

2025 Legislative Session

| Bill Number & Title | IMPACT AREA & SUMMARY | Governor's Action |
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| STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM | | |
| HB 1255 Chapter No. 2025-110 Education | Amends various sections of law to allow Classic Learning Test scores as an acceptable alternative to other standardized tests for college readiness and advanced course placement. Amends s.1001.7065, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preeminent State Research Universities: academic standards to include a specified average Classic Learning Test score (fall semester FTICs: 83 or higher on a 120 score scale) Amends s.1004.0971, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency opioid antagonists - definition broadened to “a drug that blocks the effects of opioids administered from outside the body and that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid overdose.” Amends s.1009.8962, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands LINE Fund participants to an institution authorized under s. 1009.521. Amends s.1013.30, F.S. Eliminates requirement for a 5-year update to campus master plans. | Signed 5/30 Signed |
| HB 1445 Public Officers and Employees Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | Creates s. 20.71, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires members of state university BOTs and BOG to be U.S. citizens who either reside in Florida or graduated from a state university, with noncompliance creating a vacancy. Amends s. 104.31, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibits state and local officers or employees from using their official authority to solicit another person to make political contributions and clarifies permissible political activities. Amends s. 112.061, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disallows reimbursement for travel between the residence and headquarters for top-level state officials and requires official headquarters to be in the same city as the department. Creates s. 112.31251 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines “office” to clarify which positions delegate sovereign power or prescribe independent authority, distinguishing these from standard employment. | Vetoed 7/1 Vetoed |

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| | <p>Amends s. 112.3261, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a ban on lobbyists or principals making expenditures to water management district board members, directors, or certain employees, with the Commission on Ethics empowered to investigate violations. <p>Amends 1001.71</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conforms a provision to changes made by the act related to state residency requirements for university board members. | |
| <p>SB 2500</p> <p>FY 2025-26</p> <p>General</p> <p>Appropriations Act</p> | <p>Back of the Bill Authorization</p> <p>SECTION 13. The Board of Trustees of State Universities may expend available reserves or carryforward balances from previous years' operational and programmatic appropriations for the construction, maintenance and capital needs relative to Title IX facilities.</p> | <p>Signed</p> <p>6/30 Signed</p> |
| <p>SB 2502</p> <p>Implementing Bill</p> | <p>Amends 1009.24, F.S. Programs of Strategic Emphasis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For every course in a Program of Strategic Emphasis, or in a state-approved teacher preparation program identified by the Board of Governors, as identified in subparagraph 3., in which a student is enrolled <u>and has out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees after all other federal, state, and institutional gift aid is applied</u>, a state university shall waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees <u>of the student's out-of-pocket expenses</u> for an equivalent course in such program for a student who . . . <p>(c) Upon enrollment in a Program of Strategic Emphasis or a state-approved teacher preparation program, the tuition and fees waived under this subsection must be reported for state funding purposes under ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535 and must be disbursed to the student. The amount disbursed to the student must be equal to the award amount the student has received under s. 1009.534(3) or s. 1009.535(2).</p> <p>Amends s. 1011.45, F.S. Carry Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>For any annual reserve balance in excess of the 7 percent minimum carry forward balance pursuant to subsection (1), the authorized expenditures in a carry forward spending plan must include a commitment of 12 percent of the university's 2025-2026 fiscal year state operating fund carry forward balance to fund a public education capital outlay project for which an appropriation has previously been provided which requires additional funds for completion and which is included in the list required by s. 1001.706(12)(d) or for deferred building maintenance expenses. The carry forward spending plan must identify the specific public education capital outlay project and the amount the university will contribute toward the fixed capital outlay project pursuant to s. 1001.706(12)(d) or specific deferred maintenance project.</u> <p>Authorized expenditures in a carry forward spending plan may include:</p> | <p>Signed</p> <p>6/30 Signed</p> |

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| | <p>New: <u>(h) Deferred building maintenance expenses for the maintenance, repair, and renovation of projects to improve the health and safety of such facilities.</u></p> <p><u>(5) A university's carry forward spending plan pursuant to subsection (1) must provide detailed documentation of expenditures that the university applied toward the prior year carry forward spending plan.</u></p> <p>OPPAGA to review Local Governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial report to the Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 13, 2026. Review for: use of resources for initiatives supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion inconsistent with law; evidence of potential gross overspending, waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement of resources; duplicative or redundant government functions; opportunities for good governance and methods to improve fiscal responsibility and streamline government services. | |
