

Florida Department of Corrections

Office of Legislative Affairs



2018 Regular Session
Legislative Wrap-Up Report

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A total of 200 bills were passed during the 2018 Regular Legislative Session. Listed below is an overview of bills of interest to the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) which were passed by the Florida Legislature and sent to the Governor for his action.

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Substantive Bills

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**[HB 55](#) – Relating to Sale of Firearms
[Ch. 2018-144](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) procedures to allow payment or transmittal of processing fees for criminal history checks of potential firearms buyers by electronic means including, but not limited to, debit cards, credit cards, or electronic funds transfers in addition to business or personal checks, money orders, or cashier's checks which are already allowed.
- Providing that criminal history check requests may be made by electronic means.

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**[SB 140](#) - Relating to Marriage Licenses
[Ch. 2018-81](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that a marriage license may not be issued to a person under the age of 18 years;
- Requiring parties to a marriage to file a written and signed affidavit with the county court judge or clerk of the circuit court before the judge or clerk may issue a marriage license;
- Requiring each party to a marriage to provide his or her social security number or an alien registration number for purposes of child support enforcement;
- Clarifying that a county court judge or clerk of a circuit court commits a misdemeanor if he or she issues a blank marriage license or if he or she issues a marriage license without obtaining the ages and identification numbers of the parties, etc.

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**HB 281 – Relating to Incarcerated Parents
Ch. 2018-45 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to include incarcerated parents of dependent children in the development of case plans for their children;
- Determining what services and resources may be available to incarcerated parents and, if reunification with a child is the goal, proactively assist the parent in arranging for services from within jail or prison. If reunification is not the goal, DCF must still include a list of services available from the jail or prison in the case plan;
- The incarcerated parent is responsible for complying with the case plan as well as meeting the requirements of his or her correctional facility.

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**HB 333 – Minimum Officer Qualifications
Ch. 2018-46 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Defining the term "special operations forces";
- Exempting certain applicants from completing a basic recruit training program approved by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) for law enforcement, correctional officers, or correctional probation officers under specified conditions;
- Requiring an employing agency, training center, or criminal justice selection center to verify and document that certain applicants have served in the defined special operations forces for a minimum of five years and completed certain training if they seek an exemption from the CJSTC approved basic recruit training program;
- Directing the CJSTC to adopt rules that establish the criteria and procedures to determine if an applicant is exempt from completing a basic recruit training program.

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**HB 361 – Relating to Sale of Persons Authorized to Visit Juvenile Facilities
Ch. 2018-47 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing specified persons such as the Governor, a cabinet member, a member of the Legislature, a judge of a state court, a state attorney, a public defender, or a person authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to visit between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., at their pleasure to all juvenile facilities operated or overseen by the DJJ or county;
- Authorizing such persons to visit juvenile facilities before 6:00 a.m. or after 11:00 p.m. pursuant to DJJ rules.

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**[HB 581](#) – Relating to Subpoenas in Investigations of Sexual Offenses
[Ch. 2018-93](#) Laws of Florida
Pending Action by the Governor**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Authorizing a law enforcement agency to issue and serve a subpoena during an investigation of specified sexual offenses;
- Specifying requirements regarding nondisclosure of information;
- Providing for judicial review of nondisclosure requirements.

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**[HB 591](#) – Relating to Missing Persons
[Ch. 2018-54](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Deleting the scheduled repeal of provisions governing the citizen-support organization for Florida Missing Children's Day;
- Expanding a project for missing persons with special needs to all centers for autism and related disabilities at state universities, etc.

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HB 1173 – Relating to Lands Used for Governmental Purposes
Ch. 2018-159 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2018

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing conditions under which specified appraisal standards are required, and such appraisal be provided to the seller, for the acquisition of lands for the purpose of buffering military installations against encroachment;
- Authorizing the use of certain funding sources for the immediate acquisition of lands that prevent or satisfy private property rights claims within areas of critical state concern;
- Revising the definition of the term "nonconservation lands";
- Authorizing land authorities to contribute tourist impact tax revenues to counties to pay for project costs relating to the construction, redevelopment, and preservation of certain affordable housing, etc.

