.091	0.745	12.2	27
	2004	0.091	0.731	12.4	24
	2005	0.086	0.718	12.0	28
	2006	0.088	0.707	12.4	27
	2007	0.094	0.640	14.7	18
	2008	0.074	0.577	12.7	31
	2009	0.064	0.566	11.4	30
	2010	0.067	0.564	11.9	23
	2011	0.074	0.551	13.5	15
	2012	0.078	0.553	14.1	15
	2013	0.058	0.491	11.8	25
	2014	0.053	0.470	11.2	27
	2015	0.049	0.497	9.9	33
Nebraska	1999	0.067	1.009	6.6%	45
	2000	0.078	0.970	8.1	44
	2001	0.071	0.939	7.6	44
	2002	0.073	0.905	8.0	45
	2003	0.071	0.897	7.9	48
	2004	0.065	0.871	7.5	47
	2005	0.065	0.850	7.7	43
	2006	0.060	0.796	7.5	44
	2007	0.067	0.840	8.0	43
	2008	0.052	0.700	7.4	45
	2009	0.054	0.686	7.8	46
	2010	0.046	0.707	6.5	44
	2011	0.049	0.674	7.3	42
	2012	0.044	0.662	6.7	44
	2013	0.045	0.653	6.8	45
	2014	0.046	0.687	6.7	45
	2015	0.049	0.728	6.8	46

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Nevada	1999	0.224	1.510	14.9%	13
	2000	0.234	1.428	16.4	12
	2001	0.242	1.433	16.9	13
	2002	0.230	1.449	15.9	16
	2003	0.289	1.587	18.2	10
	2004	0.296	1.693	17.5	10
	2005	0.288	1.717	16.8	11
	2006	0.253	1.623	15.6	14
	2007	0.225	1.476	15.2	14
	2008	0.209	1.420	14.7	20
	2009	0.186	1.415	13.2	24
	2010	0.185	1.456	12.7	20
	2011	0.181	1.454	12.4	22
	2012	0.179	1.467	12.2	23
	2013	0.186	1.476	12.6	21
	2014	0.206	1.456	14.1	14
	2015	0.159	1.490	10.6	29
New Hampshire	1999	0.102	0.977	10.4%	30
	2000	0.086	0.890	9.6	35
	2001	0.074	0.817	9.1	41
	2002	0.073	0.794	9.2	41
	2003	0.069	0.777	8.8	41
	2004	0.062	0.706	8.8	44
	2005	0.103	0.883	11.7	31
	2006	0.096	0.827	11.6	30
	2007	0.089	0.792	11.3	32
	2008	0.079	0.715	11.0	35
	2009	0.081	0.740	10.9	33
	2010	0.065	0.722	9.0	35
	2011	0.068	0.710	9.5	33
	2012	0.065	0.696	9.3	34
	2013	0.063	0.670	9.5	35
	2014	0.067	0.635	10.5	32
	2015	0.062	0.633	9.9	35

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
New Jersey	1999	0.190	1.444	13.2%	18
	2000	0.177	1.370	12.9	19
	2001	0.173	1.282	13.5	20
	2002	0.167	1.270	13.2	23
	2003	0.158	1.193	13.2	24
	2004	0.111	1.187	9.4	40
	2005	0.117	1.068	11.0	34
	2006	0.106	0.951	11.2	34
	2007	0.073	0.902	8.1	41
	2008	0.105	0.826	12.7	32
	2009	0.104	0.923	11.2	32
	2010	0.094	0.933	10.1	30
	2011	0.095	0.914	10.3	28
	2012	0.088	0.861	10.3	30
	2013	0.106	0.828	12.8	19
	2014	0.104	0.759	13.7	18
	2015	0.110	0.740	14.9	14
New Mexico	1999	0.288	1.114	25.8%	4
	2000	0.289	1.101	26.3	1
	2001	0.306	1.090	28.1	1
	2002	0.289	1.052	27.4	2
	2003	0.311	1.047	29.7	1
	2004	0.261	1.072	24.3	4
	2005	0.310	1.055	29.4	1
	2006	0.307	1.030	29.8	1
	2007	0.278	0.962	28.9	1
	2008	0.279	0.946	29.5	1
	2009	0.249	0.970	25.7	2
	2010	0.223	1.000	22.3	3
	2011	0.231	0.978	23.6	3
	2012	0.211	0.975	21.6	4
	2013	0.200	0.958	20.8	3
	2014	0.208	0.926	22.5	3
	2015	0.192	0.921	20.8	3

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
New York	1999	0.088	1.611	5.5%	50
	2000	0.104	1.604	6.5	49
	2001	0.104	1.481	7.1	48
	2002	0.094	1.424	6.6	48
	2003	0.088	1.296	6.8	49
	2004	0.076	1.146	6.6	48
	2005	0.080	1.093	7.3	45
	2006	0.065	1.052	6.1	47
	2007	0.055	1.056	5.2	48
	2008	0.053	0.921	5.8	49
	2009	0.056	1.031	5.4	49
	2010	0.052	1.047	5.0	49
	2011	0.050	0.986	5.0	49
	2012	0.047	0.892	5.3	49
	2013	0.053	0.857	6.2	46
	2014	0.050	0.801	6.2	48
	2015	0.051	0.822	6.1	50
North Carolina	1999	0.099	1.342	7.4%	43
	2000	0.098	1.275	7.7	47
	2001	0.103	1.215	8.5	43
	2002	0.107	1.227	8.7	43
	2003	0.102	1.217	8.4	44
	2004	0.092	1.197	7.7	46
	2005	0.168	1.253	13.4	23
	2006	0.159	1.224	13.0	23
	2007	0.138	1.161	11.9	30
	2008	0.173	1.202	14.4	21
	2009	0.172	1.269	13.5	23
	2010	0.104	1.136	9.1	34
	2011	0.098	1.128	8.7	37
	2012	0.103	1.137	9.1	35
	2013	0.058	0.989	5.9	48
	2014	0.058	0.968	6.0	49
	2015	0.066	1.019	6.5	48

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North Dakota	1999	0.017	0.300	5.7%	49
	2000	0.027	0.280	9.6	37
	2001	0.020	0.274	7.5	45
	2002	0.021	0.267	7.9	46
	2003	0.020	0.240	8.5	43
	2004	0.020	0.230	8.7	45
	2005	0.027	0.700	3.9	50
	2006	0.026	0.691	3.8	50
	2007	0.025	0.559	4.5	49
	2008	0.018	0.189	9.4	40
	2009	0.019	0.205	9.1	41
	2010	0.012	0.191	6.0	47
	2011	0.013	0.200	6.7	44
	2012	0.014	0.232	5.9	47
	2013	0.014	0.257	5.6	49
	2014	0.014	0.277	5.0	51
	2015	0.019	0.275	6.8	45
Ohio	1999	0.124	1.039	11.9%	23
	2000	0.142	1.092	13.0	18
	2001	0.157	1.061	14.8	17
	2002	0.154	1.035	14.9	17
	2003	0.160	1.004	15.9	15
	2004	0.154	1.002	15.4	15
	2005	0.166	1.059	15.7	16
	2006	0.159	1.013	15.7	13
	2007	0.153	0.966	15.8	11
	2008	0.148	0.952	15.6	16
	2009	0.153	0.972	15.7	13
	2010	0.133	1.004	13.3	16
	2011	0.136	1.017	13.3	16
	2012	0.134	0.989	13.5	17
	2013	0.117	0.906	12.9	18
	2014	0.115	0.917	12.6	22
	2015	0.119	0.956	12.4	22

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Oklahoma	1999	0.163	1.460	11.2%	26
	2000	0.175	1.435	12.2	25
	2001	0.184	1.367	13.5	21
	2002	0.178	1.284	13.8	22
	2003	0.176	1.233	14.3	20
	2004	0.183	1.235	14.8	18
	2005	0.272	1.126	24.2	4
	2006	0.253	1.055	24.0	4
	2007	0.255	1.067	23.9	4
	2008	0.214	0.980	21.8	6
	2009	0.234	0.980	23.9	4
	2010	0.235	1.044	22.5	2
	2011	0.232	0.980	23.7	2
	2012	0.256	0.991	25.9	1
	2013	0.093	0.931	10.0	34
	2014	0.093	0.883	10.5	31
	2015	0.096	0.916	10.5	31
Oregon	1999	0.196	1.533	12.8%	19
	2000	0.180	1.440	12.5	22
	2001	0.180	1.407	12.8	24
	2002	0.173	1.356	12.7	24
	2003	0.173	1.351	12.8	26
	2004	0.163	1.326	12.3	26
	2005	0.158	1.346	11.8	30
	2006	0.143	1.288	11.1	35
	2007	0.126	1.173	10.8	33
	2008	0.115	1.052	10.9	36
	2009	0.111	1.070	10.4	38
	2010	0.121	1.169	10.3	29
	2011	0.106	1.137	9.3	34
	2012	0.107	1.184	9.0	36
	2013	0.131	1.105	11.8	26
	2014	0.145	1.130	12.8	21
	2015	0.150	1.174	12.7	21

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Pennsylvania	1999	0.085	0.924	9.2%	37
	2000	0.087	0.909	9.6	36
	2001	0.089	0.865	10.3	35
	2002	0.089	0.835	10.6	34
	2003	0.088	0.800	11.0	35
	2004	0.077	0.796	9.7	37
	2005	0.058	0.820	7.1	46
	2006	0.054	0.761	7.1	45
	2007	0.051	0.733	7.0	45
	2008	0.046	0.709	6.5	46
	2009	0.050	0.767	6.6	48
	2010	0.050	0.829	6.0	48
	2011	0.052	0.834	6.3	47
	2012	0.052	0.792	6.5	46
	2013	0.057	0.662	8.6	39
	2014	0.054	0.628	8.7	38
	2015	0.049	0.647	7.6	43
Rhode Island	1999	0.282	2.304	12.2%	20
	2000	0.298	2.319	12.9	20
	2001	0.312	2.195	14.2	18
	2002	0.352	2.150	16.4	13
	2003	0.324	2.143	15.1	16
	2004	0.300	2.090	14.4	19
	2005	0.294	2.133	13.8	22
	2006	0.303	2.014	15.0	17
	2007	0.279	2.044	13.6	23
	2008	0.281	1.838	15.3	17
	2009	0.361	2.052	17.6	9
	2010	0.354	2.288	15.5	12
	2011	0.435	2.497	17.4	8
	2012	0.400	2.357	17.0	8
	2013	0.286	1.854	15.4	9
	2014	0.268	1.834	14.6	12
	2015	0.283	1.869	15.2	13

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
South Carolina	1999	0.130	1.694	7.6%	41
	2000	0.149	1.663	9.0	40
	2001	0.146	1.547	9.4	39
	2002	0.147	1.508	9.7	38
	2003	0.149	1.495	9.9	38
	2004	0.136	1.415	9.6	38
	2005	0.138	1.371	10.1	37
	2006	0.134	1.306	10.3	36
	2007	0.120	1.281	9.4	38
	2008	0.158	1.233	12.8	30
	2009	0.143	1.340	10.7	37
	2010	0.113	1.373	8.2	40
	2011	0.105	1.350	7.8	41
	2012	0.105	1.353	7.7	43
	2013	0.145	1.380	10.5	31
	2014	0.152	1.397	10.9	30
	2015	0.141	1.510	9.4	37
South Dakota	1999	0.045	0.710	6.4%	48
	2000	0.054	0.670	8.1	45
	2001	0.047	0.641	7.4	46
	2002	0.042	0.612	6.9	47
	2003	0.051	0.610	8.4	45
	2004	0.049	0.549	8.8	43
	2005	0.038	0.537	7.0	47
	2006	0.036	0.523	6.8	46
	2007	0.033	0.484	6.9	46
	2008	0.029	0.450	6.5	47
	2009	0.036	0.423	8.6	42
	2010	0.037	0.488	7.5	42
	2011	0.039	0.476	8.2	39
	2012	0.033	0.425	7.8	42
	2013	0.032	0.453	7.0	44
	2014	0.031	0.442	7.1	44
	2015	0.033	0.430	7.7	42

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Tennessee	1999	0.212	1.034	20.5%	5
	2000	0.213	0.972	22.0	6
	2001	0.209	0.947	22.1	5
	2002	0.185	0.896	20.7	7
	2003	0.192	0.868	22.2	6
	2004	0.187	0.883	21.2	6
	2005	0.160	0.840	19.1	8
	2006	0.158	0.824	19.2	7
	2007	0.168	0.832	20.2	6
	2008	0.179	0.775	23.1	5
	2009	0.194	0.812	23.9	3
	2010	0.176	0.831	21.2	5
	2011	0.172	0.839	20.5	5
	2012	0.172	0.853	20.1	6
	2013	0.152	0.804	19.0	5
	2014	0.161	0.806	19.9	4
	2015	0.171	0.855	20.0	5
Texas	1999	0.227	1.712	13.2%	17
	2000	0.235	1.628	14.5	14
	2001	0.263	1.644	16.0	15
	2002	0.265	1.592	16.7	12
	2003	0.258	1.520	17.0	13
	2004	0.235	1.427	16.5	12
	2005	0.227	1.426	16.0	14
	2006	0.206	1.355	15.2	15
	2007	0.203	1.313	15.4	13
	2008	0.176	1.123	15.7	15
	2009	0.169	1.138	14.9	19
	2010	0.168	1.222	13.7	15
	2011	0.158	1.187	13.3	17
	2012	0.157	1.185	13.3	19
	2013	0.165	1.203	13.7	14
	2014	0.171	1.229	13.9	16
	2015	0.182	1.291	14.1	16

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Utah	1999	0.104	1.299	8.0%	38
	2000	0.101	1.252	8.1	43
	2001	0.110	1.210	9.1	40
	2002	0.111	1.193	9.3	40
	2003	0.107	1.211	8.8	42
	2004	0.119	1.276	9.3	41
	2005	0.096	1.284	7.5	44
	2006	0.096	1.235	7.7	43
	2007	0.097	1.194	8.1	42
	2008	0.085	1.028	8.2	44
	2009	0.083	1.011	8.2	43
	2010	0.057	0.945	6.1	45
	2011	0.054	0.963	5.6	48
	2012	0.058	0.986	5.8	48
	2013	0.084	0.984	8.6	38
	2014	0.077	0.970	7.9	40
	2015	0.083	1.016	8.2	39
Vermont	1999	0.071	1.085	6.5%	46
	2000	0.078	1.033	7.6	48
	2001	0.066	0.947	7.0	49
	2002	0.050	0.844	5.9	49
	2003	0.063	0.787	8.0	47
	2004	0.043	0.750	5.7	50
	2005	0.052	0.825	6.3	48
	2006	0.044	0.761	5.8	48
	2007	0.042	0.725	5.8	47
	2008	0.037	0.614	6.0	48
	2009	0.042	0.588	7.1	47
	2010	0.035	0.579	6.0	46
	2011	0.038	0.592	6.5	46
	2012	0.043	0.501	8.5	39
	2013	0.045	0.542	8.2	42
	2014	0.032	0.510	6.3	46
	2015	0.034	0.510	6.8	47