| CENTERS & INSTITUTES | | |
| <p>HB 907 Chapter No. 2025-187</p> <p><i>Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases</i></p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Establishes the Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases at the Florida State University College of Medicine and implements a pilot program and consortium to enhance newborn genetic screening, research, and collaboration on pediatric rare diseases.</p> <p>Creates s.1004.4211, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases to improve pediatric rare disease research, diagnosis, treatment, and advocacy. Launches a five-year Sunshine Genetics Pilot Program for voluntary newborn genetic screening using whole genome sequencing. Sets requirements for parental consent, data collection, and reporting on program outcomes, including cost-effectiveness and clinical impact. Establishes the Sunshine Genetics Consortium, overseen by a board of representatives from major universities and children's hospitals, to support collaborative research, data sharing, and advanced genetic and precision medicine initiatives. | <p><i>Signed</i></p> <p>6/25 Signed</p> |
| <p>SB 892 Chapter No. (Pending)</p> <p><i>Florida State University Election Law Center</i></p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Creates s.1004.421, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the center within the FSU College of Law Authorizes the center to hire staff and develop courses; hold events and conduct, aid, and sponsor specified research; provide training and continuing education; provide assistance to the Legislature and other governmental entities; provide scholarships and assistantships and to partner with specified entities. Authorizes specified entities to cooperate with the center and share specified information. <p>Provides mechanisms for the funding of the center; requires the dean of the college of law to appoint a faculty director; provides the duties of the faculty and executive directors.</p> | <p><i>Signed</i></p> <p>7/2 Signed</p> |

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| <p>SB 112 Chapter No. 2025-95</p> <p><i>Children with Developmental Disabilities</i></p> <p>Effective Date: Upon becoming a law</p> | <p>Expands services and supports for children with developmental disabilities, particularly autism, by extending the Early Steps Program and creating new grants, programs, and educator requirements to better serve these children and their families.</p> <p>Amends s. 381.9855, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds autism screenings to the Dr. and Mrs. Alfonse and Kathleen Cinotti Health Care Screening and Services Grant Program. <p>Creates s. 391.3081, F.S. and Amends ss. 391.302, 391.308</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarifies and updates definitions in the Early Steps Program statutes, including creating a definition for the Department of Health. Extends Early Steps Program eligibility up to the school year following a child's fourth birthday through the new Early Steps Extended Option and provides corresponding state funding. <p>Creates ss. 1003.5711, 1003.5712, 1004.551</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates startup grants for charter schools serving students with autism exclusively and establishes guidelines for University of Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment oversight. Authorizes funding for specialized summer programs for children with autism spectrum disorder, with administration and technical assistance also provided by the center. Establishes the University of Florida Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment to coordinate autism-related resources, develop an autism micro-credential with a one-time stipend, and administer specified grants. <p>Amends s. 1012.582, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Commissioner of Education to review certain continuing education curricula. <p>Amends s. 1012.585, F.S.</p> <p>Mandates that training in supporting students with autism count toward professional certificate renewal.</p> | <p><i>Signed</i></p> <p>5/27 Signed</p> |
| <p>SB 312 Chapter No. 2025-161</p> <p><i>Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, Inc</i></p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Shifts authority from the Board of Governors to the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition's board of directors, revises board composition, and authorizes new affiliation agreements with other universities.</p> <p>Amends s. 1004.447, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the corporation's board of directors, rather than the BOG, to approve the creation of new subsidiary corporations. Limits BOG's approval to only the corporation's articles of incorporation, instead of those of any subsidiaries. Removes the UWF BOT seat while adding an additional public representative seat, altering the board's membership. Transfers the annual certification responsibility to IHMC instead of the UWF BOT. <p>Amends s. 1004.4471, F.S.</p> | <p><i>Signed</i></p> <p>6/20 Signed</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits the corporation and its subsidiaries to enter into affiliation agreements with additional public or private universities. | |
| BRIGHT FUTURES / FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIPS | | |
| HB 1105 Chapter No. 2025-109 Education | Amends ss.1003.4321, 1003.491, 1003.493, 1009.22, 1009.23, 1009.531, 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends eligibility for students from a non-Florida high school (when parent or guardian is on, or within 12 months before the student's high school graduation, has retired from, military or public service assignment outside of Florida) Restructures Florida Bright Futures requirements to allow paid work hours or volunteer service, updates the Florida Gold Seal Vocational and CAPE Scholars requirements, and clarifies the Advanced Placement Capstone designation. | Signed 5/30 Signed |