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HB 1201 - Relating to Education for Prisoners
Ch. 2018-104 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Allowing postsecondary workforce program funds under specific circumstances to educate state inmates who have 24 months or less remaining on their sentences;
- Providing the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) the autonomy to contract with specific entities such as a district school board, the Florida Virtual School, or a charter school to provide educational, career or vocational training to inmates via FDC's Correctional Education Program;
- Authorizing each county to contract with specific entities such as a district school board, the Florida Virtual School, or a charter school to provide education services for inmates in county detention facilities, etc.

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HB 1301- Relating to Sexual Offenders and Predators
Ch. 2018-105 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Reducing the aggregate and consecutive number of days used to determine residency from 5 to 3 for purposes of sexual predator or sexual offender registration;
- Imposing a minimum mandatory sentence of community control with electronic monitoring for certain offenses committed by sexual predators and sexual offenders if the court does not impose a prison sentence.

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**[SB 1392](#) - Relating to Criminal Justice
[Ch. 2018-127](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on March 30, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) to include information in its annual report on inmate admissions based on offense type and recidivism rate;
- Encouraging local communities and public or private educational institutions to implement prearrest diversion programs for certain offenders;
- Requiring each pretrial release program to include in its annual report the types of criminal charges of defendants accepted into a pretrial release program, the number of defendants accepted into a pretrial release program who paid a bail or bond, the number of defendants accepted into a pretrial release program with no prior criminal conviction, and the number of defendants for whom a pretrial risk assessment tool was used or was not;
- Creating a standardized system of uniform criminal justice data collection;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to compile, maintain, and make specific data publicly accessible;
- Requiring the clerks of court, state attorneys, public defenders, county detention facility administrators, and FDC to collect specified data and report it to FDLE;
- Digitizing the Criminal Punishment Code sentencing scoresheet and requiring FDC to develop and submit the revised digitized scoresheet to the Florida Supreme Court for approval;
- Establishing a pilot project in the Sixth Judicial Circuit with a focus of improving criminal justice data transparency and compliance with standards, etc.

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**[HB 1435](#) - Relating to Child Welfare
[Ch. 2018-108](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Department of Children and Families (DCF), in collaboration with sheriffs' offices that conduct child protective investigations and community-based care lead agencies, to develop a statewide "family-finding" program that would serve as an additional resource for DCF and the community-based care lead agencies to identify and engage potential relative and fictive kin caregivers in the child welfare system;
- Authorizing community-based care lead agencies to establish kinship navigator programs designed to help relative caregivers and fictive kin navigate the range of support services available to them and children in their care;
- Requiring the court to request that a parent consent to providing access to additional records; etc.

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**[SB 1552](#) - Relating to Juvenile Justice
[Ch. 2018-86](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Allowing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to distribute proceeds from the "Invest in Children" license plate annual use fee on a statewide basis;
- Deleting provisions authorizing the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to develop evening reporting centers;
- Requiring DJJ to hold a prolific juvenile offender in secure detention pending a detention hearing following a violation of nonsecure detention, etc.

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**[HB 6059](#) - Relating to Department of Corrections' Direct-Support Organization
[Ch. 2018-143](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 30, 2018
*HB 6059 was an FDC Priority Bill***

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Reauthorizing the Corrections Foundation, the direct-support organization for the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC).

By way of background, the Corrections Foundation supports FDC's officers, staff, and programs through a variety of initiatives such as the Employee Assistance Program which provides assistance to employees in times of crisis and the Fallen Officers Fund. The Foundation's authorization in Florida Statute was set to repeal on October 1, 2018, and HB 6059 eliminated the scheduled repeal.