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State	Year	UM Claim Frequency	BI Claim Frequency	Ratio of UM to BI	Rank of Um to BI
Virginia	1999	0.133	1.312	10.1%	31
	2000	0.136	1.251	10.9	31
	2001	0.136	1.250	10.9	30
	2002	0.121	1.199	10.1	37
	2003	0.122	1.164	10.4	37
	2004	0.109	1.087	10.0	35
	2005	0.101	1.022	9.9	38
	2006	0.099	0.997	9.9	38
	2007	0.089	0.948	9.4	37
	2008	0.090	0.882	10.2	38
	2009	0.105	0.970	10.8	35
	2010	0.087	0.914	9.5	32
	2011	0.086	0.931	9.3	35
	2012	0.094	0.936	10.1	31
	2013	0.079	0.885	8.9	37
	2014	0.082	0.863	9.5	36
	2015	0.091	0.923	9.9	34
Washington	1999	0.278	1.701	16.3%	9
	2000	0.283	1.606	17.7	8
	2001	0.275	1.551	17.7	10
	2002	0.248	1.449	17.1	11
	2003	0.255	1.434	17.8	11
	2004	0.264	1.431	18.5	9
	2005	0.240	1.433	16.8	10
	2006	0.215	1.372	15.7	12
	2007	0.194	1.227	15.8	10
	2008	0.179	1.073	16.7	10
	2009	0.176	1.090	16.1	11
	2010	0.209	1.186	17.6	7
	2011	0.187	1.145	16.3	9
	2012	0.189	1.174	16.1	10
	2013	0.180	1.174	15.4	10
	2014	0.204	1.199	17.0	8
	2015	0.208	1.197	17.4	7

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West Virginia	1999	0.080	1.245	6.4%	47
	2000	0.092	1.187	7.8	46
	2001	0.113	1.182	9.5	38
	2002	0.113	1.205	9.3	39
	2003	0.104	1.133	9.2	40
	2004	0.105	1.080	9.7	36
	2005	0.078	0.976	8.0	42
	2006	0.081	0.925	8.7	41
	2007	0.067	0.878	7.6	44
	2008	0.090	0.889	10.1	39
	2009	0.104	0.959	10.8	34
	2010	0.077	0.926	8.4	38
	2011	0.074	0.922	8.1	40
	2012	0.073	0.866	8.4	40
	2013	0.072	0.773	9.4	36
	2014	0.070	0.740	9.4	37
	2015	0.073	0.720	10.1	32
Wisconsin	1999	0.120	0.989	12.1%	22
	2000	0.125	0.993	12.6	21
	2001	0.117	0.876	13.4	22
	2002	0.123	0.855	14.4	18
	2003	0.117	0.825	14.2	21
	2004	0.114	0.801	14.2	20
	2005	0.109	0.781	14.0	19
	2006	0.101	0.714	14.2	21
	2007	0.105	0.708	14.8	16
	2008	0.094	0.623	15.0	18
	2009	0.086	0.589	14.6	21
	2010	0.070	0.589	11.9	24
	2011	0.065	0.569	11.5	24
	2012	0.067	0.572	11.7	25
	2013	0.067	0.574	11.7	27
	2014	0.071	0.616	11.6	26
	2015	0.086	0.604	14.3	15

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Wyoming	1999	0.076	0.672	11.3%	25
	2000	0.052	0.632	8.2	42
	2001	0.043	0.597	7.1	47
	2002	0.053	0.571	9.2	42
	2003	0.048	0.589	8.2	46
	2004	0.059	0.556	10.7	32
	2005	0.049	0.580	8.5	41
	2006	0.044	0.535	8.2	42
	2007	0.042	0.484	8.8	40
	2008	0.046	0.443	10.3	37
	2009	0.036	0.439	8.1	44
	2010	0.041	0.435	9.5	33
	2011	0.036	0.414	8.6	38
	2012	0.033	0.373	8.7	38
	2013	0.020	0.359	5.6	50
	2014	0.025	0.348	7.2	43
	2015	0.026	0.339	7.8	41

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Auto Injury Insurance Claims: Countrywide Patterns in Treatment, Cost, and Compensation, 2014 Edition, March 2014, 65 pages.
This closed claim study is based on a sample of more than 35,000 auto injury claims paid in 2012. The report compares 2012 data to results from similar studies conducted in 2007 and earlier. The study examines trends in claim patterns, including characteristics of the accidents and those injured, medical treatment, losses and payments, the claim settlement process, attorney involvement, and fraud.

Automobile Insurance Affordability, November 2013, 30 pages.
This report seeks to establish a conceptually logical definition of automobile insurance affordability and examine changes and differences in automobile insurance affordability over time and across states. It also analyzes variables (including competition, regulation, residual market size, richness of the system, uninsured motorists, and the unemployment rate) that may influence the variance in automobile insurance affordability across states and over time. Using these variables, a multivariate model is estimated to determine each factor's impact and significance on affordability.

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This study examines public familiarity with and participation in the sharing economy. Also explored in the report are various insurance-related aspects of the sharing economy. The study is based on the responses of 1,105 participants in a survey fielded by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications.

Auto Insurance Telematics: Consumer Attitudes and Opinions, November 2015, 25 pages.
This report explores consumer attitudes and opinions with respect to auto insurance telematics and usage-based insurance (UBI). The report finds that many drivers participating in the programs change their driving behavior in response to information provided by their insurance companies about their driving gathered with a telematics device. The report also confirms that many drivers are concerned about the privacy of their personal driving information.

Shopping for Auto Insurance and the Use of Internet-Based Technology, June 2015, 39 pages.
This report examines how often consumers shop for auto insurance, how they go about shopping, the choices made after shopping, satisfaction with the shopping experience, and the use of Internet-based personal technology when shopping for insurance. The report also looks at differences in shopping behavior and technology use across demographic groups.

The Affordable Care Act and Property-Casualty Insurance, February 2014.
The Affordable Care Act (ACA) dramatically alters healthcare markets and health insurance systems in the United States. Although the property-casualty insurance industry is not directly included or targeted by the act, it is not immune to its effects. This white paper identifies the ways in which the ACA may affect the property-casualty insurance industry.

Expert Views of Auto Insurance Rate Regulation, August 2013, 40 pages.
This report surveys academic experts in risk and insurance on the effectiveness of prior approval and market-oriented rate regulatory policies in automobile insurance. The results show that a vast majority believe the prior-approval regulation of auto insurance rates is unnecessary and does not benefit consumers.

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Executive Order 2020-212: Bright Futures (September 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to receive a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-212 here.

Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-210 here.

Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

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Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

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Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and

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Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

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Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

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Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

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Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order

provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other

allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility

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where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30, 2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a

face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and

waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-009: Visitation Ban Lifted for Nursing Homes and other Assisted Living Facilities (September 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order lifts, with restrictions, the nursing home and assisted living facility visitation ban imposed in March. The Emergency Order allows residents to designate two "essential" caregivers and two "compassionate" caregivers who would have access to the facility and resident. Essential caregivers provide services or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain quality of life for a facility resident, while compassionate caregivers provide emotional support to a resident, and may be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis. Other than in end-of-life situations, a resident may only be visited by one essential or compassionate caregiver at a time. However, an intermediate care facility or Agency for Persons with Disabilities licensed foster-care or group home facility may allow up to two such visitors at a time. The Emergency Order provides a mandate that permitted visitors wear a surgical mask and other PPE as appropriate, complete training on infection prevention and control, comply with facility-provided COVID-19 testing, and maintain social distancing from staff and other residents in the facility. General visitors will also be allowed to visit facilities provided that the facility have no positive COVID-19 cases in the previous 14 days and

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if other limitations are met. Residents may designate up to five general visitors, however, may be visited by no more than two at a time. View Emergency Order 20-009 here for additional information contained in the order.

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for “Class G” statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely

delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other

health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

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Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

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Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

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Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Executive Order 2020-246: Local Government Public Meetings (September 30, 2020):
The Executive Order assists the transition to Phase 3 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* by providing local government bodies with an additional one-month period to conduct their meetings virtually. Local government bodies should prepare to meet in person as required by Florida law beginning November 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-246 here.

Executive Order 2020-244: Phase 3; Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines (September 25, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 3 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* and removes state restrictions on businesses. The Executive Order provides that an individual cannot be prevented from working or operating a business through a COVID-19 emergency ordinance, prevents local ordinances from restricting restaurants to less than 50% capacity, requires explanation for an ordinance restricting restaurants to under 100% capacity, and suspends all fines and penalties associated with COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-244 here.

Executive Order 2020-223: Miami-Dade and Broward Counties (September 11, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Miami-Dade and Broward counties to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-223 here.

Executive Order 2020-214: Palm Beach County (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Palm Beach County to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-214 here.

Executive Order 2020-213: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-213 here.

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Executive Order 2020-212: Bright Futures (September 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to receive a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-212 here.

Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-210 here.

Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to

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seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

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Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain

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employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Withdrawal Notice of Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for ICF-DD Staff (September 23, 2020)
The Agency for Health Care Administration has provided notice that Emergency Rule 59AER20-7, which has been in place since August 24, 2020, requiring Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks, is withdrawn effective September 30, 2020. View the Withdrawal Notice here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose

of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-10: On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (September 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order rescinds Emergency Order 2020-09, which suspended the on premises consumption of alcohol at bars. Therefore, as per Executive Order 2020-139: *Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*, all bars may resume operation at 50 percent of their indoor capacity, through seated service only. View Emergency Order 2020-10 here.

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from

the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

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Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Emergency Order 20-014: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders Made Necessary by COVID-19 (October 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes pharmacists and registered pharmacy interns to administer FDA approved vaccines to individuals under the age of 18, upon medical consent for a minor, and administer vaccines

according the CDC's immunization schedules. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends the upcoming licensure renewal deadline to June 1, 2021. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-013: Reporting Requirements for Laboratories Performing COVID-19 Testing (September 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires laboratories to receive authorization from the Florida Department of Health before reporting COVID-19 test results through the Health Level Seven Electronic Reporting System if the test results are not reported within 7 days of completion of the COVID-19 test. The Emergency Order also requires laboratories to report delinquent testing data to the State Surgeon General and relevant county health department. View Emergency Order 20-013 here.

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30, 2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

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Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and

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freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-009: Visitation Ban Lifted for Nursing Homes and other Assisted Living Facilities (September 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order lifts, with restrictions, the nursing home and assisted living facility visitation ban imposed in March. The Emergency Order allows residents to designate two "essential" caregivers and two "compassionate" caregivers who would have access to the facility and resident. Essential caregivers provide services or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain quality of life for a facility resident, while compassionate caregivers provide emotional support to a resident, and may be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis. Other than in end-of-life situations, a resident may only be visited by one essential or compassionate caregiver at a time. However, an intermediate care facility or Agency for Persons with Disabilities licensed foster-care or group home facility may allow up to two such visitors at a time. The Emergency Order provides a mandate that permitted visitors wear a surgical mask and other PPE as

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appropriate, complete training on infection prevention and control, comply with facility-provided COVID-19 testing, and maintain social distancing from staff and other residents in the facility. General visitors will also be allowed to visit facilities provided that the facility have no positive COVID-19 cases in the previous 14 days and if other limitations are met. Residents may designate up to five general visitors, however, may be visited by no more than two at a time. View Emergency Order 20-009 here for additional information contained in the order.

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for "Class G" statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is

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required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

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Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Governor Executive Orders

Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 20-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-210 here.

Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 20-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 20-180 here.

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Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 20-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect.

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Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

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Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State

Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary

to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection

prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from

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the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

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Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30,

2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)

The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)

The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)

The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)

The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training

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services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for "Class G" statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The

Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

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Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Governor Executive Orders

Executive Order 2020-244: Phase 3; Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines (September 25, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 3 of *the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* and removes state restrictions on businesses. The Executive Order provides that an individual cannot be prevented from working or operating a business through a COVID-19 emergency ordinance, prevents local ordinances from restricting restaurants to less than 50% capacity, requires explanation for an ordinance restricting restaurants to under 100% capacity, and suspends all fines and penalties associated with COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-244 here.

Executive Order 2020-223: Miami-Dade and Broward Counties (September 11, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Miami-Dade and Broward counties to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-223 here.

Executive Order 2020-214: Palm Beach County (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Palm Beach County to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-214 here.

Executive Order 2020-213: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-213 here.

Executive Order 2020-212: Bright Futures (September 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to receive a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-212 here.

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Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-210 here.

Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to

use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain

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employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Withdrawal Notice of Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for ICF-DD Staff (September 23, 2020)
The Agency for Health Care Administration has provided notice that Emergency Rule 59AER20-7, which has been in place since August 24, 2020, requiring Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks, is withdrawn effective September 30, 2020. View the Withdrawal Notice here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose

of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-10: On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (September 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order rescinds Emergency Order 2020-09, which suspended the on premises consumption of alcohol at bars. Therefore, as per Executive Order 2020-139: *Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*, all bars may resume operation at 50 percent of their indoor capacity, through seated service only. View Emergency Order 2020-10 here.

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from

the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

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Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Emergency Order 20-013: Reporting Requirements for Laboratories Performing COVID-19 Testing (September 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires laboratories to receive authorization from the Florida Department of Health before reporting COVID-19 test results through the Health Level Seven Electronic Reporting System if the test

results are not reported within 7 days of completion of the COVID-19 test. The Emergency Order also requires laboratories to report delinquent testing data to the State Surgeon General and relevant county health department. View Emergency Order 20-013 here.

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30, 2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of

the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

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Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-009: Visitation Ban Lifted for Nursing Homes and other Assisted Living Facilities (September 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order lifts, with restrictions, the nursing home and assisted living facility visitation ban imposed in March. The Emergency Order allows residents to designate two "essential" caregivers and two "compassionate" caregivers who would have access to the facility and resident. Essential caregivers provide services or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain quality of life for a facility resident, while compassionate caregivers provide emotional support to a resident, and may be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis. Other than in end-of-life situations, a resident may only be visited by one essential or compassionate caregiver at a time. However, an intermediate care facility or Agency for Persons with Disabilities licensed foster-care or group home facility may allow up to two such visitors at a time. The Emergency Order provides a mandate that permitted visitors wear a surgical mask and other PPE as appropriate, complete training on infection prevention and control, comply with facility-provided COVID-19 testing, and maintain social distancing from staff and other residents in the facility. General visitors will also be allowed to visit facilities provided that the facility have no positive COVID-19 cases in the previous 14 days and if other limitations are met. Residents may designate up to five general visitors, however, may be visited by no more than two at a time. View Emergency Order 20-009 here for additional information contained in the order.

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of

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assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for “Class G” statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers

are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

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Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)

The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Governor Executive Orders

Executive Order 2020-192: Amending Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 20-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 20-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

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Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to

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seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)

The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)

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The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65

years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

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Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The

Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

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Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)

Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

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Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the

extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)

The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations

with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)

The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for “Class G” statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

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Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in

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isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)

The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

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Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Senators,

Attached is an updated version of the COVID-19 Executive and Emergency Order Summaries document which includes a summary of **Public Health Advisory: Prioritizing Florida Residents for COVID-19 Vaccinations (January 21, 2021)** and **Executive Order 2020-316: Public Health Emergency (December 29, 2020).** Our office is available to assist you should you have any questions.

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Governor Executive Orders

Executive Order 2020-316: Public Health Emergency (December 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-52, which declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-316 here.

