

Florida Department of Corrections

Office of Legislative Affairs



2016 Regular Session
Legislative Wrap-Up Report

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**[SB 0012](#) –Relating to Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Ch. 2016 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 15, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Including services provided to treatment-based mental health programs within case management funded from state revenues as an element of the state courts system;
- Requiring assessment findings to be provided to the plan that is financially responsible for a child's care in residential treatment under certain circumstances;
- Specifying certain persons who are prohibited from being appointed as a person's guardian advocate;
- Authorizing county or circuit courts to enter ex parte orders for involuntary examinations;
- Requiring the Department of Children and Families to create a workgroup on the use of advance directives for substance use disorders, etc.

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**[HB 0075](#) –Relating to Electronic Monitoring Devices
[Ch. 2016-15](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 09, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting a person from removing, destroying, altering, tampering with, damaging, or circumventing operation of an electronic monitoring device being worn or used pursuant to court order or order by Florida Commission on Offender Review;
- Prohibiting a request, authorization, or solicitation of person to perform such act;
- Specifying that FDC may electronically monitor offenders sentenced to community control when court has imposed electronic monitoring as a condition of community control.

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**[SB 0088](#) – Relating to Gold Star License Plates
[Ch. 2016-182](#) Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on April 06, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Including certain individuals as qualified for issuance of a Gold Star license plate, etc.

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[HB 0093](#) – Relating to Law Enforcement Officer Body Cameras

[Ch. 2016-76](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring law enforcement agencies that permit its law enforcement officers to wear body cameras to establish policies and procedures addressing proper use, maintenance, storage of cameras, and data;
- Requiring such policies and procedures to include specified information;
- Requiring agencies to ensure that specified personnel are trained;
- Requiring that data be retained in accordance with specified requirements;
- Requiring periodic review of agency body camera practices;
- Exempting recordings from specified provisions relating to interception of wire, electronic, and oral communications.

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[HB 0111](#) – Relating to Jury Service

[Ch. 2016-52](#) Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on March 10, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that certain persons incapable of caring for themselves may be permanently excluded from jury service upon request;
- Providing requirements for such request.

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[HB 0131](#) – Relating to Unattended Persons and Animals in Motor Vehicles

[Ch. 2016-18](#) Laws of Florida



Approved by the Governor on March 08, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing immunity from civil liability for damage to a motor vehicle related to the rescue of a person or animal under certain circumstances;
- Providing applicability, etc.

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**[SB 0158](#) – Relating to Identification Cards and Driver Licenses
[Ch. 2016-4](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 08, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for a person's status as a lifetime freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, or sportsman licensee, or boater safety identification cardholder, to be indicated on his or her identification card or driver license upon payment of an additional fee and presentation of the person's lifetime freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, hunting, or sportsman's license, or boater safety identification card;
- Providing a waiver of the replacement fee in certain circumstances, etc.

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**[SB 0184](#) – Relating to Military and Veterans Affairs
[Ch. 2016](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 15, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring a landlord, a condominium association, a cooperative association, or a homeowners' association to complete the processing of a rental application submitted by a servicemember within a specified timeframe;
- Requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to report monthly to the Department of Veterans Affairs the names and mailing or e-mail addresses of veterans who request information;
- Directing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to provide a method by which honorably discharged veterans may apply for construction, electrical or alarm contracting licensure, etc.



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**[SB 0222](#) – Relating to Parking for Disabled Veterans
[Ch. 2016-39](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 10, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the governing body of each publicly owned or publicly operated airport to grant free parking to any vehicle displaying specified license plates for disabled veterans;
- Clarifying that such license plates, rather than “DV” license plates, are exempt from certain parking fees charged by a county, municipality, or an agency thereof, etc

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**[SB 0228](#) – Relating to Mandatory Minimum Sentences
[Ch. 2016-7](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Deleting aggravated assault from the list of convictions which carry a minimum term of imprisonment if during the commission of the offense the convicted person possessed a firearm or destructive device;
- Deleting aggravated assault from the list of convictions which carry a minimum term of imprisonment if during the commission of the offense the convicted person possessed a semiautomatic firearm and its high-capacity detachable box magazine or a machine gun, etc.

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**[SB 0230](#) – Relating to Missing Persons with Special Needs
[Ch. 2016-186](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 06, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating pilot projects in specified counties to provide personal devices to aid search-and-rescue efforts for persons with special needs, etc.



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**[SB 0232](#) – Relating to Guardianship
[Ch. 2016-40](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 10, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Renaming the Statewide Public Guardianship Office to the Office of Public and Professional Guardians;
- Revising the duties and responsibilities of the executive director for the Office of Public and Professional Guardians;
- Providing that a guardian has standing to seek judicial review pursuant to specified provisions if his or her registration is denied, etc.

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**[HB 0241](#) – Relating to Children and Youth Cabinet
[Ch. 2016-19](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 09, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the membership of the Children and Youth Cabinet.

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**[HB 0307](#) – Relating to Medical Use of Cannabis
[Ch. 2016-123](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising requirements for physicians ordering low-THC cannabis, medical cannabis, or a cannabis delivery device;
- Revising the information that the Department of Health is required to include in its online compassionate use registry;
- Providing that dispensing organizations may not dispense low-THC cannabis and medical cannabis unless they meet certain testing requirements;



- Requiring the department to authorize certain dispensing organizations or applicants to provide low-THC cannabis, medical cannabis, and cannabis delivery devices to eligible patients, etc.

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**[HB 0373](#) – Relating to Mental Health Counseling Interns
[Ch. 2016-80](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising mental health intern registration requirements;
- Revising requirements for supervision of registered interns;
- Deleting specified education and experience requirements;
- Establishing validity period and provides for expiration of intern registrations;
- Requiring licensed mental health professional to be on the premises when registered intern provides services in clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling;
- Deleting clinical experience requirement for such registered interns;
- Deleting provision requiring that certain registered interns meet educational requirements for licensure.