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**[SB 7026](#) - Relating to Public Safety
[Ch. 2018-3](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 9, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing the act as the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act";
- Authorizing the awarding of grants through the Crime Stoppers Trust Fund for student crime watch programs;
- Establishing the Office of Safe Schools within the Florida Department of Education;
- Providing that each sheriff may establish a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program to aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant incidents on school premises and appoint certain volunteer school employees as school guardians;
- Authorizing law enforcement officers who take a person into custody for an involuntary examination under the Baker Act to seize and hold a firearm or ammunition in the person's possession and to seek the voluntary surrender of other firearms or ammunition kept in the residence and provides conditions for when the firearms or ammunition seized or voluntarily surrendered must be available for return;
- Prohibiting a person who has been adjudicated mentally defective or been committed to a mental institution from owning or possessing a firearm until certain relief is obtained;
- Requiring a three-day waiting period for all firearms or until the background check is completed, whichever is later;
- Providing exceptions of the three-day waiting period for concealed weapons permit holders, and for the purchase of firearms other than handguns for law enforcement officers, correctional officers, correctional probation officers, service members, and those who have completed a 16 hour hunter safety course;
- Prohibiting a person under 21 years of age from purchasing a firearm and a licensed firearm dealer, importer, and manufacturer, from selling a firearm, except in the case of a member of the military, or a law enforcement or correctional officer or correctional probation officer when purchasing a rifle or shotgun;
- Prohibiting specified acts relating to the sale and possession of bump-fire stocks;
- Creating the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, etc.



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**[HB 7087](#) - Relating to Taxation
[Ch. 2018-118](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating a seven-day “disaster preparedness” sales tax holiday from June 1 to June 7, 2018, for disaster preparedness supplies including flashlights and lanterns costing \$20 or less, radios and tarps costing \$50 or less, coolers costing \$30 or less, and generators costing \$750 or less, among others; etc.

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**[HB 21](#)– Relating to Controlled Substances
[Ch. 2018-13](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 19, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring practitioners to complete a specified board-approved continuing education course to prescribe controlled substances;
- Defining "acute pain" and providing for the adoption of standards of practice for treatment of acute pain;
- Limiting the prescribing of opioids for acute pain in certain circumstances;
- Requiring pain management clinic owners to register approved exemptions with the Florida Department of Health (DOH);
- Providing requirements for pharmacists and practitioners for dispensing of controlled substances to persons not known to them;
- Conforming state controlled substances schedule to federal controlled substances schedule;
- Revising requirements and expanding the use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.



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**[HB 29](#) - Relating to Military and Veterans Affairs
[Ch. 2018-7](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 13, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Citing the act as the "Don Hahnfeldt Veteran and Military Family Opportunity Act";
- Revising certain professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans, and their spouses;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to waive certain fees;
- Authorizing the licensing authority to recognize certain military-issued credentials for purposes of licensure;
- Requiring the Florida Department of Education to coordinate efforts to educate veterans about apprenticeship and career opportunities;
- Designating March 25 of each year as "Medal of Honor Day" and allows classroom instruction related to the values of the recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor to meet certain instructional requirements on character development and the contributions of veterans to our country;
- Providing students who are children of an active duty member who is not stationed in this state, but whose home of record or state of legal residence is Florida, priority for attendance in Florida Virtual School;
- Expanding and clarifying the processes for obtaining veteran training grants and instituting veteran entrepreneurship programs through Veterans Florida in the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- Requiring the State Board of Education to issue a temporary certificate in educational leadership to certain persons, etc.

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**[HB 75](#) - Relating to Postsecondary Fee Waivers
[Ch. 2018-8](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 13, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Authorizing institutions that are included in the Florida College System (FCS) to waive a portion of certain postsecondary fees for active duty members of the United States Armed Forces using military tuition assistance;
- Requiring FCS institutions to report to the State Board of Education the number and value of such fee waivers granted annually, etc.