| HB 1255 Chapter No. 2025-110 Education | Amends s.1009.531, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revising eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program for students who earn a high school diploma from a non-Florida school under certain circumstances (same as HB 1105) Allows for paid hours that a high school student devotes to tutoring may be counted toward meeting community service requirements for high school graduation and community service requirements for participation in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program as provided in s. 1003.497(3)(b). | Signed 5/30 Signed |
| STUDENTS – HOUSING | | |
| SB 584 Chapter No. 2025-196 Young Adult Housing Support Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | Expands housing support and prioritization for young adults who are or were in foster care and those experiencing homelessness. <p>Amends s. 409.1452, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires each Florida College System institution and state university to develop plans that give priority housing options to students formerly in foster care or facing homelessness. Gives these students first priority for institution-owned housing, year-round housing, and work-study opportunities where a priority system is in place. Prohibits institutions from requiring a cosigner or guarantor for these students' housing arrangements. <p>Creates s. 409.14525, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandates that the Department of Children and Families, community-based care lead agencies, and housing authorities administer federal housing programs, including the Foster Youth to Independence initiative. Requires documentation of actions taken to facilitate young adults' acquisition of a residential lease, providing assurances to landlords of continued support funding. Directs OPPAGA to study barriers to housing for young adults who have been homeless or in foster care and propose recommendations. | Signed 6/27 Signed |

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| COLLEGE OF EDUCATION | | |
| HB 875 Chapter No. 2025-107 Educator Preparation Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | <p>Modernizes teacher preparation, certification, and counseling pathways to improve teacher readiness and enhance professional learning.</p> <p>Creates s.1004.0982, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Department of Education to convene a workgroup to revise the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices by 2026 and develop a new Florida Teacher Excellence Examination aligned to the revised standards. Creates a flexible pathway for postsecondary school counseling students, including a reduced internship requirement for full-time teachers meeting specified experience and evaluation criteria. <p>Amends s.1012.39, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes the hiring of certain nondegreed fine and performing arts teachers and sets minimum qualifications for those positions. <p>Creates s.1012.551, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes uniform core curricula for teacher preparation programs aligned with the revised Florida Educator Accomplished Practices, including required introduction to education and classroom management courses. <p>Creates s.1012.981, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Florida Center for Teaching Excellence at Miami Dade College to develop evidence-based training opportunities, model clinical experiences, and expand a statewide network of teacher mentors. <p>Creates s.1012.552, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes the Coaching for Educator Readiness and Teaching (CERT) Program as an alternative pathway to professional certification using on-the-job mentorship and learning assessments. <p>Amends s.1012.555, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates mentor requirements in teacher apprenticeship programs to reference uniform statewide standards and qualifications. <p>Amends s.1012.56, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises acceptable means of demonstrating mastery of general knowledge and professional preparation for educator certification, including alternatives to the professional education competency exam under certain circumstances. <p>Amends s.1012.98, F.S.</p> | Signed 5/30 Signed |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires integration of training on the use of evidence-based instructional materials and research-based reading strategies into professional learning programs. | |
| HB 1105 Chapter No. 2025-109 Education Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | <p>Amends s. 212.055, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires that local government infrastructure surtax revenues shared with school districts also be proportionately shared with eligible charter schools and used for specified purposes, with unencumbered funds reverting to the sponsor if a charter is not renewed or is terminated. <p>Amends s. 810.097, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines “school bus” and clarifies that posted signs or verbal warnings from school officials or law enforcement constitute sufficient notice for immediate arrest and prosecution of trespassers on school buses. <p>Amends s. 901.15, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorizes warrantless arrests for trespassing on school grounds or school buses under specified circumstances. <p>Amends s.1002.33, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises requirements and processes for conversion charter schools, including new job engine charter schools to attract businesses, mandates annual reporting on certain funding, and prohibits certain property from being removed at converted facilities. <p>Amends s.1003.4282, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjusts physical education requirements to allow 2 years of marching band to satisfy physical education or performing arts credits, introduces new documentation for students who fail to earn a standard diploma, and modifies awarding of certificates of completion and diploma options for students with disabilities. <p>Amends s.1002.42, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buffers certain private school facilities in specified counties from zoning or land use restrictions while requiring adherence to health, safety, and building laws. <p>Creates s.1003.5717, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the