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**[HB 0387](#) – Relating to Offenses Evidencing Prejudice
[Ch. 2016-81](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Decreasing the period of time that a minors criminal history record must be retained before expunction;
- Deleting a limitation on the period of time within which a minor must submit an application for prearrest or postarrest diversion expunction to the Department of Law Enforcement after successful completion of the diversion program, etc.

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HB 0423 – Relating to Access to Health Care Services
Ch. 2016-224 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 14, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing this act as the "Barbara Lumpkin Prescribing Act";
- Expanding the categories of persons who may prescribe brand drugs under the prescription drug program when medically necessary;
- Exempting controlled substances prescribed by an advanced registered nurse practitioner or a physician assistant from the disqualifications for certification or licensure, and for continued certification or licensure, as a deputy or state pilot;
- Applying existing penalties for violations relating to the prescribing or dispensing of controlled substances to an advanced registered nurse practitioner;
- Redefining the term "practitioner" to include advanced registered nurse practitioners and physician assistants under the Florida Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act, etc.

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HB 0439 – Relating to Mental Health Services in the Criminal Justice System
Ch. 2016-127 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016
The creation of mental health court programs in HB 0439 was an FDC Priority Issue

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the creation of treatment-based mental health court programs;
- Expanding eligibility for military veterans and servicemembers court programs;
- Creating the Forensic Hospital Diversion Pilot Program;
- Authorizing courts to order certain offenders on probation or community control to postadjudicatory mental health court programs, etc.

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HB 0545 – Relating to Human Trafficking
Ch. 2016-24 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 09, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Including human trafficking as predicate offense for felony murder;



- Prohibiting permanently branding, or directing permanent branding, of victim of human trafficking;
- Requiring DOH to suspend license of massage therapist or massage establishment for specified violations in conjunction with establishment;
- Providing that licensed massage therapist may not receive new or renewal license if applicant is convicted of certain prostitution offenses in conjunction with massage establishment;
- Providing that licensed massage establishment may not receive new or renewal license if specified persons connected with establishment are convicted of certain prostitution offenses in conjunction with establishment;
- Providing that minors may not be charged with specified prostitution offenses;
- Requiring person convicted of specified racketeering offenses to register as sexual predator or sexual offender; reenacts various provisions.

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**[SB 0590](#) – Relating to Adoption
[Ch. 2016-71](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Redefining the terms abandoned or abandonment and parent;
- Revising the circumstances under which an adoption consent is valid, binding, and enforceable;
- Requiring a court to determine, under certain circumstances, whether a change of placement of a child is in the child's best interests, rather than whether the change of placement is appropriate, etc.

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**[SB 0636](#) – Relating to Evidence Collected in Sexual Offense Investigations
[Ch. 2016-72](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring that a sexual offense evidence kit or other DNA evidence be submitted to a member of the statewide criminal analysis laboratory system within a specified timeframe after specified occurrences;
- Requiring a medical provider or law enforcement agency to inform an alleged victim of a sexual offense of certain information relating to sexual offense evidence kits;



- Requiring the testing of sexual offense evidence kits within a specified timeframe after submission to a member of the statewide criminal analysis laboratory, etc.

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**[SB 0666](#) – Relating to Voter Identification
[Ch. 2016-167](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 01, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Expanding the list of acceptable forms of identification for certain voter registration applicants to include veteran health identification cards, licenses to carry a concealed weapon or firearm, and certain government-issued employee identification cards, etc.

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**[HB 0769](#) – Relating to Mental Health Treatment
[Ch. 2016-135](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for continuation of psychotropic medication by forensic and civil facilities for individuals receiving such medication before admission;
- Providing timeframes within which competency and commitment hearings must be held;
- Revising time for dismissal of certain charges for defendants who remain incompetent to proceed to trial;
- Providing exceptions;
- Providing timeframe within which commitment hearings must be held;
- Requiring that a defendant be transported for such hearing.

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**[HB 0799](#) – Relating to Out-of-State Fee Waivers for Active Duty Service Members
[Ch. 2016-136](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Providing that active duty members of Armed Forces of U.S. residing or stationed outside of this state may receive out-of-state fee waivers;
- Requiring tuition and fees charged to such students to be below specified the amount and for the annual report of all out-of-state fee waivers for such individuals.

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**[SB 0860](#) – Relating to Foster Families
[Ch. 2016-73](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Designating the second week of February of each year as Foster Family Appreciation Week, etc.

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**[SB 0964](#) – Relating to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
[Ch. 2016-177](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 01, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that certain acts of dispensing controlled substances in specified facilities are not required to be reported to the prescription drug monitoring program;
- Authorizing the designee of a health care practitioner, pharmacist, pharmacy, prescriber, or dispenser or an impaired practitioner consultant to receive certain information from the prescription drug monitoring program, etc

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**[HB 0967](#) – Relating to Family Law
[Ch. 2016-93](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Designating this act as "Collaborative Law Process Act";
- Providing that collaborative law process begins when parties enter into collaborative law participation agreement;
- Prohibiting tribunal from ordering party to participate in collaborative law process over party's objection;
- Providing conditions under which collaborative law process concludes, terminates, or continues;
- Providing for confidentiality of communications made during collaborative law process;
- Providing exceptions.

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**[HB 0977](#) – Relating to Behavioral Health Workforce
[Ch. 2016-231](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 14, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing a second opinion for admission to a treatment facility to be provided by certain licensed physicians in all counties, rather than counties with a specified population size;
- Restricting to physicians the authorization to dispense certain medications or prescribe certain controlled substances on the premises of a registered pain-management clinic;
- Providing certification criteria for psychiatric nurses;
- Providing that certain acts by a psychiatric nurse constitute grounds for denial of a license or disciplinary action, etc.