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**[SB 100](#) - Relating to Taxes and Fees for Veterans and Low-income Persons
[Ch. 2018-80](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Exempting certain persons and businesses from business taxes and fees;
- Repealing provisions relating to exemptions allowed for disabled veterans of any war or their unremarried spouses;
- Removing the fee for adding “Veteran” designation to an identification card or driver license;
- Prohibiting tax collectors from charging certain driver license service fees to veterans who present specified forms of identification, etc.

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**[SB 146](#) - Relating to Appointment of Attorneys for Dependent Children with Special Needs
[Ch. 2018-14](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 19, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Designating the act as the “Pro Bono Matters Act of 2018”;
- Requiring the payment of due process costs of litigation of all pro bono attorneys appointed to represent dependent children with certain special needs, etc.

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[SB 186](#) - Relating to Resign-to-run Law



Ch. 2018-126 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 30, 2018

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring an elected or appointed officer who qualifies for federal public office to resign from the office he or she presently holds if the terms, or any part thereof, run concurrently;
- Prescribing requirements for the written resignation;
- Providing for an automatic irrevocable resignation in the event of noncompliance, etc.

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SB 376 - Relating to Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders
Ch. 2018-124 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 27, 2018

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that under certain circumstances, posttraumatic stress disorder suffered by specified first responders as defined in s. 112.1815, F.S., such as firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and law enforcement officers is an occupational disease compensable by workers' compensation benefits;
- Specifying that benefits do not require a physical injury and are not subject to certain apportionment or limitations, etc.

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SB 382 - Relating to Transportation Facility Designations
Ch. 2018-161 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing honorary designations of certain transportation facilities around the state including S.R. 4 between Munson Highway and S.R. 189 in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties designated as "Senator Greg Evers Memorial Highway" and U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between Chaires Cross Road and S.R. 59 in Leon County and Jefferson County designated as "Deputy Christopher Smith Memorial Highway";
- Directing the Florida Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers, etc.



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**[HB 411](#) - Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/Firesafety Systems
[Ch. 2018-146](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing exemption from public records requirements for firesafety system plans held by an agency, exemption from public records and public meetings requirements for information relating to firesafety systems for certain properties and meetings relating to such systems and information, and exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings that would reveal such plans held by agency;
- Providing for retroactive application, for future legislative review and repeal, and statement of public necessity, etc.

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**[HB 417](#) - Relating to Pub. Rec./Child Advocacy Center Personnel and Child Protection Team Members
[Ch. 2018-147](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing public records exemption for certain information concerning child advocacy center personnel or child protection team members, their spouses and children, etc.

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**[HB 545](#) - Relating to Prohibition Against Contracting with Scrutinized Companies
[Ch. 2018-52](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:



- Prohibiting a company that is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List or that is engaged in a boycott of Israel from bidding on, submitting proposal for, or entering into or renewing contract with an agency or local governmental entity for goods or services;
- Requiring specified provision in such contracts;
- Requiring company to make specified certification in specified circumstances, etc.

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**HB 547 - Relating to Reports Concerning Seized or Forfeited Property
Ch. 2018-92 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising the deadline from October 10 of each year to December 1 of each year for the annual report by law enforcement agencies to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement concerning property seized or forfeited under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.

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**SB 568 - Relating to Telephone Solicitation
Ch. 2018- 23 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 19, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Expanding the Florida Do Not Call Act to prohibit the transmission of voicemails to specified persons who communicate to a telephone solicitor that they would not like to receive certain voicemail solicitations or requests for donations;
- Requiring a telephone sales call solicitor to provide on the call recipient's caller ID a telephone number that is capable of receiving calls and that can connect the call recipient to the solicitor;
- Increasing fiscal penalties of the Do Not Call Act to up to \$10,000 for violations prosecuted administratively, and \$10,000 or more for those prosecuted civilly, etc.

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**[HB 651](#) - Relating to State Employment
[Ch. 2018-57](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Repealing provisions relating to the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign;
- Prohibiting an organization, entity, or person from intentionally soliciting state employees for fundraising or business purposes within specified areas during specified times;
- Providing exceptions, etc.