Executive Order 2020-315: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration/Protecting Florida's Seniors (December 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations to only vaccinate the following populations during this first phase of vaccination administration: Long-term care facility residents and staff; persons 65 years of age or older; and health care personnel with direct patient contact. The order also allows hospitals to administer vaccines to persons deemed extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-315 here.

Executive Order 2020-297: Extension of Executive Order 20-244: Phase 3 (November 24, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-244 (Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines). This order will remain in effect for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Executive Order 2020-297 here.

Executive Order 2020-276: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (November 3, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-276 here.

Executive Order 2020-246: Local Government Public Meetings (September 30, 2020):
The Executive Order assists the transition to Phase 3 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* by providing local government bodies with an additional one-month period to conduct their meetings virtually. Local government bodies should prepare to meet in person as required by Florida law beginning November 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-246 here.

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Executive Order 2020-244: Phase 3; Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines (September 25, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 3 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* and removes state restrictions on businesses. The Executive Order provides that an individual cannot be prevented from working or operating a business through a COVID-19 emergency ordinance, prevents local ordinances from restricting restaurants to less than 50% capacity, requires explanation for an ordinance restricting restaurants to under 100% capacity, and suspends all fines and penalties associated with COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-244 here.

Executive Order 2020-223: Miami-Dade and Broward Counties (September 11, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Miami-Dade and Broward counties to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-223 here.

Executive Order 2020-214: Palm Beach County (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Palm Beach County to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-214 here.

Executive Order 2020-213: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-213 here.

Executive Order 2020-212: Bright Futures (September 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to receive a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-212 here.

Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-210 here.

Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use

as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)

The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*, excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)

The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)

The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)

The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)

The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)

The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

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Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an

important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 64DER20-34: Diseases or Conditions to be Reported (November 12, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires immediate reporting of suspected or confirmed cases and both positive and negative test results for COVID-19 by physicians, hospitals, and laboratories to the Florida Department of Health. View Emergency Rule 64DER20-34 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-13: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (November 4, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to comply with all Florida Department of Health (DOH) infection control directives concerning staff and resident testing, including making off-shift staff available at the facility for testing. The rule requires nursing homes to allow authorized DOH agents entry into the facility for the purpose of COVID-19 infection control and testing duties, and provides that staff must consent to testing. The rule provides for the revocation of licensure if a facility fails to comply with these requirements. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-13 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-12: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (November 4, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facilities (ALF's) to comply with all Florida Department of Health (DOH) infection control directives concerning staff and resident testing, including making off-shift staff available at the facility for testing. The rule requires ALF's to allow authorized DOH agents entry into the facility for the purpose of COVID-19 infection control and testing duties, and provides that staff must consent to testing. The rule provides for the revocation of licensure if a facility fails to comply with these requirements. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-12 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-11: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (November 3, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires hospitals to test elderly patients for COVID-19 no more than 48 hours prior to discharging the individual to a long-term care facility such as a nursing home or intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Patients may be released to a long-term care facility if they are awaiting test results for COVID-19 or have never tested positive for, or are suspected of having COVID-19. The rule prohibits hospitals from releasing patients to long-term care facilities if they have tested positive for COVID-19 unless the facility has a dedicated COVID-19 isolation area facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-11 here.

Withdrawal Notice of Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for ICF-DD Staff (September 23, 2020)
The Agency for Health Care Administration has provided notice that Emergency Rule 59AER20-7, which has been in place since August 24, 2020, requiring Intermediate Care Facility for the

Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks, is withdrawn effective September 30, 2020. View the Withdrawal Notice here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)

The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)

The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)

The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)

The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)

The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)

The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning

July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency.

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If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)

The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)

The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)

Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)

Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person

assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-10: On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (September 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order rescinds Emergency Order 2020-09, which suspended the on premises consumption of alcohol at bars. Therefore, as per Executive Order 2020-139: *Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*, all bars may resume operation at 50 percent of their indoor capacity, through seated service only. View Emergency Order 2020-10 here.

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive

from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-07 (November 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the full parental choice and educational assurances provided in Executive Order 2020-EO-06 with an enhanced focus on eliminating achievement gaps. Specifically, the Emergency Order continues to require in-person school and allows alternative innovative options, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, and subsequent executive orders. The Emergency Order also guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions. Additionally, this order directs school districts and charter schools to notify parents or guardians if their students are at-risk of falling behind and provides the opportunity to switch learning models, such as from virtual to in-person, rewards school districts that surpass projected enrollment for Spring 2021, and extends the deadline for teachers to obtain Reading Endorsements to June 30, 2021. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour

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requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Public Health Advisory: Prioritizing Florida Residents for COVID-19 Vaccinations (January 21, 2021)
The Public Health Advisory outlines eligibility and proof-of residency requirements for persons receiving a COVID-19 vaccination in Florida. The advisory directs vaccine providers to ensure a recipient of a vaccine is a resident of the State of Florida via presentment of a valid Florida driver license or identification card, or is an adult seasonal resident that can show proof of a residential address. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders Made Necessary by COVID-19 (October 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes pharmacists and registered pharmacy interns to administer FDA approved vaccines to individuals under the age of 18, upon medical consent for a minor, and administer vaccines according the CDC's immunization schedules. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends the upcoming licensure renewal deadline to June 1, 2021. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-013: Reporting Requirements for Laboratories Performing COVID-19 Testing (September 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires laboratories to receive authorization from the Florida Department of Health before reporting COVID-19 test results through the Health Level Seven Electronic Reporting System if the test results are not reported within 7 days of completion of the COVID-19 test. The Emergency Order also requires laboratories to report delinquent testing data to the State Surgeon General and relevant county health department. View Emergency Order 20-013 here.

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public

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health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30, 2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)

The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)

The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)

The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to

continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)

The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)

The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)

The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of

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COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-009: Visitation Ban Lifted for Nursing Homes and other Assisted Living Facilities (September 1, 2020)

The Emergency Order lifts, with restrictions, the nursing home and assisted living facility visitation ban imposed in March. The Emergency Order allows residents to designate two "essential" caregivers and two "compassionate" caregivers who would have access to the facility and resident. Essential caregivers provide services or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain quality of life for a facility resident, while compassionate caregivers provide emotional support to a resident, and may be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis. Other than in end-of-life situations, a resident may only be visited by one essential or compassionate caregiver at a time. However, an intermediate care facility or Agency for Persons with Disabilities licensed foster-care or group home facility may allow up to two such visitors at a time. The Emergency Order provides a mandate that permitted visitors wear a surgical mask and other PPE as appropriate, complete training on infection prevention and control, comply with facility-provided COVID-19 testing, and maintain social distancing from staff and other residents in the facility. General visitors will also be allowed to visit facilities provided that the facility have no positive COVID-19 cases in the previous 14 days and if other limitations are met. Residents may designate up to five general visitors, however, may be visited by no more than two at a time. View Emergency Order 20-009 here for additional information contained in the order.

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)

The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)

The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)

The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

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Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for "Class G" statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

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Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

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Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 20-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 20-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 20-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

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Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

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Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

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Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

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Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65

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years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

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Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

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Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-

duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine

a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

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Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs

and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face

covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows

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persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

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Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the

twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for “Class G” statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely

delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

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Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

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Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Senators,

Attached is an updated version of the COVID-19 Executive and Emergency Order Summaries document which includes a summary of **Executive Order 2020-315: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration/Protecting Florida's Seniors (December 23, 2020)**. Our office is available to assist you should you have any questions.

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Governor Executive Orders

Executive Order 2020-315: COVID-19 Vaccine Administration/Protecting Florida's Seniors (December 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all providers administering COVID-19 vaccinations to only vaccinate the following populations during this first phase of vaccination administration: Long-term care facility residents and staff; persons 65 years of age or older; and health care personnel with direct patient contact. The order also allows hospitals to administer vaccines to persons deemed extremely vulnerable to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-315 here.

Executive Order 2020-297: Extension of Executive Order 20-244: Phase 3 (November 24, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-244 (Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines). This order will remain in effect for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Executive Order 2020-297 here.

Executive Order 2020-276: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (November 3, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-276 here.

Executive Order 2020-246: Local Government Public Meetings (September 30, 2020):
The Executive Order assists the transition to Phase 3 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* by providing local government bodies with an additional one-month period to conduct their meetings virtually. Local government bodies should prepare to meet in person as required by Florida law beginning November 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-246 here.

Executive Order 2020-244: Phase 3; Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines (September 25, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 3 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* and removes state restrictions on businesses. The Executive Order provides that an individual cannot be prevented from working or operating a business through a COVID-19 emergency ordinance, prevents local ordinances from restricting restaurants to less than 50% capacity, requires explanation for an ordinance restricting restaurants to under 100% capacity, and suspends all fines and penalties associated with COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-244 here.

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Executive Order 2020-223: Miami-Dade and Broward Counties (September 11, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Miami-Dade and Broward counties to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-223 here.

Executive Order 2020-214: Palm Beach County (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Palm Beach County to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-214 here.

Executive Order 2020-213: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-213 here.

Executive Order 2020-212: Bright Futures (September 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to receive a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-212 here.

Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-210 here.

Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*, excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)

The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential

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service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices,

advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)

The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 64DER20-34: Diseases or Conditions to be Reported (November 12, 2020)

The Emergency Rule requires immediate reporting of suspected or confirmed cases and both positive and negative test results for COVID-19 by physicians, hospitals, and laboratories to the Florida Department of Health. View Emergency Rule 64DER20-34 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-13: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (November 4, 2020)

The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to comply with all Florida Department of Health (DOH) infection control directives concerning staff and resident testing, including making off-shift staff available at the facility for testing. The rule requires nursing homes to allow authorized DOH agents entry into the facility for the purpose of COVID-19 infection control and testing duties, and provides that staff must consent to testing. The rule provides for the revocation of licensure if a facility fails to comply with these requirements. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-13 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-12: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (November 4, 2020)

The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facilities (ALF's) to comply with all Florida Department of Health (DOH) infection control directives concerning staff and resident testing, including making off-shift staff available at the facility for testing. The rule requires ALF's to allow authorized DOH agents entry into the facility for the purpose of COVID-19 infection control and testing duties, and provides that staff must consent to testing. The rule provides for the revocation of licensure if a facility fails to comply with these requirements. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-12 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-11: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (November 3, 2020)

The Emergency Rule requires hospitals to test elderly patients for COVID-19 no more than 48 hours prior to discharging the individual to a long-term care facility such as a nursing home or intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Patients may be released to a long-term care facility if they are awaiting test results for COVID-19 or have never tested positive for, or are suspected of having COVID-19. The rule prohibits hospitals from releasing patients to long-term care facilities if they have tested positive for COVID-19 unless the facility has a dedicated COVID-19 isolation area facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-11 here.

Withdrawal Notice of Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for ICF-DD Staff (September 23, 2020)

The Agency for Health Care Administration has provided notice that Emergency Rule 59AER20-7, which has been in place since August 24, 2020, requiring Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks, is withdrawn effective September 30, 2020. View the Withdrawal Notice here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)

The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April

Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

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Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)

The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)

The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)

Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)

Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-10: On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (September 10, 2020)

The Emergency Order rescinds Emergency Order 2020-09, which suspended the on premises consumption of alcohol at bars. Therefore, as per Executive Order 2020-139: *Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*, all bars may resume operation at 50 percent of their indoor capacity, through seated service only. View Emergency Order 2020-10 here.

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)

The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)

The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)

The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)

This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-07 (November 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the full parental choice and educational assurances provided in Executive Order 2020-EO-06 with an enhanced focus on eliminating achievement gaps. Specifically, the Emergency Order continues to require in-person school and allows alternative innovative options, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, and subsequent executive orders. The Emergency Order also guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions. Additionally, this order directs school districts and charter schools to notify parents or guardians if their students are at-risk of falling behind and provides the opportunity to switch learning models, such as from virtual to in-person, rewards school districts that surpass projected enrollment for Spring 2021, and extends the deadline for teachers to obtain Reading Endorsements to June 30, 2021. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the

guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Emergency Order 20-014: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders Made Necessary by COVID-19 (October 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes pharmacists and registered pharmacy interns to administer FDA approved vaccines to individuals under the age of 18, upon medical consent for a minor, and administer vaccines according the CDC's immunization schedules. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends the upcoming licensure renewal deadline to June 1, 2021. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-013: Reporting Requirements for Laboratories Performing COVID-19 Testing (September 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires laboratories to receive authorization from the Florida Department of Health before reporting COVID-19 test results through the Health Level Seven Electronic Reporting System if the test results are not reported within 7 days of completion of the COVID-19 test. The Emergency Order also requires laboratories to report delinquent testing data to the State Surgeon General and relevant county health department. View Emergency Order 20-013 here.

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30, 2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state

to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)

The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)

The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in

Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)

The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)

The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

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Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)

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The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-009: Visitation Ban Lifted for Nursing Homes and other Assisted Living Facilities (September 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order lifts, with restrictions, the nursing home and assisted living facility visitation ban imposed in March. The Emergency Order allows residents to designate two "essential" caregivers and two "compassionate" caregivers who would have access to the facility and resident. Essential caregivers provide services or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain quality of life for a facility resident, while compassionate caregivers provide emotional support to a resident, and may be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis. Other than in end-of-life situations, a resident may only be visited by one essential or compassionate caregiver at a time. However, an intermediate care facility or Agency for Persons with Disabilities licensed foster-care or group home facility may allow up to two such visitors at a time. The Emergency Order provides a mandate that permitted visitors wear a surgical mask and other PPE as appropriate, complete training on infection prevention and control, comply with facility-provided COVID-19 testing, and maintain social distancing from staff and other residents in the facility. General visitors will also be allowed to visit facilities provided that the facility have no positive COVID-19 cases in the previous 14 days and if other limitations are met.

Residents may designate up to five general visitors, however, may be visited by no more than two at a time. View Emergency Order 20-009 here for additional information contained in the order.

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for "Class G" statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)

Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520,

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Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)

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The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Governor Executive Orders

Executive Order 2020-214: Palm Beach County (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Palm Beach County to move into Phase 2 of the "Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery." View Executive Order 2020-214 here.

Executive Order 2020-213: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-213 here.

Executive Order 2020-212: Bright Futures (September 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to receive a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-212 here.

Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-210 here.

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Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-179 here.

Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all

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K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of

the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and

determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020

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recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By

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issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

Agency for Health Care Administration

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep

copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and

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allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours, authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

Department of Health

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30, 2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively

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respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and

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Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and

freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-009: Visitation Ban Lifted for Nursing Homes and other Assisted Living Facilities (September 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order lifts, with restrictions, the nursing home and assisted living facility visitation ban imposed in March. The Emergency Order allows residents to designate two "essential" caregivers and two "compassionate" caregivers who would have access to the facility and resident. Essential caregivers provide services or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain quality of life for a facility resident, while compassionate caregivers provide emotional support to a resident, and may be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis. Other than in end-of-life situations, a resident may only be visited by one essential or compassionate caregiver at a time. However, an intermediate care facility or Agency for Persons with Disabilities licensed foster-care or group home facility may allow up to two such visitors at a time. The Emergency Order provides a mandate that permitted visitors wear a surgical mask and other PPE as

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appropriate, complete training on infection prevention and control, comply with facility-provided COVID-19 testing, and maintain social distancing from staff and other residents in the facility. General visitors will also be allowed to visit facilities provided that the facility have no positive COVID-19 cases in the previous 14 days and if other limitations are met. Residents may designate up to five general visitors, however, may be visited by no more than two at a time. View Emergency Order 20-009 here for additional information contained in the order.