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**[SB 1044](#) – Relating to Contraband Forfeiture
[Ch. 2016-179](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 01, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the seizing agency to apply for an order, within a certain timeframe, making a probable cause determination after the agency seizes property;
- Increasing the evidentiary standard from clear and convincing evidence to proof beyond a reasonable doubt that a contraband article was being used in violation of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act for a court to order the forfeiture of the seized property, etc.

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**[HB 1125](#) – Relating to Eligibility for Employment as Child Care Personnel
[Ch. 2016-98](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing criteria for disqualification from employment for child care personnel;
- Requiring that certain persons who have been granted an exemption from disqualification from child care employment be rescreened by specified date;
- Providing applicability with respect to specified provisions adopted during same legislative session.

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**[HB 1149](#) – Relating to Alternative Sanctioning
[Ch. 2016-100](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016
*HB 1149 was an FDC Priority Bill***

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the chief judge of each judicial circuit, in consultation with specified entities, to establish alternative sanctioning programs;
- Authorizing an offender who allegedly commits a technical violation of supervision to waive participation in or elect to participate in program, admit to violation, agree to comply with recommended sanction, and agree to waive certain rights;
- Authorizing the court to impose recommended sanction or direct FDC to submit violation report, affidavit, and warrant to court;
- Specifying that offender's participation in alternative sanctioning program is voluntary.

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**[HB 1157](#) – Relating to Postsecondary Education for Veterans
[Ch. 2016-142](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Directing the Department of Education to award postsecondary course credit for specified training, education, examinations, and tests;
- Revising residency requirement for certain tuition waivers for recipients of specified military decorations;
- Providing that specified programs and test scores meet certain educator certification requirements.

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**[HB 1175](#) – Relating to Transparency in Health Care
[Ch. 2016-234](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 14, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring hospitals and insurers to make available information which can be used by consumers to make health care decisions based on cost and quality;
- Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to contract with vendor to provide public access Internet-based health information platform;
- Requiring AHCA to design patient safety culture survey for licensed hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers;
- Requiring health insurers and HMOs to make available on their websites information to estimate certain health care services costs and charges;
- Requiring certain health insurers, HMOs, managed care plans, Department of Management Services (DMS), and vendor for state group health insurance plan to contribute claims data to contracted vendor selected by AHCA;
- Providing an appropriation.

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**[HB 1241](#) – Relating to Ordering of Medication
[Ch. 2016-145](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that a pharmacist may dispense an emergency opioid antagonist pursuant to a non-patient-specific standing order for an autoinjection delivery system or intranasal application delivery system;
- Revising the authority of a licensed physician assistant to order medication under the direction of a supervisory physician for a specified patient;



- Revising the term "prescription" to exclude an order for drugs or medicinal supplies dispensed for administration;
- Authorizing a licensed practitioner to authorize a licensed physician assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner to order controlled substances for a specified patient under certain circumstances, etc.

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**[SB 1288](#) – Relating to Emergency Management
[Ch. 2016-198](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 06, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the term activate for purposes of part I of Ch. 252, F.S.;
- Directing the Division of Emergency Management to create a statewide system to facilitate the transport and distribution of essentials in commerce during a declared emergency;
- Directing the division to create a certification system for persons transporting or distributing essentials in commerce, etc.

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**[SB 1294](#) – Relating to Victim and Witness Protection
[Ch. 2016-199](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 06, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Increasing the maximum age at which a victim or witness may be allowed to testify via closed circuit television rather than in a courtroom in certain circumstances;
- Increasing the maximum age of victims and witnesses for whom the court may enter protective orders;
- Including human trafficking and lewd and lascivious offenses in the rules of evidence applicable to sexually-related offenses, etc.

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**[HB 1333](#) – Relating to Sexual Offenders
[Ch. 2016-104](#) Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising sexual predator and offender criteria;
- Revising reporting and registration requirements;
- Revising elements of offense of loitering or prowling by certain offenders in close proximity to children;
- Revising provisions relating for venue for proceedings for seeking removal of requirement to register as sexual predator or offender;
- Requiring that the removal of registration requirement not conflict with federal law requirement;
- Revising requirements concerning information to be released by FDC and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) regarding sexual offenders being released.

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**[SB 1412](#) – Relating to Orders of No Contact
[Ch. 2016-204](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 08, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the requirements for notifying a defendant of a no contact order if issued by the court as a condition of pretrial release, etc.

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**[SB 1534](#) – Relating to Housing Assistance
[Ch. 2016-210](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 08, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the powers that the Florida Housing Finance Corporation may exercise in developing and administering the State Apartment Incentive Loan Program;
- Requiring that State Apartment Incentive Loan Program funds be made available through a competitive solicitation process, subject to certain requirements;
- Requiring that the State Office on Homelessness coordinate among certain agencies and providers to produce a statewide consolidated inventory for the states entire system of homeless programs which incorporates regionally developed plans, etc.



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**[SB 1604](#) – Relating to Drugs, Devices, and Cosmetics
[Ch. 2016-212](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 08, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing, revising, and deleting definitions for purposes of the Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act;
- Revising prohibited acts related to the distribution of prescription drugs;
- Providing that a restricted prescription drug distributor permit is not required for distributions between certain pharmacies;
- Providing for the expiration, renewal, and issuance of certain drug, device, and cosmetic product registrations, etc.

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**[HB 4009](#) – Relating to Slungshot
[Ch. 2016-106](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Deleting provisions prohibiting manufacture or sale of instrument or weapon usually known as slungshot;
- Revising the definition of the term "concealed weapon" to delete inclusion of slungshot;
- Deleting provisions prohibiting dealer in arms from selling or transferring slungshot to minor.