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**[HB 1013](#) - Relating to Daylight Saving Time
[Ch. 2018-99](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Declaring the Legislature's intent to observe Daylight Saving Time year-round throughout the entire state if federal law is amended to permit states to take such action.

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**[HB 1065](#) - Relating to Expunction of Criminal History Records
[Ch. 2018-101](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that a person receiving a judgment of acquittal or not guilty verdict is eligible to have his or her criminal record expunged;
- Revising the circumstances under which the Florida Department of Law Enforcement must issue a certificate of eligibility for the sealing of a criminal history record, etc.

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**HB 1073 - Relating to Department of Financial Services
Ch. 2018-102 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Revising requirements for electronic originals and copying of certain records media;
- Revising certain bureau names and creates new bureaus;
- Revising service options for child transition plans;
- Creating Florida Open Financial Statement System and authorizes the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to choose contractors to build system;
- Revising requirements for licensure or appointment of managing general agents under the Florida Insurance Code;
- Revising license application process for managing general agents; revises terms of office for Florida Fire Safety Board;
- Deleting provision for staffing and funding formula of Florida State Fire College.

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**HB 1079 - Relating to Child Welfare
Ch. 2018-103 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the Florida Department of Children and Families to establish rules for granting exemptions from criminal history and certain other records checks required for persons being considered for placement of a child;
- Authorizing the court to make certain determinations regarding placement of a child with a guardian;
- Requiring the court, during permanency hearings, to determine case plan compliance;
- Requiring the Florida Institute for Child Welfare to evaluate the implementation of the Guardianship Assistance Program;
- Requiring a guardian to apply for a license with the department to be eligible for the program;
- Revising the offenses that disqualify certain child care personnel from specified employment, etc.

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HB 1177 - Relating to Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications

Ch. 2018-67 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing that a representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association shall be an appointed member of the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications;
- Providing that the sheriff's office that employs the representative must pay per diem and travel expenses incurred by representative.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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HB 1217 - Relating to Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation

Ch. 2018-69 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating the "Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act" in Florida;
- Providing requirements for agreement forms, termination, modification, power of attorney, and filing;
- Providing requirements for temporary orders granting custodial responsibility;
- Requiring certain witnesses to be sworn in by specified officers, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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SB 1940 - Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/School Safety

Ch. 2018-1 Laws of Florida

Approved by the Governor on March 9, 2018

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing exemptions from public records requirements for the identity of a reporting party and any information received through the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool which is held by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, law enforcement agencies, or school officials;
- Providing an exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission at which exempt or confidential and exempt information is discussed;



- Providing an exemption from public records requirements for information that would identify whether a particular individual has been appointed as a safe-school officer;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity, etc.

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**[HJR 7001](#) - Relating to Supermajority Vote for State Taxes or Fees
[Ch. HJR7001](#) 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 prohibit a state tax or fee from being imposed or raised except through legislation approved by two-thirds of each house of the legislature;
- Requiring a state tax or fee imposed or raised to be contained in separate bill that contains no other subject.
- Requiring approval by sixty percent of the voters during the 2018 general election.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: January 8, 2019

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**[SB 7024](#) - Relating to Public Records/Victim of an Incident of Mass Violence
[Ch. 2018-2](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 9, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating an exemption from public records requirements for the address of a victim of an incident of mass violence;
- Providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
- Designating the address of a victim of an incident of mass violence as criminal intelligence information and criminal investigative information;
- Providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: March 9, 2018

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**HB 7029 - Relating to the Open Sunset Government Review/Human Trafficking Expunction
Ch. 2018-39 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 19, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing the scheduled repeal of exemption from public record requirements for certain criminal history records ordered expunged that are retained by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: October 1, 2018

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**HB 7031 - Relating to the Open Sunset Government Review/Criminal Justice Commission
Ch. 2018-40 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 19, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Removing the scheduled repeal of public meetings exemption for certain portions of meetings by duly constituted criminal justice commission.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: October 1, 2018

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**HB 7045 - Relating to the Legislature/Date for Convening 2020 Regular Session
Ch. 2018-114 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring the 2020 Regular Legislative Session to convene on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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**HB 7053 - Relating to Public Records/United States Census Bureau
Ch. 2018-77 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating an exemption from public records requirements for certain address information maintained by the United States Census Bureau and held by agency;
- Providing exceptions to the exemption;
- Authorizing access to other related confidential or exempt information;
- Providing for future legislative review & repeal of the exemption;
- Providing a statement of public necessity.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

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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 2018 Regular Legislative Session.