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for "Class G" statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is

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required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

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Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

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Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Executive Order 2020-297: Extension of Executive Order 20-244: Phase 3 (November 24, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-244 (Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines). This order will remain in effect for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Executive Order 2020-297 here.

Executive Order 2020-276: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (November 3, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-276 here.

Executive Order 2020-246: Local Government Public Meetings (September 30, 2020):
The Executive Order assists the transition to Phase 3 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* by providing local government bodies with an additional one-month period to conduct their meetings virtually. Local government bodies should prepare to meet in person as required by Florida law beginning November 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-246 here.

Executive Order 2020-244: Phase 3; Right to Work; Business Certainty; Suspension of Fines (September 25, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 3 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* and removes state restrictions on businesses. The Executive Order provides that an individual cannot be prevented from working or operating a business through a COVID-19 emergency ordinance, prevents local ordinances from restricting restaurants to less than 50% capacity, requires explanation for an ordinance restricting restaurants to under 100% capacity, and suspends all fines and penalties associated with COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-244 here.

Executive Order 2020-223: Miami-Dade and Broward Counties (September 11, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Miami-Dade and Broward counties to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-223 here.

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Executive Order 2020-214: Palm Beach County (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order approves Palm Beach County to move into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-214 here.

Executive Order 2020-213: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (September 4, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-213 here.

Executive Order 2020-212: Bright Futures (September 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the deadline for students graduating in the 2019-20 school year to earn the minimum qualifying SAT or ACT score to receive a Bright Futures scholarship until December 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-212 here.

Executive Order 2020-211: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (August 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-211 here.

Executive Order 2020-210: Deferral of Renewal Deadline for Alcohol Licenses (August 28, 2020)
The Executive Order defers the renewal deadline of any license, permit, registration, or certificate issued by Florida's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, for the purposes of manufacturing, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, that is set to expire this year, until December 31, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-210 here.

Executive Order 2020-193: Amends Executive Order 20-179 (August 7, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 20-179 in order to extend Executive Order 20-69, relating to quorum requirements and the use of technology for local government public meetings, until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-193 here.

Executive Order 2020-192: Amends Executive Orders 20-68, 20-139, 20-166, and 20-179 (August 5, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the Department of Business and Profession Regulation's authority to ensure all restaurants have implemented employee screening protocols developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, this order rescinds section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which related to airport screening and isolation requirements for certain individuals traveling to Florida. View Executive Order 2020-192 here.

Executive Order 2020-180: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until September 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-180 here.

Executive Order 2020-179: Local Government Public Meetings (July 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69 until September 1, 2020, which suspends the requirement of a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology for conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-179 here.

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Executive Order 2020-166: Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (July 7, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 20-52 for 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-166 here.

Executive Order 2020-159: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 30, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until August 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-159 here.

Executive Order 2020-150: Local Government Public Meetings (June 23, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-69, set to expire on June 30, 2020, to August 1, 2020. Executive Order 20-69 suspends the Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present and a local government body to meet in a public place. The Executive Order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View 2020-150 Executive Order here.

Executive Order 2020-149: Primary and General Elections (June 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the provision that prohibits the County Canvassing Boards from beginning canvassing of Vote-By-Mail ballots earlier than 7 a.m. on the 22nd day before the election and allows salaried state workers to use Administrative Leave for training to serve as a poll worker for up to 10 hours. A salaried state employee is permitted to receive up to 16 hours of Administrative Leave if they work on the Primary Election Day or the General Election Day. Early Voting and Election Days will adhere to proper social distancing measures. This may include, but is not limited to, spacing out voting stations, the use of physical barriers for poll workers interacting with voters, providing personal protective equipment to poll workers and making hand sanitizer and other cleaning products readily available. The Executive Order also encourages all K-12 schools to be closed for use as precinct polling locations for the Primary Election and for the General Election. View Executive Order 2020-149 here.

Executive Order 2020-139: Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (June 3, 2020)
The Executive Order brings Florida into Phase 2 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery,* excluding Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Phase 2 allows movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars, pubs, and concert houses to open at 50% capacity if certain guidelines are met. Gyms and retail businesses may operate at full capacity if following mitigation guidelines. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating with proper social distancing. Finally, personal service businesses may operate while adhering to guidance from the Department of Health. View Executive Order 2020-139 here.

Executive Order 2020-137: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (June 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until July 1, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-137 here.

Executive Order 2020-131: Expanding Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 22, 2020)
The Executive Order allows organized youth activities to operate, including youth sports, clubs, and child care. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. View Executive Order 2020-131 here.

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Executive Order 2020-124: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (May 15, 2020)
The Executive Order reschedules the municipal elections previously delayed in Executive Order 20-97 for the cities of San Antonio and Dade City in Pasco County, to June 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-124 here.

Executive Order 2020-123: Full Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order brings all Florida counties into Full Phase 1 of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Phase 1 allows restaurants, retail stores, museums, and gyms to open at 50 percent capacity if following certain safety guidelines. It also permits professional sports venues to host trainings, competitions, events and games and directs amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan that includes a proposed re-open date and proposed guidelines to ensure guest and staff safety. Phase 1 allows counties to seek approval from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to operate vacation rentals. View Executive Order 2020-123 here.

Executive Order 2020-122: Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Broward and Miami-Dade counties and moves them to phase one of the *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. View Executive Order 2020-122 here.

Executive Order 2020-121: Extends Executive Order 20-94 re: Limited Extension of Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (May 14, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 20-94, relating to mortgage foreclosure and eviction relief, until 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-121 here.

Executive Order 2020-120: Expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (May 9, 2020)
The Executive Order lifts the stay-at-home order for Palm Beach County and authorizes the opening of barbershops and salons that adopt appropriate social distancing and precautionary measures outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. View Executive Order 2020-120 here.

Executive Order 2020-114: Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 20-52 (May 8, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the state of emergency, originally declared on March 9, 2020, for an additional 60 days. View Executive Order 2020-114 here.

Executive Order 2020-112: Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order implements Phase 1 of Governor DeSantis' *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*. Based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Emergency Order takes the first steps toward safely allowing certain businesses to reopen beginning on May 4, 2020. Restaurants and food establishments may reopen but are required to stay at 25% or less capacity, keep a minimum of 6 feet between each table, and not seat parties of 10 or more. Bars, pubs, nightclubs, gyms, and fitness centers will remain closed at this time. The prohibition on vacation rentals will also remain in effect. Retail establishments, museums, and libraries may reopen if they maintain 25% or less capacity. Elective medical procedures may resume as long as facilities adhere to certain guidelines. Phase 1 does not apply to Miami-Dade, Broward, or Palm Beach counties. View Executive Order 2020-112 here.

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Executive Order 2020-111: Limited Extension of Essential Services and Activities and Vacation Rental Prohibition (April 29, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Orders 20-87 (Vacation Rental Closures) and 20-91 (Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency) until 12:01 am May 4, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-111 here.

Executive Order 2020-104: Emergency Temporary Action Related to Unemployment Compensation (April 16, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the requirement for an individual to report biweekly that she or he is able and available for work, has not refused suitable work, and is seeking work, in order to receive reemployment assistance. However, individuals receiving reemployment benefits may have to certify, biweekly, that they still need assistance. View Executive Order 2020-104 here.

Executive Order 2020-103: Vacation Rental Closures (April 10, 2020)
The Executive Order extends Executive Order 2020-87, suspending the operation of all vacation rentals until April 30, 2020. View Executive Order 2020-103 here.

Executive Order 2020-97: Municipal Elections in Pasco County (April 8, 2020)
The Executive Order delays elections in Pasco County, specifically the municipal elections scheduled on April 14, 2020, for the cities of San Antonio, Dade City, and Zephyrhills, at the request of Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. A subsequent Executive Order rescheduling the elections will be issued as soon as is practicable. View Executive Order 2020-97 here.

Executive Order 2020-95: Documentary Stamps for SBA Loans (April 6, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the Department of Revenue to issue an emergency order suspending taxation imposed under Chapter 201, Florida Statutes, for notes and other written obligations made pursuant to Title I of the CARES Act. The Executive Order allows employers receiving money from the federal CARES Act to use the full dollar amount to pay their rent and help their employees. View Executive Order 2020-95 here.

Executive Order 2020-94: Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Relief (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends and tolls, for 45 days, all statutes related to a mortgage foreclosure cause of action or an eviction cause of action related to the nonpayment of rent. The Executive Order does not relieve a person from any obligations regarding rent and mortgage payments, however, it delays any cause of actions that may result from nonpayment. View Executive Order 2020-94 here.

Executive Order 2020-93: Reemployment Assistance Program (April 2, 2020)
The Executive Order deploys personnel from other agencies to assist the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in reemployment assistance applications, requires DEO to accept paper applications, and allows for emergency procurements by DEO to support the Reemployment Assistance Program. View Executive Order 2020-93 here.

Executive Order 2020-92 amends Executive Order 20-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order amends Executive Order 2020-91 to clarify it supersedes any conflicting official action or order issued by local officials. View Executive Order 2020-92 here.

Executive Order 2020-91: Essential Services and Activities During COVID-19 Emergency (April 1, 2020)
The Executive Order requires all Floridians to limit their movements and interactions outside their home to only meeting their essential needs. Specifically, it orders seniors and at-risk individuals to stay at home and

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specifies that social gatherings are not considered an essential activity. The Executive Order identifies religious services, recreational activity while practicing social distancing, taking care of pets, loved ones, or friends as all being essential activity. The Executive Order also encourages restaurants to continue to provide delivery, carry-out, and curbside services. View Executive Order 2020-91 here.

Executive Order 2020-90: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 31, 2020)
The Executive Order extends the restrictions related to beach closures in Broward and Palm Beach counties. The Executive Order also authorizes county administrators to enforce, relax, modify, or remove these beach closures, as warranted, but clarifies that this order will remain in effect for the length of the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-90 here.

Executive Order 2020-89: Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County, Monroe County Public Access Restrictions (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order orders Miami-Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Monroe County to restrict public access to businesses and facilities deemed non-essential pursuant to the guidelines established by Miami-Dade County. The Executive Order further clarifies that essential service establishments are not subject to closure and that the counties outlined may not institute curfews pertaining to transit to or from essential service establishments. View Executive Order 2020-89 here.

Executive Order 2020-88: Re-employment of Essential Personnel (FRS) (March 30, 2020)
The Executive Order tolls certain termination and re-employment requirements for specified Florida Retirement System employees who have retired since October 1, 2019, or who may retire prior to or on August 1, 2020 under a state administered retirement system if the re-employment or continued employment assists the COVID-19 emergency response. The Executive Order applied to employees in the following mission-critical categories: law enforcement officers, first responders, emergency management and public safety personnel, health and medical professionals and, other critical COVID-19 response personnel as identified and determined by a state agency head. Re-employment shall be permitted until thirty days after the expiration of Executive Order 20-52, or any extension thereof, not to extend beyond August 1, 2022. View Executive Order 2020-88 here.

Executive Order 2020-87: Vacation Rental Closures (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends the operation of all vacation rentals for two weeks. View Executive Order 2020-87 here.

Executive Order 2020-86: Additional Requirements of Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida, including those entering by roadway, from an area with substantial community spread, including the State of Louisiana, to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Executive Order 2020-85: Telehealth and Immunizations for State Group Insurance (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order provides Florida's state employees with telehealth services while Florida is under a declared state of emergency. Telehealth services obtained by state workers pursuant to the order will be provided at no additional cost. The Executive Order also directs that employees participating in the State Employees Group Insurance Program be provided with the option to receive free flu shots from their health care provider for the duration of the state of emergency. View Executive Order 2020-85 here.

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Executive Order 2020-83: Protective Measure for Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings of Private Citizens and Density of the Workforce (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to recommend and enforce efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 by limiting non-essential movements of senior citizens, and by enacting stronger social distancing recommendations for all of Florida's citizens. The Executive Order directs the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging all persons over 65 years of age, and persons that have a serious underlying medical condition, to stay home in an effort to reduce their risk of exposure to the novel coronavirus. The Executive Order also contains a directive that recommends stronger social distancing practices, advising against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people, and encourages Floridians who have the ability to work remotely to do so. View Executive Order 2020-83 here.

Executive Order 2020-82: Isolation of Individuals Traveling to Florida (March 24, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people who enter the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-82 here.

Executive Order 2020-80: Airport Screening and Isolation (March 23, 2020)
The Executive Order directs all people whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), and entering the State of Florida through airports to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter. View Executive Order 2020-80 here.

Executive Order 2020-72: Non-essential Elective Medical Procedures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order delays all non-essential, elective medical procedures that would not endanger patient's health as the state responds to the growing pandemic. The Executive Order follows a March 18, 2020 recommendation by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to limit all non-essential elective medical, surgical, and dental procedures until further notice. The Executive Order is an attempt to conserve medical supplies, including personal protective equipment, to only that which is necessary to be used in response to this emergency or for any other medical event of urgent medical nature. The Executive Order applies to all hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, office surgery centers, dental, orthodontic and endodontic offices, and other health care practitioners' offices. View Executive Order 2020-72 here.

Executive Order 2020-71: Alcohol Sales, Restaurants, and Gyms (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order closes all restaurant dining areas, but allows a restaurant to continue to operate for the purpose of take-out and delivery. The Executive Order also suspends the sale of alcohol for consumption on premise for all restaurants, but allows the sale of to-go alcoholic beverages with food orders. Additionally, the Executive Order suspends the operation of all commercial gyms and fitness centers. View Executive Order 2020-71 here.

Executive Order 2020-70: Broward and Palm Beach County Closures (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order orders all restaurants, bars, and similar establishments with seating for more than ten people within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Broward County and Palm Beach County to close on premise service of customers. The order clarifies that these establishments could continue to operate for purposes of providing delivery services and that these restrictions would not apply to restaurants are ancillary to essential services, such as airports or hospitals. Additionally, the Executive Order closes all movie theatres, gyms, arcades, beaches, and other similar establishments. View Executive Order 2020-70 here.

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Executive Order 2020-69: Local Government Public Meetings (March 20, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends Florida Statute that requires a quorum to be present or requires a local government body to meet in a public place. The order also authorizes local government bodies to use technology such as telephones or video conferencing for purposes of conducting business. View Executive Order 2020-69 here.

Executive Order 2020-68: Bars, Beaches, and Restaurants (March 17, 2020)
The Executive Order suspends bars from serving alcohol for 30 days, limits beachgoers on public beaches to congregate in parties of no more than ten people, at least six feet apart, and limits restaurants' occupancies to no more than 50% of its allowable building occupancy. Additionally, the Executive Order requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure that restaurants have put into place certain employee health screenings to safeguard customers from potential exposure to COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-68 here.

Executive Order 2020-52: Public Health Emergency (March 9, 2020)
The Executive Order declares Florida to be in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Executive Order directs certain powers to the Surgeon General and director of the Division of Emergency Management and activates the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the Executive Order allows the Governor to direct funds as necessary for critical supplies, equipment and personnel needs. The Executive Order also allows out-of-state medical professionals to practice in Florida for the duration of the order and permits pharmacists to prescribe up to a 30-day emergency refill of prescription drugs as needed. View Executive Order 2020-52 here.