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**[SB 7020](#) – Relating to OGSR/Florida Health Choices Program/Florida Health Choices, Inc.
[Ch. 2016-75](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending provisions relating to an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of an enrollee or participant in the Florida Health Choices



Program, for client and customer lists of a buyers representative held by the Florida Health Choices, Inc., and for proprietary confidential business information held by the corporation, and relating to a penalty for unlawful disclosure of confidential and exempt information;

- Saving the exemption from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc.

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**[HB 7071](#) – Relating to Public Corruption
[Ch. 2016-151](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the definition of term "bribery";
- Revising requirements for prosecution;
- Revising the prohibition against unlawful compensation or reward for official behavior to conform to changes made by act;
- Revising the prohibition against official misconduct to conform to changes made by act;
- Revising the applicability of offense to include public contractors;
- Revising the prohibition against bid tampering to conform to changes made by act;
- Revising the applicability of offense to include specified public contractors;
- Authorizing an award of attorney fees to public servants and public contractors under certain conditions;
- Reenacting provisions relating to official misconduct, appointment, application, suspension, revocation, application fee, bond, and oath;
- Reenacting provisions relating to criminal use of personal identification information;
- Reenacting provisions relating to Criminal Punishment Code offense severity ranking chart.

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**[HB 7087](#) – Relating to Telehealth
[Ch. 2016-240](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 14, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Establishing certain practice standards for telehealth providers;
- Providing limitations and notification requirements for out-of-state telehealth providers;
- Revising the definition of the term "discount medical plan" to exclude certain products;
- Creating the Telehealth Advisory Council within the Agency for Health Care Administration for specified purposes, etc.



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**[HB 7101](#) – Relating to Sentencing for Capital Felonies
[Ch. 2016-13](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 07, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the prosecutor to give notice to the defendant and to file the notice with the court within a certain timeframe if the prosecutor intends to seek the death penalty;
- Requiring juries to determine the existence of aggravating factors, if any, in the penalty phase of capital cases;
- Requiring a certain determination by at least 10 jurors to support a recommendation of a sentence of death;
- Deleting provisions relating to advisory sentencing by juries and findings by the court in support of sentences of death, etc.

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APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE

The following is an overview of the budget for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) which was passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2016 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[HB 5001](#) – General Appropriations Act
[Ch. 2016-66](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2016**

Major funding decisions:

The funding for FDC is approximately \$2.4 billion.

- \$16.9M for Fixed Capital Outlay projects - \$12M for repairs and maintenance, \$3.3M to rebuild tornado damaged buildings at Calhoun CI and \$1.6M for environmental deficiencies
- 215 additional Correctional Officer Positions and \$12.2M in new funding to reduce overtime and fill vacant positions



- Total of \$4.7M for the Acquisition of Motor Vehicles - \$1.5M for the replacement of Community Corrections vehicles and \$3.2M to replace Security transport and other vehicles
- \$15M for Inmate Health Services Contracts

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**HB 5003 – Implementing the General Appropriations Act
Ch. 2016-62 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 18, 2016**

Major funding decisions

- Implements specific appropriations of the General Appropriations Act for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Budget Entity	Budget Entity Title	Appropriation Category Title	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	
			FTE	All Funds	FTE	All Funds
70010100	BUSINESS SERVICE CENTERS	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	239.0	13,105,633	239.0	13,105,633
		EXPENSES		463,311		463,311
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		46,507		46,507
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		153,595		153,595
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		2,315		2,315
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRACT		2,399		2,399
70010100 TOTAL			239.0	13,773,760	239.0	13,773,760
70010200	EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	236.0	11,416,151	236.0	11,416,151
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		342,926		342,926
		EXPENSES		2,521,167		2,521,167
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		392,827		392,827
		TRANS TO DIV ADM HEARINGS		92,849		53,970
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		1,336,159		1,036,159
		TRANSFER TO GEN REV FUND		6,300,000		6,700,000
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		378,868		378,868
		TENANT BROKER COMMISSIONS		525,394		525,394
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		36,220		36,220
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW		7,498,287		7,498,287



		CONTRCT				
70010200						
TOTAL			236.0	30,840,848	236.0	30,901,969
70010400	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	161.5	10,364,613	161.5	9,914,613
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		13,500		13,500
		EXPENSES		2,288,319		2,819,476
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		127,720		127,720
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		2,192,590		2,092,590
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		56,318		56,318
		DEFERRED-PAY COM CONTRACTS		45,329		45,329
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		1,270		1,270
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		1,029		1,029
		STATE DATA CENTER - AST		9,285,046		9,285,046
		TRC - DMS		102,717		
		OTHER DATA PROCESSING SVCS				20,420
70010400			161.5	24,478,451	161.5	24,377,311
70031100	ADULT MALE CUSTODY OPER	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	8,835.0	479,208,993	9,050.0	482,575,665
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		7,043,855		7,043,855
		EXPENSES		18,424,316		18,424,316
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		653,666		653,666
		FOOD PRODUCTS		40,973,469		40,973,469
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		6,651,313		5,501,313
		FOOD SERVICE/PRODUCTION		3,802,134		3,802,134
		OVERTIME		523,270		523,270
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		19,294,875		19,294,875
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		4,280,949		3,080,949
		PRIVATE PRISON OPERATIONS		119,336,797		119,666,797
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		517,746		517,746
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		339,074		339,074
70031100			8,835.0	701,050,457	9,050.0	702,397,129
70031200	FEMALE CUSTODY OPERATIONS	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	813.0	39,332,444	813.0	39,332,444
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		400,657		400,657
		EXPENSES		2,044,942		2,044,942
		FOOD PRODUCTS		2,422,106		2,422,106
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		625,305		625,305
		FOOD SERVICE/PRODUCTION		203,350		203,350
		OVERTIME		469,295		469,295
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		4,234,102		4,234,102
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		341,923		341,923
		PRIVATE PRISON OPERATIONS		25,261,553		25,261,553
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		80,162		80,162
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		8,462		8,462