department to develop and implement, by a specified date, a workforce credential program for students with an autism spectrum disorder or students on a modified curriculum. <p>Amends s.1006.07, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restricts elementary and middle school students’ wireless communications device usage during the school day and updates rules for high school device usage, subject to local board policy, with additional accommodations for special circumstances. Restructures Florida Bright Futures requirements to allow paid work hours or volunteer service, updates the Florida Gold Seal Vocational and CAPE Scholars requirements, and clarifies the Advanced Placement Capstone designation. | Signed 5/30 Signed |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadens dual enrollment and career education instruction and mandates new agreements on scheduling and transportation to boost participation. Alters board membership requirements and leadership election processes for Florida ABLE, Inc., and allows district revenues to cover certain liability insurance costs under a modified levy. Expands eligibility for Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grants to include charter schools and considers job engine charter school applications, requiring the department to establish mathematics endorsement competencies by a specified date. | |
| HB 1255 Chapter No. 2025-110 Education | Replaces critical teacher shortage areas with high-demand teacher needs areas and revises teacher background screening requirements for certain private school personnel. Authorizes open competition exemptions within the career service system for positions filled by apprenticeship program completers and requires the Department of Education to publish an apprenticeship report by November 30. Allows Classic Learning Test scores as an acceptable alternative to other standardized tests for college readiness and advanced course placement. Amends s.1007.27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requiring the state board to identify national consortia to develop certain courses; authorizing the department to join or establish a national consortium as an additional alternative method to develop and implement advanced placement courses. Prohibits local authorities from imposing or enforcing certain building restrictions on charter schools, streamlines administrative approvals for charter facilities, and bars requirements of special exemptions unless uniformly applied to all public schools. Requires parental consent before administering corporal punishment and obligates charter schools to comply with district policies regarding corporal punishment. Permits certain private schools to build new facilities on specified properties without rezoning or land use changes and modifies definitions for school readiness eligibility. Adjusts conditions for withdrawing and reenrolling in a prekindergarten program and changes the income criteria used to determine school readiness eligibility and waiting list priorities. Revises teacher qualification standards for delivering intensive reading interventions, clarifies that tutoring hours may be counted toward Bright Futures requirements, and makes related updates to other education statutes. | Signed 5/30 Signed |
| SB 472 Chapter No. 2025-68 Education in Correctional Facilities for Licensed Professions | Requires the Correctional Education Program to coordinate with applicable professional licensing boards so inmates receive credit toward licensure for completing qualifying classes in correctional institutions. Amends s.944.801, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a new requirement for the Correctional Education Program to develop a plan in consultation with boards under the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the Department itself when no board is available. Ensures inmates who successfully complete approved classes in prison can receive credit toward professional licensure requirements. | Signed 5/22 Signed |

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| Effective Date: January 1, 2026 | | |
| EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS/ HEALTH INSURANCE & RETIREMENT | | |
| SB 158 Chapter No. 2025-44 Coverage for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations Effective Date: January 1, 2026 | Prohibits cost sharing for specified diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations under the state group insurance program. Amends s.110.123, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines “cost-sharing requirement,” “diagnostic breast examination,” and “supplemental breast examination.” Amends s.110.12303, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits any deductibles, coinsurance, or copayments for diagnostic or supplemental breast examinations in state employee health benefit plans. Specifies that for Health Savings Account-qualified plans, the prohibition on cost sharing applies only after the minimum deductible is met, unless the services qualify as preventive care. Renumbers and updates cross-references related to OPS employees to encompass the new definitions. | Signed 5/20 Signed |
| HB 677 State Group Insurance Program Coverage of Standard Fertility Preservation Services Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | Requires the state group health insurance plan to cover standard fertility preservation services for individuals who may face iatrogenic infertility due to cancer treatments. Amends s.110.12303, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandates coverage of medically necessary expenses for fertility retrieval and preservation for policies issued on or after January 1, 2026. Specifies coverage includes retrieval and storage of reproductive materials for up to 3 years or until coverage ends. Prohibits preauthorization requirements for covered procedures but allows for maximum benefits and cost-sharing provisions. Defines iatrogenic infertility, nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines, and standard fertility retrieval and preservation services. | Law without Signature 7/3 Became law without signature |