Executive Order 2020-51: Establishes Coronavirus Response Protocols and Directs Public Health Emergency (March 1, 2020)
The Executive Order directs Surgeon General Scott Rivkees to declare a public health emergency to prepare and equip Florida with the resources needed to handle COVID-19's emerging threat to public health. By issuing the Executive Order, the Surgeon General, acting as Florida's State Health Officer, is authorized and directed to use his judgement and to take any action necessary to protect the public health for the duration of the emergency. The Executive Order directs the State Health Officer to follow guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in establishing protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate the public on prevention. Importantly, the Executive Order directs the Department of Health the actively monitor, at a minimum, all persons suspected of having contracted COVID-19 for a period of at least 14 days or until the persons tests negative for the virus. Monitoring includes a risk assessment within 24 hours of learning an individual meets the criteria to be monitored, and twice-daily temperature checks. This Executive Order is an important first step for the State of Florida to be able to leverage all resources to prepare for a response to the spread of COVID-19. View Executive Order 2020-51 here.

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Emergency Rule 64DER20-34: Diseases or Conditions to be Reported (November 12, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires immediate reporting of suspected or confirmed cases and both positive and negative test results for COVID-19 by physicians, hospitals, and laboratories to the Florida Department of Health. View Emergency Rule 64DER20-34 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-13: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (November 4, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to comply with all Florida Department of Health (DOH) infection control directives concerning staff and resident testing, including making off-shift staff available at the facility for testing. The rule requires nursing homes to allow authorized DOH agents entry into the facility for the purpose of COVID-19 infection control and testing duties, and provides that staff must consent to testing. The rule provides for the revocation of licensure if a facility fails to comply with these requirements. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-13 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-12: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (November 4, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facilities (ALF's) to comply with all Florida Department of Health (DOH) infection control directives concerning staff and resident testing, including making off-shift staff available at the facility for testing. The rule requires ALF's to allow authorized DOH agents entry into the facility for the purpose of COVID-19 infection control and testing duties, and provides that staff must consent to testing. The rule provides for the revocation of licensure if a facility fails to comply with these requirements. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-12 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-11: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (November 3, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires hospitals to test elderly patients for COVID-19 no more than 48 hours prior to discharging the individual to a long-term care facility such as a nursing home or intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Patients may be released to a long-term care facility if they are awaiting test results for COVID-19 or have never tested positive for, or are suspected of having COVID-19. The rule prohibits hospitals from releasing patients to long-term care facilities if they have tested positive for COVID-19 unless the facility has a dedicated COVID-19 isolation area facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-11 here.

Withdrawal Notice of Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for ICF-DD Staff (September 23, 2020)
The Agency for Health Care Administration has provided notice that Emergency Rule 59AER20-7, which has been in place since August 24, 2020, requiring Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks, is withdrawn effective September 30, 2020. View the Withdrawal Notice here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-10: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-3 (May 10, 2020) and requires nursing homes to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-10 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-9: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (August 6, 2020)
The Emergency Rule supersedes emergency rule 59AER20-2 (May 10, 2020) and requires assisted living facilities (ALFs) to grant the Department of Health or its authorized agents access to the facility for the purpose of inspection prevention and control. ALFs are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing at the facility. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-9 here.

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Emergency Rule 59AER20-7: Mandatory Testing for Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled Staff (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to all staff at intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (ICF-DD). Beginning August 24, 2020, ICF-DD's shall not admit into the facility any staff who has not been tested for COVID-19. Staff are required to be tested every two weeks thereafter, with testing resources provided by the state. Staff who have already been infected and recovered from COVId-19 do not need to be retested. View the emergency rule 59AER20-7 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-6: Updated Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (July 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule replaces the previous Emergency Rule 59AER20-01 and provides further clarity for hospitals and long-term care facilities regarding clinical decision making during the discharge of residents. The Emergency Rule prohibits a hospital from discharging any resident who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the virus until the resident has been cleared for discharge using either a test-based strategy or a symptom-based strategy, unless the receiving facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept the COVID-19 positive resident. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-6 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-5: Mandatory Testing for Nursing Home Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing home staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, nursing home staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-5 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-4: Mandatory Testing for Assisted Living Facility Staff (June 16, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires Assisted Living Facility (ALF) staff to be tested for COVID-19 every two weeks with testing resources provided by the state and to submit the test results to the employer/facility. The facility must keep copies of all staff testing documentation on site. Beginning July 7, 2020, ALF staff members may not enter a facility if they have not been tested. Staff members who have already been infected and recovered from COVID-19 are exempt and do not need to be tested. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-4 here.

Emergency Order 20-03: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-02, issued on April 14, 2020, to grant nursing homes and intermediate care facilities (ICF) an additional extension of March and April Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for ICF's, and June 20, 2020 for nursing homes. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-3: Mandatory Entry for Testing and Infection Control for Nursing Homes. (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires nursing homes to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Nursing homes are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-3 here.

Emergency Rule 59AER20-2: Mandatory Entry and Testing for Assisted Living Facilities (May 10, 2020)
The Emergency Rule requires assisted living facilities to grant access to the Florida Department of Health for the purpose of infection prevention and control. Assisted Living Facilities are required to make residents, on-duty staff, and off-duty staff available for testing upon request, and staff shall be required to submit to testing. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-2 here.

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Emergency Rule 59AER20-1: Hospital Screening Requirements for Long-Term Care Facility Residents (May 5, 2020)
The Emergency Rule applies to all hospitals in Florida and mandates the testing of patients for COVID-19 before their release and discharge to a long-term care facility, nursing home, or assisted living facility. A hospital is prohibited from discharging long-term care facility residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 until the individual has two consecutive negative test results separated by 24 hours, unless the receiving long-term care facility has a dedicated wing, unit, or building with dedicated staff to accept COVID-19 positive residents. View Emergency Rule 59AER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-02: Temporary Extension of Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment Reporting for Medicaid (April 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends nursing home and Intermediate Care Facility assessment payments for March 2020 to help facilities alleviate financial and administrative burdens. The Emergency Order aims to alleviate financial burdens incurred at these facilities due to COVID-19. The assessments for March will instead be due in full to the agency by May 20, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01: Suspension of Statues and Rules Pertaining to Level 2 Background Screening Made Necessary by COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends the requirement that certain health care workers obtain Level 2 Background Screenings due to fingerprinting locations closing during the state of emergency. If a candidate is unable to obtain a Level 2 Background Screening due to the state of emergency, each provider must instead use a Level 1 employee screening. Once the Emergency Order expires, all employees hired under the provisions of this order must obtain a Level 2 screening within 30 days. View Executive Order 20-01 here.

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Emergency Rule 65GER20-1: Mandatory Testing for Specific Agency-Licensed Facilities (August 3, 2020)
The emergency rule applies to foster care facilities, group homes, residential habilitation centers, and developmental disabilities centers licensed by APD, and to any person residing in a live-in foster care setting licensed by the agency. Beginning August 24, 2020, facilities, residents, and staff who have not been tested for COVID-19 shall not be admitted into the facility. Staff and residents who have contracted COVID-19 are required to show two consecutive negative test results separated by 24-hours prior to returning to the facility. View the emergency rule 65GER20-1 here.

Emergency Order 20-04 (May 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends Emergency Order 20-02 to May 31, 2020, which prohibits APD developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments. The order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for the duration of the extension, and directs that remote competency training shall continue where possible. View Emergency Order 20-04 here.

Emergency Order 20-03 (April 16, 2020)
The Emergency Order temporarily suspends face to face visits to administer the Questionnaire for Situational Information (QSI) to determine the level of need for APD customers. The QSI assessment is used to determine a client's iBudget amount for initial enrollment. Upon expiration of this order, a QSI must be performed within 60 days. View Emergency Order 20-03 here.

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Emergency Order 20-02 (April 8, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-02 prohibits developmental disabilities centers and forensic facilities from accepting new admissions or commitments for 30 days from the date of this order. The Emergency Order also directs APD to cease in-person community-based competency training for thirty days from the date of this order, and directs the agency to use remote access means when available and if appropriate to complete competency training. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

Emergency Order 20-01 (March 23, 2020)
Emergency Order 20-01 suspends certain provider rules and regulations due to the State of Emergency in Florida regarding the novel coronavirus. The Emergency Order suspends, for either 30 or 60 days, certain licensing renewals and additional training that providers are required to complete. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is carefully assessing new admissions into group homes and foster care facilities to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID-19. Additionally, APD is encouraging the use of video conferencing or telehealth, when appropriate, if in-person assessment is not possible and if the purpose of the assessment can still be achieved. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of Business and Professional Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-10: On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (September 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order rescinds Emergency Order 2020-09, which suspended the on premises consumption of alcohol at bars. Therefore, as per Executive Order 2020-139: *Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*, all bars may resume operation at 50 percent of their indoor capacity, through seated service only. View Emergency Order 2020-10 here.

Amended Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (July 1, 2020)
The Amended Emergency Order provides additional guidance. The amended order allows establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises and also licensed to sell food to operate as a restaurant and therefore able to serve alcoholic beverages. Establishments not licensed to sell food are not allowed to sell alcohol except in sealed containers for consumption off premises. The Emergency Order provides that indoor seating capacity for those serving food and beverages must still be limited to 50%, appropriate social distancing protocols must be adhered to, and employee health screenings must be adhered to in accordance with Executive Order 20-68, Section 3(C). The order further clarifies that nightclubs are not permitted to operate until expiration of the Emergency Order. View Amended Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-09: Suspension of On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at Bars (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption for licensed vendors (bars, pubs and nightclubs) who derive more than 50% of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on-premises. Such vendors may continue to sell alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for consumption off-premises. Restaurants, for those who derive 50% or less of gross revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may continue to operate on-premises consumption of food and beverages at tables. View Emergency Order 2020-09 here.

Emergency Order 2020-08: License Deadlines (June 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any deadlines for license eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-08 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-07: License Deadlines (May 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends any continuing education or license renewal deadlines for licenses issued by the Florida Real Estate Commission until December 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-06: License Deadlines (May 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order sunsets most of the provisions in Emergency Order 2020-04 on June 1, 2020. Specifically, Emergency Order ends emergency powers for condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations and reinstates their deadlines regarding annual reports. Additionally, the Emergency Order waives the assessments of harbor pilots for May, June, and July 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-05: License Deadlines (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends license, permit, registration, or certificate renewal and continuing education deadlines, required by the department, for March, April, and May 2020 until June 1, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-04: Waiver of Certain Statutory Limitations (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows all condominiums, cooperatives, and home owner associations to have all emergency powers they would during a disaster to protect the health, safety and welfare of home and unit owners. The Emergency Order also suspends deadlines regarding annual reports for condominiums, cooperative associations, time shares, and assessments for harbor pilots. Additionally, the Emergency Order allows veterinarians to perform telemedicine services on their patients. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

FAQ related to Restaurants and Alcoholic Beverage Vendors (March 20, 2020)
The FAQ document addresses questions regarding topics such as take-out, employee screenings, and alcohol sales pursuant to Executive Order 20-71. View the FAQ document here.

Department of Children and Families

Emergency Order 20-055EO: Emergency Suspension of Statues, Rules, and Other Administrative Functions in Response to COVID-19 (March 22, 2020)
The Emergency Order implements mitigation measures designed to limit the spread of COVID-19 among the unique populations served by the Department of Children and Families. The order suspends the 15-day deadline for the transfer of forensic clients to a civil forensic facility in order to accommodate 14-day quarantine policies enforced within detention facilities. The Emergency Order also waives the 48-hour time period physicians are permitted to provide emergency treatment to individuals without consent in order to allow the treatment of suspected cases of COVID-19. View Emergency Order 20-055EO here.

Department of Economic Opportunity

Emergency Order 20-016: Reemployment Assistance (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the week an individual must wait since becoming unemployed before they are eligible to receive reemployment assistance. The Emergency Order is retroactive from claims starting March 29, 2020 and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52: Public Health Emergency is in place. View Emergency Order 20-016 here.

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Emergency Order 20-014: Procurement Requirements (March 26, 2020)
This Emergency Order waives the Department of Economic Opportunity's need for strict compliance with procurement requirements in statute in order to make purchases that might assist in processing the increase in reemployment assistance claims. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Reemployment Assistance (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends certain requirements for an individual to be eligible for reemployment assistance. Specifically, individuals will no longer need to complete the online work registration or show that they are searching for employment by contacting potential employers. Additionally, reemployment assistance appeals referees are no longer required to be attorneys. The Emergency Order will expire on May 2, 2020 but is retroactive from March 15, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Department of Education

Emergency Order 2020-EO-07 (November 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the full parental choice and educational assurances provided in Executive Order 2020-EO-06 with an enhanced focus on eliminating achievement gaps. Specifically, the Emergency Order continues to require in-person school and allows alternative innovative options, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, and subsequent executive orders. The Emergency Order also guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions. Additionally, this order directs school districts and charter schools to notify parents or guardians if their students are at-risk of falling behind and provides the opportunity to switch learning models, such as from virtual to in-person, rewards school districts that surpass projected enrollment for Spring 2021, and extends the deadline for teachers to obtain Reading Endorsements to June 30, 2021. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-07 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 (July 6, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires school districts and charter school governing boards to offer a five-day, in-person school option for families, subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders, guarantees fiscal stability by providing complete funding based on pre-COVID-19 full-time equivalent student membership forecasts, and allows flexibility on local decision-making based on health conditions at the time of reopening. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-06 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Specifically, the Emergency Order provides families and students with needed flexibility to satisfy volunteer hour requirements and extends the date a student must complete and achieve required minimum test scores for the SAT, ACT, or any other allowable test that may determine eligibility, giving students more time to meet the minimum score eligibility requirements of the scholarship. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-05 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 (June 10, 2020)
The Emergency Order focuses on Voluntary Pre-K (VPK), building on previous emergency orders and providing greater flexibility for early learning stakeholders by reducing the minimum number of summer instructional hours public schools and private VPK providers must provide from 300 hours to 200 hours,

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authorizing a private school administrator who holds a valid certificate in educational leadership to satisfy the requirement for a prekindergarten director credential, and canceling all 2020 Summer VPK assessments. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 (May 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends additional regulatory statutes and rules that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action to promote the health, safety and welfare of the persons connected with Florida's educational system. The Emergency Order extends provisional licenses due to expire or scheduled for review by the Commission for Independent Education for specified dates; provides teachers greater flexibility to provide intensive reading interventions out-of-field until December 31, 2020; suspends the requirement to conduct annual evaluations for teachers and administrators for the 2019-2020 school year; authorizes school districts to determine how to meet differentiated pay requirements for teachers who are on the performance salary schedule; and, allows qualified families searching for work to obtain eligibility for School Readiness Programs and suspends the 20-hour work or education requirement tied to services. View Emergency Order 2020-EO-02 here.

Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 (March 23, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives the strict adherence to the Florida Education Code in order to promote the health and safety of each person connected with Florida's education system. Specifically, the Emergency Order directs school districts, private scholarship schools, Florida College system institutions, and career, technical and adult education services to shift to non-classroom or virtual teaching methods. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining K-12 state assessments for the 2019-2020 school year, exempting students from this requirement for purposes of graduation or promotion, and cancels school grades, which rely in part on data from statewide-standardized assessments. Additionally, the Emergency Order directs the divisions of Vocational Rehabilitation and Blind Services to provide services through virtual and telephonic methods to the extent possible. The Emergency Order also cancels all remaining screenings and assessments for School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the 2019-2020 school year. View DOE Emergency Order 2020-EO-01 here.

Department of Elder Affairs

Emergency Order 20-01 – Revised (March 31, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement that public and professional guardians make quarterly, in-person visits to their wards to evaluate their situation and determine their needs. The Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) issued guidance on the Emergency Order via the Office of Professional and Public Guardians. The Emergency Order applies to wards that reside in a nursing home, adult living facility, or other enumerated facility, in order to limit third-party contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 amongst Florida's most vulnerable populations. DOEA directs guardians to instead make contact with their wards through video conference, telephone, or other means to continue their duty to monitor the health and well-being of those under their care. If the guardian is unable to make direct contact with the ward, they must contact the facility where the ward resides in order to determine their condition and address any needs they may have. View Emergency Order 20-01 here and Guidance from the DOEA re: Emergency Order 20-01 Revised here.

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Department of Health

Emergency Order 20-014: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders Made Necessary by COVID-19 (October 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes pharmacists and registered pharmacy interns to administer FDA approved vaccines to individuals under the age of 18, upon medical consent for a minor, and administer vaccines according the CDC's immunization schedules. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends the upcoming licensure renewal deadline to June 1, 2021. View Emergency Order 20-014 here.

Emergency Order 20-013: Reporting Requirements for Laboratories Performing COVID-19 Testing (September 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order requires laboratories to receive authorization from the Florida Department of Health before reporting COVID-19 test results through the Health Level Seven Electronic Reporting System if the test results are not reported within 7 days of completion of the COVID-19 test. The Emergency Order also requires laboratories to report delinquent testing data to the State Surgeon General and relevant county health department. View Emergency Order 20-013 here.

Renewal of Declaration of Public Health Emergency (August 28, 2020)
The Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency re-declares the initial Declaration of Public Health Emergency, issued on March 1, 2020, determining that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in the State of Florida. The initial declaration was in effect for 60 days, and has subsequently been renewed twice on April 30, 2020, and June 29, 2020. The renewal re-declares that a public health emergency exists in Florida, and is reaffirmed for another 60 days. View the Renewal of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency here.

Emergency Order 20-012: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (August 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order allows licensed physicians, physician assistants, practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and other health care practitioners who reactivate their licenses in response to the public health emergency to practice for the duration of the public health emergency. The Emergency Order extends provisions of DOH Emergency Order 20-008 relating to dental and certified nurse assistant licensure, and extends other health care practitioner licensure renewal deadlines to November 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-012 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (July 20, 2020)
The Public Health Advisory advises Floridians to "Avoid the 3 Cs: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close-Contact Settings," and to wear a mask. The advisory encourages all individuals in the state to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in any setting where social distancing is not possible, and suggests that businesses should require individuals who enter the premises to wear a mask, with limited exceptions. Social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people should be avoided, and individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should continue to limit interactions outside of the home. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-011: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (June 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until the expiration of the Public Health Emergency is declared by the Governor. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care

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services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. The Emergency Order also waives certain regulatory provisions for out-of-state health care professionals employed or designated in a professional capacity by a sports entity visiting Florida for a specific sporting event. View Emergency Order 20-011 here.

Public Health Advisory: Updated Measures to Ensure Protection of Public Health in Response to COVID-19 (June 20, 2020)

The Public Health Advisory recommends all individuals in Florida to wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people, and practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering in gatherings of fewer than 50 people. The advisory also recommends that all individuals over the age of 65 or individuals with high-risk health conditions to continue to limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. View the Public Health Advisory here.

Emergency Order 20-010: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)

The Emergency Order allows basic life support service providers, advanced life support service providers, and air ambulance service providers to provide service and transportation in any county without obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and extends, to August 31, 2020, licensure and permits of these providers that may expire before July 31, 2020. The order also allows emergency medical training services programs to be conducted via remote live videoconference for the duration of Executive Order 20-52. View Emergency Order 20-010 here.

Emergency Order 20-009: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 31, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the provisions of Emergency Order 20-001 and Emergency Order 20-002 until June 30, 2020. The Emergency Orders waive certain statutory requirements regarding the procurement of property and services in order to more effectively respond to the COVID-19 emergency, allow out-of-state health care professionals to provide health care services to patients in Florida using telehealth, and grant limited telehealth examination and prescribing authorities to health care practitioners for existing patients. View Emergency Order 20-009 here.

Emergency Order 20-008: Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 28, 2020)

The Emergency Order suspends regulations that hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19 for certain licensed medical professions. The Emergency Order allows persons sitting for the American Dental Licensing Examination and Dental Hygiene Examination to test on mannequins or simulated patients in lieu of live patients until September 1, 2020. The requirement for a skills demonstration examination for persons who have completed a Certified Nursing Assistant training program within the past six months is suspended until July 31, 2020. Finally, the Emergency Order extends health care professional licensure renewals until August 31, 2020, for licenses expiring between May 31, 2020 and July 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-008 here.

Emergency Order 20-007: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (May 8, 2020)

The Emergency Order extends the expiration date of Emergency Order 20-001, which temporarily suspends Florida statutes relating to certain public procurement regulations for health care goods and equipment, and

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Emergency Order 20-002, which allows out of state health care professionals to practice in Florida and provide health care services via telehealth until May 31, 2020. View Emergency Order 20-007 here.

Emergency Order 20-006: Waiver of Requirement that a Pharmacist be Separately Licensed to Perform Lab Tests (April 24, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends a provision in Florida law that requires a pharmacist to be separately licensed to perform a clinical laboratory test, thereby allowing licensed pharmacists to test the public for COVID-19. Pharmacists will also be allowed to order, administer, and report the test results of COVID-19 tests at locations with clear and active pharmacy licenses. Additionally, the Emergency Order temporarily eases certain registration requirements for providers participating in the Volunteer Health Care Provider Program, and waives requirements for individuals applying for initial enrollment or recertification in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. View Emergency Order 20-006 here.

Emergency Order 20-005: Extension of Suspension of Statutes, Rules and Orders, Made Necessary by COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends all provisions of Emergency Order 20-003: Protective Measures For Vulnerable Populations, Gatherings Of Private Citizens And Density Of The Workforce, until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52. The original order further extends certain licensure renewal deadlines, provides for the continued use of teleconferencing for licensure approval/denial hearings and certain nursing education programs, and continues to allow health care professionals not licensed in Florida to provide health care services to a patient in Florida using telehealth. View Emergency Order 20-005 here.

Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Emergency Order: Extension Period for Expiring Florida Driver Licenses, Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements (April 30, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain expiring Florida driver licenses, commercial driver licenses and identification cards and waives certain commercial motor vehicle regulations and requirements to aid the delivery of emergency supplies, equipment and resources. The Emergency Order also extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates during the month of May for thirty days, waives delinquent renewal fees during the extension periods for these licenses and permits, and waives in-person DUI program client interviews until May 31, 2020. The Emergency Order shall expire upon the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 20-52. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Licensing and Renewal Fees (April 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends, for sixty days, the initial expiration date extension period for cards with an expiration date of March 16 through April 15, 2020. It also grants the same extension to driver licenses and ID cards with expiration dates on or after April 16 through April 30, 2020, for thirty days. The Emergency Order also waives in-person DUI program client interviews and case monitoring, directing programs to use distance-learning methodologies. View the Emergency Order here.

Emergency Order: Extension of Effective Period and Waiver of Delinquent Renewal Fees of Certain Driver Licenses and Identification Cards (March 15, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the effective period of driver licenses and identification cards with expiration dates of March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, for thirty days and waives the delinquent renewal fees during the extension period for these driver licenses and identification cards. View Emergency Order 20-02 here.

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Emergency Order: Waiver of Certain Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Requirements (March 14, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends enforcement of the registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, or to transport emergency equipment, supplies, or emergency personnel. The Emergency Order also waives the hours of service requirements for drivers, and suspends certain licensing and registration requirements for commercial motor vehicles registered out-of-state. View Emergency Order 20-01 here.

Department of State

Emergency Order 2020-01 (March 27, 2020)
The Emergency Orders suspends and tolls the time requirements for business entities to file annual reports until June 30, 2020. Any profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership or limited liability limited partnership annual report filing will have until 12:01 am on July 1, 2020, before a $400 late fee is assessed. Not for profit corporations are not subject to the $400 late fee. View Emergency Order 2020-01 here.

Department of Revenue

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003: Corporate Income Tax (April 27, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the filing deadlines for certain Florida corporate income tax (CIT) payments and returns. For entities with a fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT payments is extended to June 1, 2020 and the May 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. The due date to submit a request for extension of time to file the return and make any tentative payment is also extended to June 1, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, the June 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. For entities with a fiscal year ending February 29, 2020, the July 1, 2020 due date for Florida CIT returns is extended to August 3, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-003 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002: Sales and Use Tax and Related Taxes (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends certain filing deadlines for Florida businesses. Sales and use tax, as well as other related tax returns and payments, are normally due on the first day of the month and are late after the twentieth day of the month. The Order of Emergency extends the due date to April 30, 2020 for sales and use tax, as well as other related taxes, collected in March for taxpayers who have been adversely affected by COVID-19. Taxpayers who have not been adversely affected by COVID-19 continue to file and remit taxes no later than the normal due date of April 20. Taxpayers who were unable to meet the March 20 due date will have penalty and interest waived for taxes collected in February if the taxes are reported and remitted by March 31, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-002 here.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001: Property Tax Oversight (March 26, 2020)
The Order of Emergency extends the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year and also extends the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Order of Emergency waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and

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freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020. View Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation 20-52-DOR-001 here.

Division of Administrative Hearings

20-05 Administrative Order (May 14, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous four administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. See Administrative Order, here.

20-04 Administrative Order (April 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous three administrative orders related to COVID-19 through May 17, 2020. View 20-04 Administrative Order here.

20-03 Administrative Order (April 3, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the previous two Administrative Orders related to COVID-19 through April 30, 2020. In addition, for purposes of approval or worker's compensation settlements, the order waives the requirement of a "sworn" statement that all child support obligations have been disclosed. View 20-03 Administrative Order here.

20-02 Administrative Order (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the provisions of the first Administrative Order through April 12, 2020. Additionally, this order announced that the Miami Office and Fort Pierce Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims will be closed to public access and directs all mediations for the Offices of the Judges of Compensation Claims to be conducted telephonically through April 12, 2020. View 20-02 Administrative Order here.

20-01 Administrative Order (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order prepares the Division of Administrative Hearings to make necessary changes in order to promote the health and safety of the people of Florida. Specifically, the Administrative Order directs Administrative Law Judges to review their dockets and maximize the use of telephonic or video conferencing, directs Judges of Compensation Claims to use discretion in the management of their dockets, and guides Administrative Law Judges and Judges of Compensation Claims to provide the greatest deference possible to parties requiring individual accommodations. View 20-01 Administrative Order here.

Division of Emergency Management

Emergency Order 20-009: Visitation Ban Lifted for Nursing Homes and other Assisted Living Facilities (September 1, 2020)
The Emergency Order lifts, with restrictions, the nursing home and assisted living facility visitation ban imposed in March. The Emergency Order allows residents to designate two "essential" caregivers and two "compassionate" caregivers who would have access to the facility and resident. Essential caregivers provide services or assistance with activities of daily living to help maintain quality of life for a facility resident, while compassionate caregivers provide emotional support to a resident, and may be allowed entry into facilities on a limited basis. Other than in end-of-life situations, a resident may only be visited by one essential or compassionate caregiver at a time. However, an intermediate care facility or Agency for Persons with Disabilities licensed foster-care or group home facility may allow up to two such visitors at a time. The Emergency Order provides a mandate that permitted visitors wear a surgical mask and other PPE as

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appropriate, complete training on infection prevention and control, comply with facility-provided COVID-19 testing, and maintain social distancing from staff and other residents in the facility. General visitors will also be allowed to visit facilities provided that the facility have no positive COVID-19 cases in the previous 14 days and if other limitations are met. Residents may designate up to five general visitors, however, may be visited by no more than two at a time. View Emergency Order 20-009 here for additional information contained in the order.

Emergency Order 20-004: Waiving Strict Adherence to s. 1008.22, F.S. (March 13, 2020)
The Emergency Order authorizes the Department of Education to delay any assessment given by school districts under the statewide student assessment program, to modify or waive deadlines for the reporting of assessment results, and to lift or modify deadlines and requirements. The Emergency Order also authorizes the Department of Education to coordinate with school districts to adjust school calendars. View Emergency Order 20-004 here.

Emergency Order 20-002: Suspension of Statutes, Rules, and Orders (March 11, 2020)
The Emergency Order prohibits certain individuals from entering nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes. The Emergency Order applies to individuals who: are infected with COVID-19, showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, been in contact with someone infected with COVID-19, traveled internationally the last 14 days, went on a cruise in the last 14 days, or have been in a community where COVID-19 has spread in the last 14 days. View Emergency Order 20-002 here.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Executive Order 20-20: Commercial Saltwater License Extension (July 1, 2020)
The Executive Order extends commercial salt water licenses until July 31, 2020. View Executive Order 20-20 here.

Executive Order 20-09: Recreational Vessels - COVID-19 (March 27, 2020)
The Executive Order requires recreational boats to be at least 50 feet apart. Additionally, the Executive Order requires that each recreational vessel must not have more than 10 people on board. View Executive Order 20-09 here.

Executive Order 20-08: COVID-19 (March 26, 2020)
The Executive Order extends license renewals by at least 30 days for commercial freshwater, charter fishing, captive wildlife exhibition and sale, venomous/conditional/prohibited reptiles, private game preserves and farms, and marine special activity licenses. View Executive Order 20-08 here.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Emergency Order 2020-006: Florida Eggs (April 7, 2020)
The Emergency Order, in response to an FDA ruling allowing flexibility for egg packaging, suspends department rules for 30 days that require egg packaging to have printed information such as date of pack, grade, and size. View Emergency Order 2020-006 here.

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Emergency Order 2020-005: Suspend Requirement for Class G License Applicants to Obtain Physical Fitness Certification (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends the requirement for "Class G" statewide firearm license applicants to obtain a certification of physical fitness for 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-005 here.

Emergency Order 2020-004: Concealed Weapon Licensees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for renewal of concealed weapons licenses and provides an additional 30 days to renew for licenses set to expire. View Emergency Order 2020-004 here.

Emergency Order 2020-003: Waiver of Certain Fees (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order waives late fees for renewals of the following permits and registrations: solicitors of contributions, brake fluid, commercially-used weights and measures, motor vehicle repair shops, and dealers of agricultural products. View Emergency Order 2020-003 here.

Emergency Order 2020-002: Pest Control (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends late fees for pest control, pesticide, fertilizer, and animal feed licensees. The Emergency Order also extends timeframes required for reporting and license renewal by 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-002 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-2: Extended Deadline for Appeals for Sponsors in the National School Lunch Program (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule extends the deadlines for sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-2 here.