70031200 TOTAL			813.0	75,424,301	813.0	75,424,301
70031300	MALE/YOUTH OFFENDER CUST	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	102.0	15,783,307	102.0	15,783,307
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		277,640		277,640
		EXPENSES		141,479		286,892
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		520,185		520,185
		FOOD PRODUCTS		1,818,043		1,818,043
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		29,599		29,599
		FOOD SERVICE/PRODUCTION		388,386		388,386
		OVERTIME		486,977		7,986,977
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		2,488,239		2,488,239
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		159,226		159,226
		PRIVATE PRISON OPERATIONS		19,411,567		19,411,567
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		38,675		38,675
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		6,839		6,839
70031300 TOTAL			102.0	41,550,162	102.0	49,195,575
70031400	SPECIALTY INST OPERATIONS	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	5,008.0	259,314,894	5,008.0	250,814,894
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		1,493,683		2,693,683
		EXPENSES		3,772,421		3,772,421
		FOOD PRODUCTS		12,170,243		12,170,243
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		1,762,621		562,621
		FOOD SERVICE/PRODUCTION		1,168,710		1,168,710
		OVERTIME		654,272		4,154,272
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		15,036,951		15,036,951
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		1,669,164		1,669,164
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		283,746		283,746
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		80,445		80,445
70031400 TOTAL			5,008.0	297,407,150	5,008.0	292,407,150
70031500	RECEPTION CNTR OPERATIONS	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,985.0	115,200,998	1,985.0	128,046,347
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		874,827		874,827
		EXPENSES		3,946,013		3,946,013
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		250,000		250,000
		FOOD PRODUCTS		6,132,372		6,132,372
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		87,126		87,126
		FOOD SERVICE/PRODUCTION		410,661		410,661
		OVERTIME		299,643		1,799,643
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		3,788,677		3,788,677
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		678,193		678,193
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		81,590		81,590
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		15,275		15,275
70031500 TOTAL			1,985.0	131,765,375	1,985.0	146,110,724
70031600	PUB SVC SQUADS/WRK	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,041.0	59,383,009	1,047.0	51,708,173



	RELEASE					
		EXPENSES		1,443,340		1,467,816
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		244,927		265,234
		FOOD PRODUCTS		1,104,000		1,104,000
		CORRECTIONAL WORK PROGRAMS	7.0	540,226	1.0	161,387
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		23,146,969		28,646,969
		FOOD SERVICE/PRODUCTION		203,504		203,504
		OVERTIME		185,998		185,998
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		1,269,719		1,269,719
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		499,519		506,287
		ELECTRONIC MONITORING		4,600,000		4,600,000
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		40,356		40,356
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		9,661		11,785
70031600						
TOTAL			1,048.0	92,671,228	1,048.0	90,171,228
70031700	ROAD PRISON OPERATIONS	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	95.0	6,027,157	95.0	6,027,157
		EXPENSES		499,172		499,172
		FOOD PRODUCTS		352,549		352,549
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		11,284		11,284
		FOOD SERVICE/PRODUCTION		53,567		53,567
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		24,666		24,666
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		8,341		8,341
70031700						
TOTAL			95.0	6,976,736	95.0	6,976,736
70031800	OFFENDER MGMT/CONTROL	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,300.0	63,810,107	1,300.0	63,810,107
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		304,814		304,814
		EXPENSES		2,849,260		2,849,260
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,602,428		21,578
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		31,653		31,653
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		66,374		66,374
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		166,269		166,269
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		20,690		20,690
70031800						
TOTAL			1,300.0	68,851,595	1,300.0	67,270,745
70031900	EXEC DIRECTION/SUPPORT	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	178.0	12,917,849	178.0	12,917,849
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		75,000		75,000
		EXPENSES		3,636,563		3,636,563
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		256,642		256,642
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		2,307,104		1,507,104
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		100,080		100,080
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		114,940		114,940
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		1,770		1,770
70031900						
TOTAL			178.0	19,409,948	178.0	18,609,948
70032000	CORR FACILITY MAINT/REP	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	555.0	25,895,636	555.0	25,895,636



		EXPENSES		86,069,300		86,069,300
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		364,154		364,154
		ACQUISITION/MOTOR VEHICLES		1,504,653		3,218,653
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		7,058,135		5,058,135
		DEFERRED-PAY COM CONTRACTS		4,198,894		4,198,894
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		36,771		36,771
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		13,300		13,300
		CORRECTIONAL FAC-LEASE PUR		60,043,584		57,136,422
		MAJ REP,RENO & IMP/MAJ INS		7,300,000		12,000,000
		CORR ENVIRONMENTAL DEFIC				1,625,000
		NEW/EXP ADMIN & SUPPT FAC				3,325,000
		NEW,EXP/IMPRV/MEDICAL FACS		2,700,000		
70032000			555.0	195,184,427	555.0	198,941,265
TOTAL						
70050100	COMMUNITY SUPERVISION	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,791.0	164,796,648	2,791.0	164,296,648
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		60,945		60,945
		EXPENSES		9,832,246		10,332,246
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		256,941		256,941
		ACQUISITION/MOTOR VEHICLES		750,000		1,525,000
		BUILDING/OFFICE RENT PMTS		12,214,031		12,214,031
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		640,324		640,324
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		4,525,932		4,525,932
		SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS		565,414		565,414
		ELECTRONIC MONITORING		9,122,916		9,122,916
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		250,104		250,104
70050100			2,791.0	203,015,501	2,791.0	203,790,501
TOTAL						
70056000	COMM FACILITY OPERATIONS	CONTRACTED SERVICES		2,816,521		1,712,983
		JUDC/DOC SENTENCING ALT		700,143		700,143
70056000			-	3,516,664	-	2,413,126
TOTAL						
70251000	INMATE HEALTH SERVICES	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	136.5	8,548,528	136.5	8,548,528
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		333,045		333,045
		EXPENSES		1,481,817		1,481,817
		SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS				723,341
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		895,970		895,970
		INMATE HEALTH SERVICES		286,147,085		300,547,085
		GENERAL DRUGS		29,572,427		29,572,427
		PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS		4,818,876		4,818,876
		INFECTIOUS DISEASE DRUGS		12,092,256		12,092,256
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		100		100
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		284,701		284,701
70251000			136.5	344,174,805	136.5	359,298,146
TOTAL						
70252000	TRMT/INFECTIOUS DISEASES	OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		104,207		104,207