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**[HB 165](#) - Relating to Written Threats to Conduct Mass Shootings or Acts of Terrorism
[Ch. 2018-128](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on March 30, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Prohibiting a person from making, posting, or transmitting a threat to conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism in a writing or other record in any manner that would allow another person to view the threat;
- Adding a new second-degree felony for a person to make such a threat in writing or other record, including an electronic record, and to violate this section a person must write or compose a threat to conduct a mass shooting or act of terrorism, and post or transmit the threat in a manner to allow any other person to view it;
- Exempting certain providers of an interactive computer service, communication service, commercial mobile service, or information service from liability under s. 836.10, F.S., etc.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

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**[HB 491](#) - Relating to Theft
[Ch. 2018-49](#) Laws of Florida
 Approved by the Governor on March 21, 2018**



The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending statute to include avian class animals to the category of commercially farmed animals under s. 812.014(2)(c), F.S.;
- Extending the mandatory \$10,000 fine to theft of commercially farmed animals and bee colonies, in addition to aquaculture species raised at a certified aquaculture facility.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

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**[HB 523](#) - Relating to Trespass on Airport Property
[Ch. 2018-151](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on April 6, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Providing enhanced criminal penalties from a first degree misdemeanor to a third degree felony for trespassing upon the operational area of an airport with the intent to injure another person, damage property, or impede the operation or use of an aircraft, runway, taxiway, ramp or apron area.

[Additional Bill Summary](#)

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**[SB 622](#) - Relating to Health Care Facility Regulation
[Ch. 2018-24](#) Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 19, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Amending various provisions related to the regulation of health care facilities by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration;
- Amending s. 429.08, F.S., to clarify and create a third degree felony for renting or otherwise maintaining a building or property that operates or maintains an unlicensed assisted living facility.

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**HB 1059 - Relating to Criminal Justice
Ch. 2018-100 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Creating cause of action for an injunction prohibiting exploitation of a vulnerable adult;
 - Providing requirements for the clerk of circuit court;
 - Requiring the sheriff or a law enforcement agency to assist the court and clerks of court with specific tasks in issuing and executing an injunction;
- Creating s. 825.1036, F.S., relating to violation of an injunction and providing a criminal penalty for willful violating.

Additional Bill Summary

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

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**SB 1576 - Relating to Animal Welfare
Ch. 2018-87 Laws of Florida
Approved by the Governor on March 23, 2018**

The bill amends statutory language by:

- Requiring specified entities that take receivership of lost or stray dogs or cats to adopt written policies and procedures to ensure that every reasonable effort is made to quickly and reliably return owned animals to their owners;
- Authorizing a court to prohibit certain offenders from owning or having custody or control over animals;
- Increasing the severity ranking for aggravated animal cruelty from a level three to a level five on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, etc.

Additional Bill Summary

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For additional information, you may contact:

Florida Department of Corrections
Office of Legislative Affairs
(850) 488-7436
<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/orginfo/leg/>

This report is available online at:

<http://www.dc.state.fl.us/orginfo/leg/LegWrap-Up.html>



More information about the bills referenced in this document and the legislative process can be found through these resources:

Florida Department of State, Laws of Florida:
<http://laws.flrules.org/node>

Florida House of Representatives:
<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

Florida Senate:
<http://www.flsenate.gov/>

Governor of Florida:
<http://www.flgov.com/>

Online Sunshine:
<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm>