| HB 5015 State Group Insurance Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | Expands oversight and updates requirements for implementing and approving formulary management in the state employees’ prescription drug program. Amends s. 110.12315, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the Department of Management Services to submit, by September 1, 2025, recommendations to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Commission for formulary management covering excluded, included, prior authorization, and step therapy prescription drugs and supplies for the 2026 plan year. Allows the Legislative Budget Commission to approve all or part of the department’s recommendations and requires the department to implement only the approved portions. Changes the annual submission deadline from October 1 to September 1 for the list of excluded prescription drugs and supplies, which also requires Legislative Budget Commission approval. | Vetoed 6/30 Vetoed |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the requirement that excluded prescription drugs be added back if deemed medically necessary once the Legislative Budget Commission approves a recommended exclusion. Eliminates coverage of new prescription drugs and supplies until they are specifically approved for inclusion in the program. | |
| EMPLOYMENT – GENERAL | | |
| SB 268 Chapter No. 2025-195 <i>Public Records Congressional Members and Public Officers</i> Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | Expands public records exemptions by protecting partial home addresses, telephone numbers, and certain personal information of current congressional members, public officers, and their families. Amends s.119.071, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines key terms, including “congressional member,” “partial home address,” and “public officer.” Creates an exemption for partial home addresses and telephone numbers of specified officials, along with identifying information for their minor children. Establishes requirements for requesting and maintaining these exemptions through written and notarized notices. Subjects the new exemptions to future legislative review and possible repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act. | <i>Signed</i> 6/27 Signed |
| HB 1219 <i>Employment Agreements</i> Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | Divides chapter 542, F.S., into two parts, establishing Part I as the Florida Antitrust Act of 1980 and creating Part II as the CHOICE Act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida Antitrust Act of 1980: ss. 542.15-542.36, F.S. Florida Contracts Honoring Opportunity, Investment, Confidentiality, and Economic Growth (CHOICE) Act: ss. 542.41-542.45, F.S. Creates ss. 542.44, 542.45, F.S. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines covered employees, covered employers, and sets criteria for covered garden leave and noncompete agreements lasting up to four years. Clarifies that covered garden leave and covered noncompete agreements meeting specified conditions do not violate restraint-of-trade laws. Requires advance written notice and acknowledgment of confidential information for these agreements and mandates preliminary injunctions to address alleged breaches. Allows courts to modify or dissolve injunctions only upon clear and convincing evidence that no breach will occur or has occurred. Authorizes prevailing employers to recover monetary damages and attorney fees and permits salary or benefit reductions for gross misconduct without violating the agreements. | <i>Law without Signature</i> 7/3 Became law without signature |
| FOREIGN INFLUENCE | | |
| SB 768 Chapter No. 2025-96 | Prohibits genetic sequencing software from foreign countries of concern in state laboratories and clarifies licensure requirements regarding controlling interests from those countries. | <i>Signed</i> 5/27 Signed |

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| <p>Foreign Countries of Concern</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Amends s. 381.0202, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits laboratories from using operational or research software for genetic sequencing that is produced in or by a foreign country of concern, a state-owned enterprise of such country, or a company domiciled within it. Specifies that 'foreign country of concern' includes China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, Maduro's Venezuela, or Syria and their agencies. <p>Amends s. 408.810, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires licensees under s. 408.810 to ensure that controlling interests do not hold an interest in entities conducting business with foreign countries of concern or subject to s. 287.135. Provides protections for licensees who fail to obtain assurances from indirect interest holders absent actual knowledge of noncompliance with foreign-country-of-concern requirements. Revises definitions to address foreign principal, indirect interest holder, and business relationship to align with restrictions on foreign countries of concern. | |
| HEALTH CARE/MEDICINE/NURSING | | |
| <p>HB 1427</p> <p>Nursing Education Programs</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Strengthens the Board of Nursing's oversight of nursing education programs by enhancing application requirements, aligning pass-rate thresholds, introducing stricter accountability measures, and eliminating extensions for accreditation compliance.</p> <p>Amends s. 464.019, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires program applications to include the director's legal name, disclose disciplinary actions in other jurisdictions, and mandates denial if a program was revoked or terminated elsewhere. Authorizes the Board of Nursing to investigate adverse actions against programs, impose conditions or deny approval, and revoke an approved program's status if warranted. Mandates stricter annual reporting, including exit examination results, with program termination and possible director discipline for failure to comply. Places programs on probation for a single year of inadequate graduate passage rates, requires formal remediation plans, and directs termination if remediation requirements are not met. Obligates programs with graduate passage rates below 30% to reimburse certain student tuition and fees, and compels all probationary programs to provide cost-free remediation for exam failures. Grants the Board of Nursing new rulemaking authority to investigate and enforce compliance, including onsite evaluations and inspections. Removes the option to request an extension to meet previously required accreditation deadlines. | <p>Vetoed</p> <p>7/2 Vetoed</p> |