		EXPENSES		218,577		218,577
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		27,019		27,019
		INMATE HEALTH SERVICES		2,204,554		2,204,554
		INFECTIOUS DISEASE DRUGS		21,536,127		21,536,127
70252000			-	24,090,484	-	24,090,484
TOTAL						
70450100	ADULT SUBST ABUSE/PREV/SVC	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	33.0	2,439,095	33.0	2,439,095
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		47,762		47,762
		EXPENSES		691,513		691,513
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		45,600		45,600
		CONTRACT DRUG ABUSE SVCS		18,732,485		19,086,023
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		2,900		2,900
70450100			33.0	21,959,355	33.0	22,312,893
TOTAL						
70450200	BASIC EDUCATION SKILLS	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	317.0	15,855,976	317.0	15,855,976
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		2,691,038		2,691,038
		EXPENSES		3,498,386		4,753,037
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		472,386		472,386
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		4,934,148		5,287,148
		RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE		112,636		112,636
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		20,888		20,888
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		13,453		13,453
70450200			317.0	27,598,911	317.0	29,206,562
TOTAL						
70450300	ADULT OFFN TRNS/REHAB/SPPT	SALARIES AND BENEFITS	59.0	4,398,365	59.0	4,398,365
		OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES		1,160,469		1,160,469
		EXPENSES		491,922		491,922
		OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY		3,000		3,000
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		6,647,280		7,842,629
		LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT		20,544		20,544
		TR/DMS/HR SVCS/STW CONTRCT		2,397		2,397
70450300			59.0	12,723,977	59.0	13,919,326
TOTAL						
70450400	COMMUNITY SUB ABUSE	EXPENSES		300,000		300,000
		CONTRACTED SERVICES		3,993,762		4,493,762
		G/A-CNTR DRUG TREAT/REHAB		22,465,111		22,300,861
70450400			-	26,758,873	-	27,094,623
TOTAL						
Department			23,892.0	2,363,223,008	24,107.0	2,398,683,502
Total						

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ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS

The following is an overview of administrative bills of interest to the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) which were passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2016 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[SB 0086](#) – Relating to Scrutinized Companies
[Ch. 2016-36](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on March 10, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the State Board of Administration to identify all companies that are boycotting Israel or are engaged in a boycott of Israel in which the public fund owns direct or indirect holdings by a specified date;
- Requiring the public fund to create and maintain the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List that names all such companies;
- Prohibiting a state agency or local governmental entity from contracting for goods and services that exceed a specified amount if the company has been placed on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, etc.

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**[SB 0182](#) – Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Trade Secrets
[Ch. 2016-6](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on February 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Expanding public records exemptions for certain data processing software obtained by an agency, certain information held by a county tourism promotion agency, information related to trade secrets held by specified entities, and specified data, programs, or supporting documentation held by an agency;
- Providing future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions;
- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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[HB 0273](#) – Relating to Public Records



Ch. 2016-20 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 09, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring a the agency contract for services to include a statement providing contact information of public agency's custodian of public records;
- Prescribes form of statement;
- Revising required provisions in public agency contract for services regarding contractor's compliance with public records laws;
- Requiring public records request relating to records for public agency's contract for services to be made directly to public agency;
- Requiring contractor to provide requested records to public agency or allow inspection or copying of requested records;
- Specifying circumstances under which court must assess and award reasonable costs of enforcement against contractor;
- Specifying sufficient notice;
- Providing the contractor who takes certain actions is not liable for reasonable costs of enforcement.

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HB 0293 – Relating to Public Records/Juvenile Criminal History Records
Ch. 2016-78 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying that certain confidential information obtained under ch. 985, F.S., relating to juvenile justice, is exempt from public records requirements;
- Revising applicability of public records requirements with respect to arrest records of certain juvenile offenders;
- Authorizing records custodians to choose not to electronically publish specified arrest or booking photos of juveniles; provides for future review and repeal of such applicability provisions;
- Providing exemption from public records requirements for juvenile information compiled by Criminal Justice Information Program from intrastate sources;
- Providing exceptions
- Providing for future review and repeal of exemption; provides for release by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement of criminal history information of juvenile which has been deemed confidential and exempt;
- Reenacting provisions;
- Providing statement of public necessity.



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**[SB 0386](#) – Relating to Expunction of Records of Minors
[Ch. 2016-42](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 10, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating an exception for specified minors who, before attaining 21 years of age, had a criminal history record expunged;
- Authorizing specified minors to apply for expunction of a criminal history record under certain circumstances;
- Deleting a limitation on the period of time within which a minor must submit an application for prearrest or postarrest diversion expunction to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement after successful completion of the diversion program, etc.

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**[HB 0613](#) – Relating to Workers' Compensation System Administration
[Ch. 2016-56](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 10, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Deleting required item to be listed on notice of election to be exempt;
- Revising specified rules regarding maintenance of business records by an officer of corporation;
- Providing and removing duties of the Department of Financial Services;
- Prohibiting application of specified credit unless employer provides specified documentation and proof of payment to department within specified period;
- Revising penalty calculation for imputed weekly payroll for an employee;
- Eliminating certification requirements when expert medical advisor is selected by judge of compensation claims;
- Deleting requirement that employers notify department within 24 hours of any injury resulting in death;
- Revising requirements for filing claim;
- Deleting preferred worker program;
- Deleting notification fees on certain filed claims which supplement Special Disability Trust Fund;
- Deleting fee for certain registration of insurance carriers.