Emergency Rule 5JER20-1: Winter Blend Fuel (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Rule allows "winter blend" fuel to continue to be used to adjust to the current supply and demand of fuel. View Emergency Rule 5JER20-1 here.

Florida Department of Transportation

Emergency Order (Third Amended – April 9, 2020)
The Emergency Order suspends size and weight restrictions for trucks that transport emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural products as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Emergency Order also streamlines the departments' processes to procure any and all necessary supplies, temporary premises, and other resources to more easily coordinate state emergency health tests. The third amended Emergency Order extends the expiration date of this order to May 8, 2020. View the Emergency Order here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 (March 29, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), is implementing additional checkpoints for motorists entering Florida from Georgia on I-95. Motorists who are traveling from areas with substantial community spread are required to isolate for a period of 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-95 at the Georgia/Florida line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is

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required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 at Florida/Georgia Line on I-95 here.

Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 (March 28, 2020)
Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-86, the Florida Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), provided guidance to motorists entering Florida from areas with significant community spread of COVID-19. The Executive Order directs all motorists entering the state from areas with community spread to isolate for 14 days upon entry or for the duration of their visit, whichever is shorter. The Executive Order does not apply to persons performing military, emergency, health or infrastructure response, or individuals that live in Georgia and commute to work in Florida. FHP will implement and enforce the checkpoint at I-10 at the Florida/Alabama line. Upon entry in Florida, each arriving traveler is required to complete a traveler form containing key information, including contact information and trip details. Upon departure from the checkpoint, travelers will be provided with a traveler card, which has contact information and guidance in the event the traveler exhibits symptoms while in isolation that are attributed to the coronavirus. Importantly, commercial motor vehicle drivers are directed to bypass checkpoints to ensure timely delivery of products throughout the state. View the Guidance for Implementation of Executive Order 2020-86 here.

Office of Financial Regulation

Emergency Order 2020-04 (June 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends filing deadlines for applicable documentation for certain licensees including mortgage brokers or lenders, as well as money services business licensees, for a period of 30 days from the existing filing deadline. Additionally, for any license issued under s. 494 and 560, F.S. or any registration issued under s. 517, F.S., the deadline for certain documentation is suspended and tolled through June 30, 2020. View Emergency Order 2020-04 here.

Emergency Order 2020-03 (April 17, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends the time before a first payment is due on an automobile loan. A motor vehicle retail installment seller, licensed with the Office of Financial Regulation, per Chapter 520, Florida Statutes, may allow the first payment of a motor vehicle retail installment contract to be scheduled up to 90 days from the date of the loan. View Emergency Order 2020-03 here.

Emergency Order 2020-02 (March 26, 2020)
The Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for mortgage brokers, mortgage lenders, money service businesses, and securities businesses and professionals occurring in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days. Additionally, the Emergency Order extends certain filing deadlines for state trust companies, registered family trust companies, state-chartered banks, and credit unions in March and April 2020 for a period of 45 days and extends certain filing deadlines for state banks, credit unions, international branches and international bank agencies in March 2020 for a period of 30 days. View Emergency Order 2020-02 here.

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Office of Insurance Regulation

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M: Telehealth and Pharmacy Audit Guidance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum encourages all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities to broaden access to care for telehealth services to help alleviate hurdles for Floridians attempting to utilize telehealth services. The Informational Memorandum also requests all health insurers and other health entities regulated by OIR, and registered Pharmacy Benefit Managers to transition to an electronic audit process in order to avoid unnecessary risk and maintain social distancing. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are strongly encouraged, when prudent, to extend audit deadlines during the public health emergency. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-06M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M: Workers' Compensation Insurance (April 6, 2020) The Informational Memorandum reminds insurers who provide workers' compensation coverage that employees who contract COVID-19 due to a work related exposure are eligible to receive workers' compensation benefits. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-05M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M: Leniency on Premium Payments (March 25, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum encourages insurance companies to be flexible in terms of due dates, extending grace periods, waiving late fees, and creating payment plans in regards to premiums. Additionally, the Informational Memorandum urges insurance companies to waive their limitations on vehicles used commercially for the duration of the state of emergency, as many people may be using their vehicles for food deliveries. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-04M here.

Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M: Early Prescription Refills (March 10, 2020)
The Informational Memorandum reminds all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, and other health entities that during a declared state of emergency, Florida citizens are allowed to fill prescriptions early to ensure they have at least a 30-day supply. View Informational Memorandum OIR-20-02M here.

Supreme Court of Florida

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32: COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions for Operational Phase Transitions (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order approves and adopts the findings and recommendations of the COVID-19 Workgroup's report. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-32 here.

Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts (August 12, 2020)
The Amendment to the Administrative Order extends, refines, and strengthens previously enacted temporary remedial measures regarding court operations. The measures shall remain in effect until the Administrative Order is terminated. View the Amendment to Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-65: Extension of Continuing Legal Education Requirements Required by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 (July 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends the deadline for continuing education requirements by Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.112 through December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-65 here.

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Administrative Order 20-51: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (June 15, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the term through the end of the year for the Workgroup charged with recommending ways for a staged return to full court operations during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-51 here.

Administrative Order 20-31: Remote Civil Jury Trial Pilot Program (May 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a new pilot program for civil jury trials to be held using remote technology. It will explore ways to let jury trials begin again using health-related distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. View Administrative Order 20-31 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (May 4, 2020)
The Administrative Order expands the list of proceedings state courts will accomplish by remote technology during the coronavirus pandemic. The Administrative Order also extends the current suspension of jury trials in Florida until July 2, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-28: Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19 (April 21, 2020)
The Administrative Order creates a 17-member workgroup to recommend ways for a staged return to full court operations as the course of the coronavirus pandemic changes in the months ahead. View Administrative Order 20-28 here.

Administrative Order 20-27: Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (April 9, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for Florida Bar regulatory procedures governing lawyer advertising and investigations of attorney misconduct through May 29. View Administrative Order 20-27 here.

Administrative Order 20-24: Alternative Dispute Resolution Educational and Certification Requirements (April 7, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends deadlines for mediator certification and training as well as renewals of mediator certification through December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-24 here.

Administrative Order 20-23: Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Court (April 6, 2020)
The Administrative Order further suspends jury trials in Florida and extends other state legal deadlines through the end of May. The Administrative Order combines provisions of several previous administrative orders into a single document that: Suspends all jury selection proceedings and grand juries; Lists other essential and critical proceedings that state courts must continue to perform with appropriate health safeguards, while limiting hearings in other cases; Suspends speedy trial rules for criminal matters and noncriminal traffic infractions; Suspends a rule requiring clerks of court to immediately issue paperwork to sheriffs when a final judgment is made in eviction cases; Extends emergency changes to notarization and oath requirements, and; Extends health-related limits on court-ordered family visitation involving children in the custody of the Florida Department of Children & Families, including allowing visitation by remote electronic means in some instances. View Administrative Order 20-23 here.

Administrative Order 20-22: Extension of Judicial Electronic Filing Reporting Deadline (April 1, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the deadlines for local chief judges around the state to report on the county-by-county progress in implementing electronic filing of court documents. View Administrative Order 20-22 here.

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Administrative Order 20-21: Extension of Continuing Judicial Education Reporting Deadlines (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends the period of time in which Florida state judges must meet continuing education requirements to December 31, 2021. View Administrative Order 20-21 here.

Administrative Order 20-20: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Spoken Language Court Interpreter Regulations (March 31, 2020)
The Administrative Order extends most regulatory deadlines for court interpreters during the COVID-19 public health emergency until December 31, 2020. View Administrative Order 20-20 here.

Administrative Order 20-19: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for Speedy Trial in Noncriminal Traffic Infraction Court Proceedings (March 30, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends speedy trial deadlines in noncriminal traffic infraction through at least April 20. Florida judges also are allowed to conduct traffic infraction cases during the emergency using remote electronic means if possible. View Administrative Order 20-19 here.

Administrative Order 20-18: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in Relation to Visitation for Children Under the Protective Supervision of the Department of Children and Families (March 27, 2020)
The Administrative Order instructs that child and family visitation under circuit court orders will be conducted by video or other electronic means unless all parties agree that in-person visitation does not pose a health threat. View Administrative Order 20-18 here.

Administrative Order 20-17: COVID-19 Emergency Measures in the Florida State Courts (March 24, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends all jury trials statewide through April 17. View Administrative Order 20-17 here.

Emergency Measure 20-392: COVID-19 Emergency Measures Relating to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (March 20, 2020)
The Emergency Measure suspends deadlines in cases involving discipline of attorneys, regulation of the unlicensed practice of law, and supervision of lawyer advertising. View Emergency Measure 20-392 here.

Administrative Order 20-16: COVID-19 Emergency Procedures for the Administering of Oaths via Remote Audio-Video Communication Equipment (March 18, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends rules that prohibit the administration of legal oaths using remote communications technology. View Administrative Order 20-16 here.

Administrative Order 20-15: Essential and Critical Trial Court Proceedings (March 17, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs the state courts to give essential and critical court proceedings priority over other cases and requires these proceedings be conducted in a way that minimizes the risk of COVID-19 exposure. Additionally, the Administrative Order directs non-essential and non-critical court proceedings to be rescheduled, postponed, or canceled unless they can be effectively conducted using remote technology. View Administrative Order 20-15 here.

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Administrative Order 20-14: Personal Travel by State Courts System Judges, Officers, and Employees (March 16, 2020)
The Administrative Order requires self-quarantine for judges, officers and employees who have personally traveled internationally, been on a cruise, or to locations in the United States where COVID-19 is being transmitted by community spread. View Administrative Order 20-14 here.

Administrative Order 20-13: Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts (March 13, 2020)
The Administrative Order suspends most jury trials in the state court system for a minimum of two weeks. The Administrative Order also authorizes local judges to use remote electronic means of conducting other legal proceedings whenever possible. View Administrative Order 20-13 here.

Administrative Order 20-12: Response of the Florida State Courts System to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (March 11, 2020)
The Administrative Order directs courts statewide to begin taking steps to lessen the impact of the virus by using measures like social distancing, sanitary precautions, and conducting business using technology. View Administrative Order 20-12 here.

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Subject: updated Q and As
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Some of his notes are confusing so I would just make a copy of them and put them in the Q/A section of the binder and just make a little tabby that says FJA Study or something

Warm regards,

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Question and Answers

1. Why are we raising it from 10-20-10 to 25-50-10?
    a. The erosion of the value of the PIP benefit is detrimental. Here are some numbers to think about:
        i. Using the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the wonderful help from Banking and Insurance committee staff, we have determined that the total inflation from January 1979 to December 2020 is 698.12%. That means:
        ii. $10,000 in 1979 only equates to $1,252 today
2. Insurance FRAUD
    a. Due to the erosion of the monetary value of the PIP benefit, motor vehicle insurance fraud is at an all-time high. A study done by our own Senate Banking and Insurance Committee found that our motor vehicle insurance laws are being exploited by:
        i. Health care clinic fraud;
        ii. Staging car crashes;
        iii. Manufacturing false crash reports;
        iv. Filing PIP claims with contrived injuries;
        v. Dishonest medical treatment providers;
        vi. Attorney back-dealing
3. What is garage liability and what does it do?
    a. Establishing minimum amount minimum amount of $60,000 in liability coverage. This comes from the property damage and BI amount in the 25-50-10 plan. ($50k BI + $10k PD = $60k)
4. What is changes are we making to commercial vehicles?
    a. Bill amends $50,000 to $60,000 for a vehicle with a gross weight of 26k pounds or more but less than 36k
    b. Bill amends $100,000 to $120,000 for a vehicle with a gross weight of 35k pounds or more but less than 44k.
    c. Bill sustains $300,000 for vehicle over 44k pounds.
5. What changes are we making to self-insurance?
    a. Currently, a person may qualify as a self-insurer by obtaining a certificate of self-insurance and must satisfy the following requirement:
        i. $40,000 in net unencumbered worth
        ii. We are changing it to a net unencumbered worth of $100,000 because of our new plan proposal. When this was originally established, we came up with the $40,000 because it was double the required BI (2 times $20,000). Now, given we have increased the BI, we are increasing the net worth to $100,000 (2 times $50,000).
6. More on bad faith:
    a. The demand must:
        i. Identify the date and location of the loss, the claimant, and insured.
        ii. State the legal and factual basis of the claim.

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iii. Detail the claimant's injuries, medical treatment, and the amount of current and reasonably anticipated future damages.
iv. Demand a settlement amount, which may not exceed the insured's policy limit.
v. Release, if accepted, the insured from any further liability.
vi. Not provide conditions on the settlement other than payment of the demand and the ability of the claimant to take an examination under oath of the insured.

b. Naturally, a claimant deserves to know whether recovery from an insured's assets is possible before agreeing to a settlement within the insurance policy limits. The bill will allow the claimant to condition the demand for settlement on taking a 2 hour examination under oath (EUO) of the insured limited to discovering recoverable assets.
c. The bad faith claimant may withdraw the demand for settlement after the EUO. This is only fair because claimants should not and cannot be forced to settle within policy limits.
d. The bill requires the insured to cooperate with the claimant and submit to the EUO. If the insured refuses to submit to the EUO, the insurer may tender policy limits without obtaining a release of the insured and may not be held liable if there is an excess judgment against the insured.
e. The provisions of the bill regarding settlement will show whether an insurer truly refused a settlement offer. If so, then that insurer may have engaged in bad faith. If, however, an insurer is willing to offer its policy limits in return for a waiver of liability for its insured, it is obvious that the insurer was willing to do what is within its power to shield its insured from damages above the insurance policy. Policyholders will benefit because their insurer is incentivized to try and settle for policy limits when appropriate. Further, eliminating large bad faith awards in certain circumstances will create less pressure to settle non-meritorious claims and should lower rates.
f. The key question in a bad faith failure to settle case is whether the insurer failed to settle when it could and should have done so. If an insurer proves they were willing to settle and tender policy limits, then the insurer hasn't acted in bad faith in refusing to settle. Accordingly, the bill provides a safe harbor to the insurer in third-party bad faith action not brought under s. 624.155, F.S., providing that an insurer is not liable for bad faith if it tenders policy limits within 30 days of receiving a demand for settlement.
g. Bad faith claims should consider not only the insurer's actions and omissions, but also the behavior of all the various parties to the lawsuit, because those are relevant regarding whether the fact a settlement didn't occur is because of the insurer, or whether other parties' actions were the cause. The bill requires the trier of fact, when determining if an insurer in bad faith failed to settle, to consider certain actions of the insurer such as compliance with best practices along with certain actions of the insured and claimant.

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h. The bill also prohibits punitive damages in a bad faith failure to settle action. A bad faith action provides strong punishment for an insurer's bad behavior
i. The bad faith action itself provides extra-contractual damages that can range into the tens-of-millions of dollars. Given that fact, punitive damages are unnecessary.