| <p>HB 1299</p> <p>Chapter No. 2025-114</p> <p>Department of Health</p> | <p>Extends the repeal date for the definition of 'messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine,' refine medical marijuana treatment center requirements, modify licensure endorsements and certifications for various health practitioners, update references to recognized physician specialty boards, and revise the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact definitions.</p> <p>Amends Chapter 2023-43 Laws of Florida</p> | <p>Signed</p> <p>6/2 Signed</p> |

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| <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> <p>(with some sections upon becoming law)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Postpones from 2025 to 2027 the scheduled repeal of the statutory definition of 'messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine'. <p>Reenacts ss. 381.00316(2)(g), 381.00319(1)(e), F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Related provisions on discrimination and mask or vaccination mandates to preserve that definition. <p>Amends ss. 381.986, 381.988, F.S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminates background check requirements for officers and board members of medical marijuana treatment centers, but maintains them for owners and managers, and clarifies who qualifies as an owner, manager, and employee. Requires prompt e-mail notification of attempted or actual theft or diversion of marijuana products by treatment centers and instructs them to notify law enforcement for attempted thefts within the same timeframe. <p>Amends s. 456.0145, F.S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces from three years to two the active practice requirement for certain licensure applicants under the MOBILE Act and clarifies how prior adverse actions reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank may be handled if they would not violate Florida laws. <p>Amends ss. 456.44, 458.3265, 458.3475, 459.0137, and 459.023, F.S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaces references to 'American Association of Physician Specialists' with 'American Board of Physician Specialties' in multiple statutes governing pain management physicians, anesthesiologist assistants, and related board certifications. <p>Amends s. 458.313, F.S., s. 458.3145, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows alternative pathways for allopathic physician licensure by endorsement and adds new institutions authorized to grant medical faculty certificates. <p>Amends ss. 458.315, F.S., s. 459.0076, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates laws governing temporary certificates for physicians and physician assistants working in critical-need areas <p>Amend s. 486.112, F.S.</p> <p>Incorporates a definition of 'party state' into the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact and clarifies that only member states have access to compact licensee investigatory information.</p> | |
| HIGHER EDUCATION – GENERAL | | |
| <p>HB 1105 Chapter No. 2025-109</p> <p>Education</p> | <p>Transfers the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys to Florida Memorial University, enhances charter school funding and oversight, revises education program requirements and access, and expand scholarship eligibility while clarifying trespass and wireless device laws on school grounds.</p> | <p>Signed</p> <p>5/30 Signed</p> |

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| Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | <p>Amends s. 16.615, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moves the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys from the Department of Legal Affairs to Florida Memorial University, shifting staff support, meeting approval authority, quorum changes, use of technology for attendance, and reimbursement of member expenses to the university. <p>Amends s. 1007.271 F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadens dual enrollment and career education instruction and mandates new agreements on scheduling and transportation to boost participation. <p>Amends ss. 1009.986 and 1011.71, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alters board membership requirements and leadership election processes for Florida ABLE, Inc., and allows district revenues to cover certain liability insurance costs under a modified levy. <p>Amends s. 1011.801, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expands eligibility for Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grants to include charter schools and considers job engine charter school applications, requiring the department to establish mathematics endorsement competencies by a specified date. | |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT, SECURITY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT | | |
| HB 421 Chapter No. 2025-9 <i>Peer Support for First Responders</i> Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | <p>Revises the definition of "first responder" to broaden eligibility for peer support services.</p> <p>Amends s. 111.09, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 111.09 to include 911 public safety telecommunicators, correctional officers, correctional probation officers, and specified support personnel. Defines specified support personnel under this provision as those involved in investigating crime scenes or collecting or processing evidence | <i>Signed</i> 4/18 Signed |
| LEGAL | | |