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**[SB 0624](#) – Relating to Public Records/State Agency Information Technology Security Programs
[Ch. 2016-114](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating exemptions from public records requirements for certain records held by a state agency which identify detection, investigation, or response practices for suspected or confirmed information technology security incidents and for certain portions of risk assessments, evaluations, external audits, and other reports of a state agency's information technology program;
- Providing future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions;
- Providing statements of public necessity, etc.

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Effective Date: March 25, 2016

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**[SB 0752](#) – Relating to Public Records/Agency Inspector General Personnel
[Ch. 2016-164](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 30, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain identifying and location information of current or former personnel employed in an agency's office of inspector general or internal audit department whose duties include auditing or investigating certain activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline, and the spouses and children thereof;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

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**[SB 0908](#) – Relating to Organization of the Department of Financial Services
[Ch. 2016-165](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 30, 2016**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer, rather than the Division of Accounting and Auditing, to audit and adjust accounts of officers and those indebted to the state;
- Revising the divisions and the location of bureaus within the divisions;
- Amending provisions relating to the transfer of certain functions to the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services;
- Amending provisions relating to the renaming of the Bureau of Unclaimed Property, etc.

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**HB 0981 – Relating to Administrative Procedures
Ch. 2016-232 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 14, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing additional requirements for the calculation of estimated adverse impacts and regulatory costs to a statement of estimated regulatory cost (SERC).

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Effective Date: July 1, 2016

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**SB 1004 – Relating to Public Records/Security System Plans
Ch. 2016-178 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 01, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising exceptions to a public records exemption;
- Providing exceptions to a public records exemption, etc.

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**HB 1009 – Relating to Tax Exemption for Totally and Permanently Disabled First Responders
Ch. 2016 Laws of Florida
Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize a first responder, who is totally and permanently disabled as a result of an injury sustained in the line of duty, to receive relief from ad valorem taxes assessed on homestead property, if authorized by general law.

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**[HB 1033](#) – Relating to Information Technology Security
[Ch. 2016-138](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the membership of the Technology Advisory Council to include a cybersecurity expert;
- Revising the duties of the Agency for State Technology;
- Providing the establishment of computer security incident response teams within state agencies; requiring the agency to establish an information technology policy for certain state contracts, etc.

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**[SB 1038](#) – Relating to Florida Statutes
[Ch. 2016-10](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 25, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Reenacting, amending, and repealing provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors, etc.;
- F.S. 945.215 and F.S. 944.4731 were amended to remove obsolete language.

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**[HB 1075](#) – Relating to State Areas
[Ch. 2016-233](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 14, 2016**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating, revising, and deleting provisions relating to acquisition, surplus, sale, lease, use of state-owned conservation, nonconservation, recreation, and submerged lands;
- Providing appropriation and authorizing positions

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**[HB 1219](#) – Relating to Veterans' Employment
[Ch. 2016-102](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring state agencies, and authorizing political subdivisions of state, to develop and implement veterans' recruitment plan;
- Requiring the Department of Management Services to collect specified data and include such data in its annual workforce report and on its website;
- Providing applicability

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Effective Date: October 1, 2016

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**[HB 5005](#) – Relating to State-administered Retirement Systems
[Ch. 2016-63](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 18, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for members of certain membership classes and subclasses of the Florida Retirement System;
- Revising employer assessment to offset costs of administering investment plan and providing educational services;
- Providing finding of important state interest.

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**[HB 5007](#) – Relating to Relating to Collective Bargaining
[Ch. 2016-64](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 18, 2016**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing for the resolution of collective bargaining issues at impasse between the State of Florida and certified bargaining units for state employees pursuant to specified instructions.

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**[SB 7012](#) – Relating to Death Benefits under the Florida Retirement System
[Ch. 2016-213](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on April 08, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing payment of death benefits to the surviving spouse or children of a Special Risk Class member killed in the line of duty under specified circumstances;
- Authorizing payment of death benefits to the surviving spouse or surviving children of a Special Risk Class member in the investment plan;
- Requiring the State Board of Administration to transfer moneys to fund survivor benefit payments under specified circumstances, etc.

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**[SB 7022](#) – Relating to OGSR/Depictions or Recordings of the Killing of a Law Enforcement Officer
[Ch. 2016-214](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on April 08, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending provisions which provide an exemption from public records requirements for a photograph or video or audio recording held by an agency that depicts or records the killing of a person;
- Narrowing the exemption to depictions or recordings of the killing of a law enforcement officer who was acting in accordance with his or her official duties;
- Removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption, etc.

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SB 7030 – Relating to OGSR/Competitive Solicitation or Negotiation Strategies
Ch. 2016-49 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 09, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending provisions which provide an exemption from public records requirements for bids, proposals, or replies submitted to an agency in response to a competitive solicitation;
- Amending provisions which provide an exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings in which a vendor participates in a negotiation, makes an oral presentation, or answers questions as part of a competitive solicitation or in which negotiation strategies are discussed, and which provides an exemption from public records requirements for the recording of, and any records presented at, exempt portions of such meetings;
- Removing the scheduled repeal of the exemptions, etc.

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HB 7033 – Relating to OGSR/Emergency Notification Information
Ch. 2016-27 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 09, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing scheduled repeal of public records exemption for emergency notification information held by an agency.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: October 1, 2016

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SB 7040 – Relating to Workforce Development
Ch. 2016-216 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 08, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing a county or state official to be granted leave of absence from his or her office to serve in the National Guard of any state;
- Providing implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act through a 4-year plan;
- Deleting a provision authorizing an optional federal partner to fulfill certain state planning and reporting requirements;
- Revising the entities required to collaborate with CareerSource Florida, Inc., to establish certain performance accountability measures;



- Requiring CareerSource Florida, Inc., to establish regional planning areas subject to certain requirements by a certain date, etc.