7. What else is there to know about Med Pay?
    a. Insurers may also offer other policy limits that exceed $5,000.
    b. Insurers may offer deductibles of up to $500.
    c. Requires insurers must reserve $5,000 of MedPay benefits for 30 days to pay physicians or dentists who provide emergency services and care or who provide hospital inpatient care.
8. RAISING RATES?
    a. There have been numerous studies done by our own banking and insurance staff and other groups that have concluded that rates will actually go down. In the big scheme of things, it is hard to determine what will happen.
    b. From an overall standpoint, after speaking with insurance companies, even if the rates do increase $5 to $10 per month per policyholder this is saving them money in the long run if they are in a detrimental accident and they have to spend thousands of more dollars on healthcare.
9. Why not keep PIP and just increase amounts?
    a. We have continuously worked on improving PIP over the years and raising the BI would not do anything. There would also be continuous fraud. The cost of Med Pay is also lower than PIP. Ans

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Dear Elected Officials and Staff,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District Seven, invites you to attend and participate in a Virtual Public Hearing (VPH) for the proposed median modifications along SR 581/Bruce B Downs Blvd from south of Eagleston Blvd to SR 54 in Pasco County, Florida, FPN: 441099-1-52-01.

To allow for maximum participation, the public hearing will be held in three formats including virtually over the internet, by phone, or at an in-person drive-thru location. Information presented will be identical at all options.

The Virtual Public Hearing (VPH), phone and in-person drive-thru public hearing will be held on
March 2, 2021. The drive thru location will be open from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., or until the last attendee has viewed the presentation.

Regardless of format, the hearing will start at 2:30 p.m. and include a presentation. After the presentation has concluded, there will be an opportunity to provide comments that will be included in the official VPH record.

Virtual/Online:
Please follow this link to register and access the hearing:
https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/992812197

Phone:
To participate by phone please call:
+1 (872) 240-3212 and provide the Access Code: **992-812-197** to join.

In-person drive-thru location:
If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, and/or would like to participate in-person, you may attend the VPH at the following drive-thru location:
The Grove at Wesley Chapel, 6105 Wesley Grove Boulevard, Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544

The drive-thru will open for attendees at 2:30 p.m. Attendees will be directed into a clearly identified parking lot, receive project literature, and view the project presentation. Attendees will be asked to remain in their vehicle while attending the hearing. You will have the opportunity to provide written or verbal comments. The drive-thru hearing will be held in full compliance with local, state, and federal health and safety guidelines.

This public hearing is conducted to afford affected property and business owners, interested persons and organizations the opportunity to provide comments to FDOT regarding proposed median modifications along SR 581/Bruce B Downs Blvd. from south of Eagleston Blvd to SR 54.

This VPH is held pursuant to Chapters 120, 335.18 and 335.199, Florida Statutes. FDOT will receive verbal/written comments at the public hearing location and online from registered webinar participants. Written or emailed comments not received during the hearing must be postmarked or emailed by
March 12, 2021, to become part of the official virtual public hearing summary.

Written comments may be emailed to Charlie.xie@dot.state.fl.us or mailed to Charlie Xie, PE., Project Manager, Florida Department of Transportation, 11201 N. McKinley Dr., MS 7-600, Tampa, Florida 33612.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in this VPH, or persons who require translation services (free of charge) are asked to advise the agency at least 7 days prior to the VPH by contacting: Alex Henry, District Public Involvement Coordinator, at (813) 975-6405 or (800) 226-7220, or Alex.Henry@dot.state.fl.us.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service,

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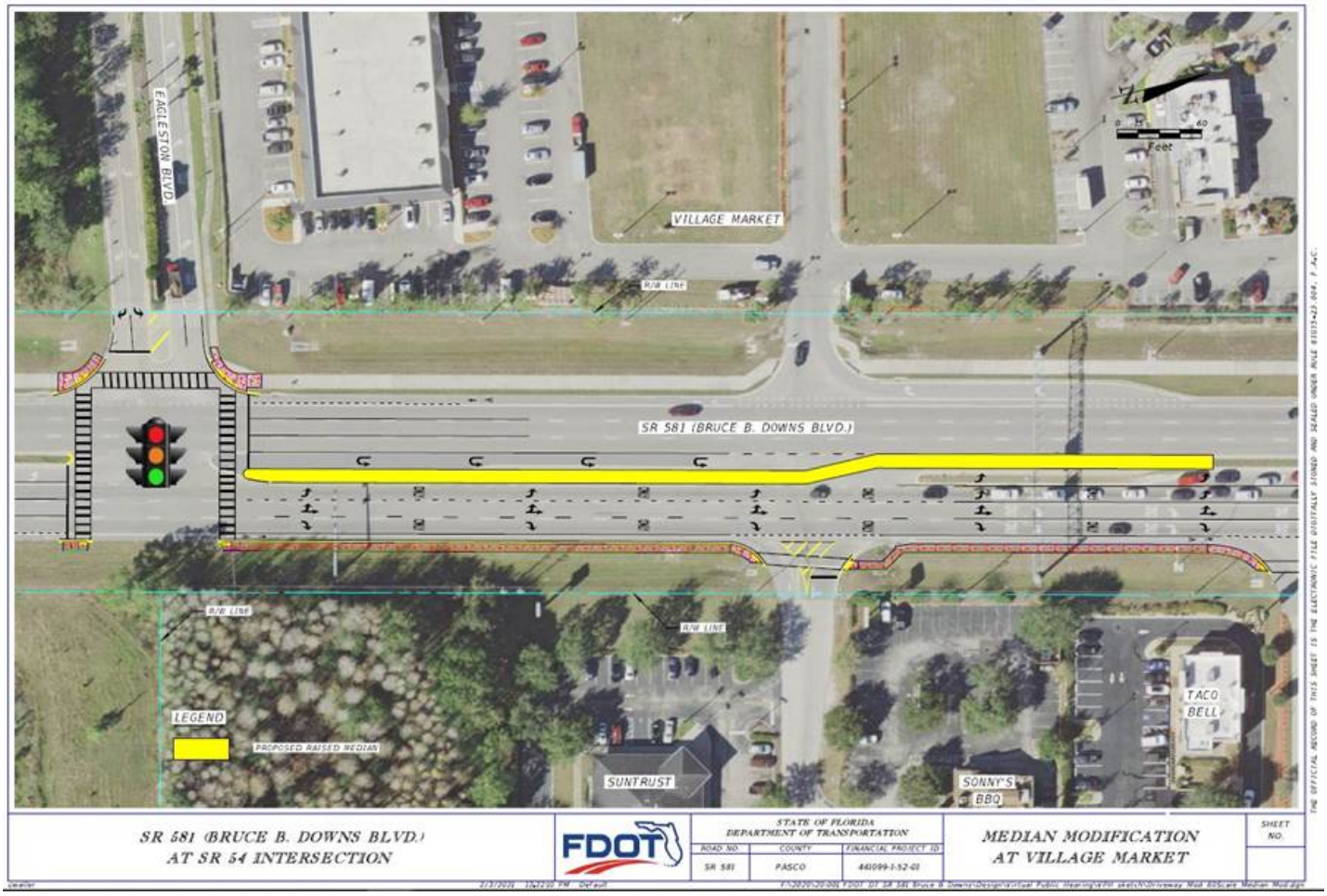
1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800) 955-8770 (Voice).

For more information about this project, please visit the project webpage athttps://www.fdottampabay.com/project/557/441099-1-52-01.

Or scan the QR Code below

Below: Proposed Median Modification Detail



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SR 581 (BRUCE B. DOWNS BLVD.) AT SR 54 INTERSECTION

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROAD NO.	COUNTY	FINANCIAL PROJECT ID
SR 581	PASCO	441099-1-52-01

MEDIAN MODIFICATION AT VILLAGE MARKET

SHEET NO.

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FDOT Tampa Bay
Florida Department of Transportation

SR 581 Intersection Improvement at SR 54 441099-1-52-01

Project Details	
Work Type	Intersection Improvement
Phase	Design
Limits	from south of Eagleston Blvd to SR 54
Length	.2 miles
City	Wesley Chapel
County	Pasco
Road	Bruce B Downs SR 54 SR 581
Design Cost	$500,000

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About

This project will make improvements to SR 581 (Bruce B Downs Blvd) from south of Eagleston Blvd to SR 54. The improvements include closing the existing median at the shopping plaza entrance. Extending the northbound left turn lane to SR 54, adding traffic signal at Eagleston Blvd, a southbound U-turn lane and adding pedestrian features at the Eagleston Blvd intersection with SR 581.

The project is currently in the design phase. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2022.

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From: Kris Walker <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Meagan Hebel,

I am writing to you to ask you to please OPPOSE HB1 at the House Justice Appropriations meeting when it is scheduled for a hearing. I am outraged that this legislation even got assigned to a public hearing must less that it has been fast-tracked through the House on party lines. Florida currently faces the worst economic and public health crisis in history and instead of working to find solutions HB1 criminalizes free speech, peaceful assembly and dissent through unconstitutional language that is targeted at silencing Black voices demanding basic human rights, equality, and fair treatment by law enforcement.

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Subject: Vote No on HB1 and Protect Floridian's First Amendment Rights

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To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
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From: Valerie Crowder <crowder.valerie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2021 9:59 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: WFSU News Interview Request

Hello Sen. Burgess,

I'm producing a story about proposed state legislation to curb violence, disorder and looting during political demonstrations for WFSU News - Florida Public Radio. Are you available for a brief phone interview today? It shouldn't take longer than about 15 minutes.

Thank you so much!

Take care,

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From: Constant Contact <noreply@constantcontact.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 9:17 AM EST
To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Your campaign The Burgess Bulletin: Live from Tallahassee has been sent

Dear Danny Burgess,

Your campaign **'The Burgess Bulletin: Live from Tallahassee'** was sent on 1/12/2021 around 9:16 AM EST.

Below is a copy of the message your subscribers received. See how your campaign is doing by visiting Reports in your account to get real-time results and stats.

Subject: The Burgess Bulletin: Live from Tallahassee

Updates from the Florida Senate

Dear friends,

Yesterday I arrived in Tallahassee for my first committee week as your state senator. We have a lot of work ahead of us and the 2021 Legislative Session is just around the corner.

Over the next few months, I will be sending regular newsletters to update you about what's happening in Tallahassee.

In this inaugural newsletter, I provide a brief overview of the upcoming week and discuss a few of the bills I've filed so far.

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SB 494: Administration of Vaccines

On Friday I filed legislation to improve access to vaccinations for Floridians. **SB 494: Administration of Vaccines** would amend Florida State Statutes to allow pharmacists who meet certain requirements to administer vaccines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to adults.

This legislation will increase the number of vaccination sites by allowing licensed and approved pharmacists to vaccinate the public at their local pharmacy.

Click here to read the bill on flsenate.gov.

SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder

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We are a nation of law and order, not violence, destruction, and unrest. We respect the right to peacefully protest, but the shameful conduct we witnessed at the United States Capitol and episodes of violent civil unrest that we have witnessed over the last several months have no place in our country.

Last week I filed **SB 484: Combatting Public Disorder.** SB 484 makes it clear that here in Florida criminals who seek to thwart peaceful protests by willfully inciting violence, attacking law enforcement, and destroying public or private property will be held accountable.

Read the statements from Governor Ron DeSantis, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senate President Wilton Simpson, and Representative Juan Fernandez-Barquin HERE.

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SB 520: Social Media Websites

For better or for worse, social media has become a major part of our everyday life and society. After hearing from our constituent that social media sites were banning users and deleting accounts without explanation, I filed **SB 520: Social Media Websites**.

This legislation would require social media companies to provide individual and business users notice when the website has suspended or disabled a user's account and requires the companies to detail the steps necessary to restore the account.

SB 520 signals to social media websites that regardless of a person's background, political history, religion, race, gender, or any other identifying measure, Twitter and Facebook cannot be the sole judge, jury, and executioner of Americans' First Amendment rights.

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The Week Ahead

As the chair of the Senate Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response, I am looking forward to our first meeting on Thursday, January 14.

Florida's Surgeon General, Dr. Scott Rivkees, and the Former Secretary of the Florida Agency on Health Care Administration, Mary Mayhew will be presenting to the committee.

You can watch the committee meeting safely from your office or from home on the Florida Channel here from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

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To: Burgess, Danny <Burgess.Danny@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Your campaign The Burgess Bulletin: Updates from Tallahassee has been sent

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This week in the Florida Senate

Dear friends,

I've just returned from another busy week in the Florida Senate.

This week, I presented (and passed) my first bill, cast my first votes, and attended quite a few virtual meetings. On Thursday, my committee received an update on vaccine distribution and the pandemic response from the National Guard and the Department of Emergency Management.

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Some Pawsitive News!

In between meetings, my staff and I have been busy child-proofing (and puppy-proofing) the office.

I am very excited to announce that Courtney, the kids, and our newest addition, Briar, will be joining me in Tallahassee next week! If you follow me on social media you may have seen photos of Briar, our four-month-old King Charles Cavalier puppy.

You can follow Briar's adventures on Twitter and Facebook at @legallybriar.

SB 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance Approved by Banking and Insurance Committee

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This week the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, chaired by Senator Jim Boyd approved **SB 54: Motor Vehicle Insurance**.

SB 54 is the first bill I presented in the Florida Senate. This legislation will replace Florida's no-fault system with a bodily injury liability system more appropriately places liability where it should be – with the party that caused the accident.

Additionally, the bill creates a new framework for handling bad faith litigation that provides a clear set of standards to govern the conduct of both parties in the claims handling process, which I believe will lead to better outcomes for both insured Floridians and their insurance companies.

- Repeals No-Fault, Requires Bodily Injury Liability Coverage
- Requires Insurance Companies to Offer Medical Payments Coverage
- Creates a New Framework for Motor Vehicle Insurance Bad Faith Actions
- Allows for Named Driver Exclusions

Senate Bill 54 transforms this ineffective and outdated insurance structure, which I believe will lead to a more stable insurance market and better outcomes for insured Floridians when they face the unfortunate and in some cases tragic circumstance of being involved in a serious vehicle accident.

Emergency Management Director and Florida National Guard Brief Committee on Pandemic Response

This week in the Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response:

As chair of the Select Committee, I asked our Division of Emergency Management Director, **Jared Moskowitz** to update our committee members on the state's COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

Director Moskowitz gave an incredibly detailed presentation and provided a week-by-week review of Florida's vaccine distribution and administration progress. Although Florida leads the nation in vaccinations of seniors 65 years of age and older, there remains a critical need for increased vaccine supply from the federal government. The lack of vaccine supply from the federal government is currently the major impediment to vaccinating more Floridians.

I also asked the Florida National Guard's Director of Military Support, Col. John L. Steele, to brief the Select Committee on their response to COVID-19.

The Florida National Guard continues to support the state's COVID-19 response through operational support of Community Based Testing Sites, Community Vaccination Sites, Mobile Testing Teams, augmentation to airport screening, statewide logistics support, coordination, food distribution, planning, and operational mission sets.

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My Legislation

Below are the bills I will present in committee meetings next week:

- S 416 **POW-MIA Veterans Bracelet Memorial**
  - On Committee agenda-- Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security, 02/02/21
- S 494 **Administration of Vaccines**
  - On Committee agenda-- Health Policy, 02/04/21

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From: Jeff Kottkamp <jeffkottkamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2021 10:38 AM EST
To: Brown, Natalie <Brown.Natalie@flsenate.gov>
Subject: Zoom meeting

Natalie---Sen. Burgess and I have exchanged a couple of text messages about scheduling a Zoom call to discuss SB 484. Thought it might be a good idea to get you in the loop on this so we can nail down a date and time. Also---would Sen. Burgess be agreeable to having a few folks join the call that could give him some firsthand accounts of monument destruction?

Thank you!

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