| SB 1678 Chapter No. 2025-192 <i>Entities that Boycott Israel</i> Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | <p>Expands Florida's prohibition on boycotts of Israel to include additional entities, imposes stricter requirements on public investments and grants, and revises related contracting standards.</p> <p>Amends s. 215.4725, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises definitions of 'boycott Israel' and 'company,' adding 'other entity' to encompass various government bodies, nonprofits, and educational institutions. Requires the public fund to identify and compile a new 'Scrutinized Companies or Other Entities that Boycott Israel List,' regularly update it, and divest from listed entities if they continue boycotts. Mandates the Department of Management Services to coordinate with the public fund in identifying boycotting entities that have or may seek state contracts or grants, with potential disqualification notices. | <i>Signed</i> 6/26 Signed |

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| | <p>Amends s. 265.286, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds certification requirements to art and cultural grants, disqualifying and penalizing recipients found to engage in boycotts of Israel or antisemitic discrimination or speech. <p>Amends s. 287.135, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alters contracting thresholds for agencies and local governments, introducing new termination clauses, civil penalties, and extended ineligibility periods for entities that boycott Israel. | |
| <p>HB 6017</p> <p><i>Recovery of Damages for Medical Negligence Resulting in Death</i></p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Removes statutory barriers preventing certain individuals from recovering damages in wrongful death cases involving medical negligence and updates related provisions.</p> <p>Amends s. 768.21, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminates the prohibition on recovery of lost parental companionship, instruction, and guidance and mental pain and suffering by adult children and by parents of adult children in medical negligence wrongful death actions. <p>Amends ss. 400.023, 400.0235, and 429.295, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletes references to s. 768.21(8) in statutes governing civil enforcement actions in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, ensuring consistency with the removal of these recovery prohibitions. | <p><i>Vetoed</i></p> <p>5/29 Vetoed</p> |
| PROFESSIONS | | |
| <p>HB 647</p> <p>Chapter No. 2025-50</p> <p><i>Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Services</i></p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Expand the authority of advanced practice registered nurses to file and certify death or fetal death certificates by including those providing hospice care in the definition of primary or attending practitioner.</p> <p>Amends s. 382.008, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows advanced practice registered nurses providing hospice care to file certificates of death or fetal death in certain circumstances. Updates definitions to include those hospice-providing advanced practice registered nurses as the primary or attending practitioner. Permits those added practitioners to note corrected information on permanent death or fetal death certificates. | <p><i>Signed</i></p> <p>5/20 Signed</p> |
| RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TAX CREDITS, AND COMMERCIALIZATION | | |
| <p>SB 56</p> <p>Chapter No. 2025-157</p> <p><i>Geoengineering and Weather</i></p> | <p>Prohibits geoengineering and weather modification activities in this state, creates new penalties and reporting requirements, and updates related statutory references.</p> <p>Repeals ss. 403.281, 403.291, 403.301, 403.311, 403.321, 403.331, 403.341, 403.351, 403.361, 403.371, 403.381, 403.391, and 403.401, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeals statutory sections related to weather modification definitions, licensing requirements, and related provisions. | <p><i>Signed</i></p> <p>6/20 Signed</p> |

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| <p>Modification Activities</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Amends s. 403.411, F.S.,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits any injection or release of chemicals or substances into the atmosphere specifically intended to alter temperature, weather, or sunlight intensity. Imposes a third-degree felony penalty with fines of up to \$100,000 for violations and directs collected fines to the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund. Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a reporting process for observed geoengineering or weather modification violations and investigate or refer those reports as appropriate. <p>Creates s. 403.4115, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a new requirement for operators of public infrastructure to monthly report any aircraft on their property that may be used for such prohibited activities. Bars the Department of Transportation from funding public infrastructure projects that do not meet reporting requirements. <p>Amends ss. 253.002, 373.026, 373.1501, 373.4598, and 373.470, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeals authority of DEP to conduct, either independently or in cooperation with any person or governmental agency, a program of study, research, and experimentation and evaluation in the field of weather modification. | |
| <p>HB 827</p> <p>Statewide Study on Automation and Workforce Impact</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Requires the Department of Commerce to study and report on the economic impact of automation, particularly AI and robotics, on the state workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines the term “artificial intelligence” as a machine-based system that can make predictions, recommendations, or decisions for a human-defined objective. Directs the Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research to study job losses and gains due to AI, automation, and robotics. Requires analysis of industries, regions, and demographics most impacted, as well as wages, job quality, and economic benefits. Allows consultation with business representatives, academic institutions, local councils, and other groups for the study. Mandates a report of findings and recommendations by December 1, 2025, and every three years thereafter. | <p>Vetoed</p> <p>6/27 Vetoed</p> |
| FIREARMS | | |