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Effective Date: July 1, 2016

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**[SB 7076](#) – Relating to Legislature
[Ch. 2016-218](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 08, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Fixing the date for convening the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature, etc.

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Penalty Bills

The following is an overview of penalty bills of interest to the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) which were passed by the Florida Legislature during the 2016 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[SB 0130](#) – Relating to Discharging a Firearm
[Ch. 2016-12](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting the recreational discharge of a firearm in certain residential areas;
- Providing criminal penalties;
- Providing exceptions, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: February 24, 2016

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**[SB 0180](#) – Relating to Trade Secrets
[Ch. 2016-5](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on February 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Including financial information in provisions prohibiting the theft, embezzlement, or unlawful copying of trade secrets;
- Providing criminal penalties, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: October 1, 2016

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SB 0218 – Relating to Offenses Involving Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards

Ch. 2016-185 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on April 06, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Specifying acts that constitute trafficking in food assistance benefits cards and are subject to criminal penalties;
- Providing criminal penalties, etc.

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SB 0380 – Relating to Violation of an Injunction for Protection

Ch. 2016-187 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on April 06, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing enhanced criminal penalties for a third or subsequent violation of an injunction for protection against specified acts of violence or a foreign protection order issued for the same victim under specified provisions, etc.

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SB 0436 – Relating to Crime of Making Threats of Terror or Violence

Ch. 2016-156 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on March 31, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the crime of falsely reporting the use of firearms in a violent manner against a person or persons;
- Defining the terms “family member of a person” and “law enforcement officer, etc.”



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**[HB 0549](#) – Relating to Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts
[Ch. 2016-84](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing investigative agency to institute civil proceeding for forfeiture in circuit court in certain circumstances;
- Revising grounds for an action;
- Authorizing court to order forfeiture of other property of defendant up to value of unavailable property in certain circumstances;
- Authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring an action for certain violations;
- Providing for civil penalties for natural persons and other persons;
- Authorizing party to specific civil action to petition for entry of consent decree or settlement agreement and provides requirements;
- Revising provisions relating to subpoena confidentiality;
- Providing that investigative agency has authority to stipulate to protective orders with respect to documents and information submitted in response to subpoena;
- Providing for distribution of forfeiture proceeds to victims.

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**[HB 0821](#) – Relating to Reimbursement of Assessments
[Ch. 2016-228](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 14, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting agent or attorney representing claimant from directly or indirectly requesting, receiving, or obtaining reimbursement from claimant for assessments charged to agent or attorney by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Providing penalties.

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**[HB 0871](#) – Relating to Broward County
Ch. 2016 Laws of Florida**



Approved by the Governor on March 25, 2016

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Repealing the penalty for exceeding speed limit in specified waterways;
- Repealing requirements for erection of waterway speed limit signs.

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Effective Date: March 25, 2016

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**SB 0912 – Relating to Fraudulent Activities Associated with Payment Systems
Ch. 2016-173 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 01, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the felony classification for unlawful conveyance of fuel;
- Requiring retail petroleum fuel measuring devices fitted with scanning devices to have certain security measures;
- Requiring the owner or operator of a device to have certain security measures in place within a specified timeframe upon notice from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
- Revising the prohibition against trafficking in or possession of counterfeit credit cards, etc

Additional Bill Summary

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**HB 1051– Relating to Anchoring Limitation Areas
Ch. 2016-96 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting overnight anchoring of vessels in specified anchoring limitation areas;
- Providing exceptions, applicability, and penalties;
- Authorizing law enforcement officers and agencies to remove and impound vessels;
- Providing indemnification for such law enforcement officers and agencies in certain circumstances; provides requirements for contractors performing removal or impoundment activities; provides for issuance of citations and expiration.

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**HB 1347 – Relating to Illicit Drugs
Ch. 2016-105 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising definitions relating to controlled substances;
- Revising schedules of controlled substances;
- Providing additional factors to be considered in determining whether substance is controlled substance analog;
- Revising how controlled substance analog is treated for purposes of drug abuse prevention and control;
- Authorizing local actions to abate nuisances involving two or more violations of Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act within specified period;
- Specifying additional substances that may be deemed contraband; revises lists of precursor and essential chemicals;
- Specifying that crimes involving misbranded drugs are "racketeering activity" for purposes of Florida RICO Act;
- Reenacting numerous provisions.

Additional Bill Summary

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**SB 1470 – Relating to Crustaceans
Ch. 2016-208 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 08, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the administrative penalties for violations related to stone crab traps and spiny lobster traps;
- Prohibiting the possession of undersized spiny lobsters by certain persons;
- Specifying that each undersized spiny lobster may be charged as a separate offense of certain violations, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

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**HB 7013 – Relating to Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Ch. 2016-107 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Revising penalties for violations of commission rules or regulations relating to control and management of state game lands;
- prohibiting certain possession of any marine turtle species or hatchling or parts thereof;
- Providing a penalty for violations relating to possession of recreational hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses, permits, and authorization numbers;
- Providing penalties for violations relating to filing reports and documents by persons who hold alligator licenses and permits;
- Revising penalties for the illegal killing, possessing, or capturing of alligators or other crocodilia or their eggs, etc.

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**[HB 7025](#) – Relating to At-risk Vessels
[Ch. 2016-108](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 24, 2016**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting vessels that are at risk of becoming derelict from anchoring on, mooring on, or occupying state waters;
- Authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or specified law enforcement officers to determine that vessels are at risk of becoming derelict if certain conditions exist;
- Providing that persons who anchor or moor or allow such a vessel to occupy state waters commit noncriminal violation;
- Providing for enforcement, penalties, and applicability.

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