| <p>HB 383</p> <p>Chapter No. 2025-120</p> <p>Purchase and Possession of Firearms by Law</p> | <p>Expands off-duty concealed carry rights and waiting-period exemptions for correctional probation officers and other firearm purchasers.</p> <p>Amends s. 790.052, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants correctional probation officers the right to carry concealed firearms off duty at the discretion of their superiors. Authorizes correctional probation officers to perform certain law enforcement functions under limited circumstances. | <p>Signed</p> <p>6/5 Signed</p> |

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| <p>Enforcement Officers, Correctional Officers, Correctional Probation Officers, and Servicemembers</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes “qualified law enforcement officer” and “qualified retired law enforcement officer” definitions to include correctional probation officers. Allows agencies or departments to limit off-duty concealed carry for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers. Requires departmental leadership to file a statement with the Department of Corrections if ordering off-duty concealed carry. <p>Amends s. 790.0665, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises the mandatory waiting period exemptions by defining “holder of a concealed weapons or concealed firearms license” to include law enforcement officers, correctional officers, correctional probation officers, and servicemembers. | |
| <p>HB 6025 Chapter No. 2025-103</p> <p>Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition During Emergencies</p> <p>Effective Date: Upon Becoming Law</p> | <p>Repeals the statute that placed automatic restrictions on firearms and ammunition during certain declared emergencies.</p> <p>Amends s. 870.044, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminates statutory restrictions on firearms and ammunition during certain declared emergencies by repealing Section 870.044, F.S. | <p>Signed</p> <p>5/28 Signed</p> |
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| <p>HB 549 Chapter No. 2025-7</p> <p>Gulf of America</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Require the use of the new federal designation of the “Gulf of Mexico” as the “Gulf of America.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandates that state agencies update their geographic materials to reflect the new designation. Requires adopted or acquired instructional materials and library media center collections to use the updated name. | <p>Signed</p> <p>4/14 Signed</p> |
| <p>SB 1662 Chapter No. 2025-155</p> <p>Transportation</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2025</p> | <p>Expands and revises Florida’s transportation, seaport, airport, and workforce laws to enhance infrastructure, boost economic development, update funding mechanisms, and increase public accountability.</p> <p>Amends s. 20.23, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates the Florida Transportation Research Institute to drive advanced research, innovation, and workforce development for the state’s transportation industry. The institute shall report to the department and shall be composed of members from the University of Florida, Indian River State College, the University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida, and Florida International University. The department shall select a member to serve as the administrative lead of | <p>Signed</p> <p>6/19 Signed</p> |

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| | <p>the institute. The department shall assess the performance of the administrative lead periodically to ensure accountability and assess the attainment of performance goals.</p> <p>Amends ss. 311.07, 311.09, and 311.10, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows new seaport project types involving spaceports, commercial shipbuilding, and manufacturing, imposes additional reporting requirements on ports, and restricts conversion of cargo facilities in spaceport counties. <p>Amends ss. 311.101, 330.30, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes an intermodal logistics center working group, expands the definition of intermodal logistics centers to include airports, and revises airport and private airport requirements, including certificates for private airports of public interest. <p>Creates s. 332.15, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires the department to address certain needs in the statewide aviation system plan and the department's work program, designate a certain subject matter expert, conduct a specified review, and, in coordination with the Department of Commerce, provide certain coordination and assistance for the development of a viable advanced air mobility system plan. <p>Creates s. 334.62, F.S. Florida Transportation Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Legislature finds that the growth and sustainability of the transportation industry workforce is vital to the continued success and efficiency of the state's supply chain and economic competitiveness. In order to prioritize the continued need for transportation industry workforce development programs, the Florida Transportation Academy is established within the department. | |
| <p>HB 1105 Chapter No. 2025-109 Education</p> | <p>Amends s.1003.5717, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce credential program for students with autism spectrum disorder or students on a modified curriculum: The Department of Education shall develop and implement by January 31, 2026, a workforce credential program for students with an autism spectrum disorder or students on a modified curriculum. The department shall work with the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities established under s.1004.6495 for the development and implementation of the program. The purpose of the program is to assist such students in securing employment upon graduation. The program must allow for such students to earn badges that designate that the students have acquired specific skills that meet employer needs. Each badge must require the student to demonstrate five discrete skills or behaviors, including, but not limited to, workplace safety. The department shall collaborate with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to develop a workplace safety badge. The badge must be validated by two members of instructional staff who specialize in exceptional student education. Beginning with the 2026 calendar year through the 2030 calendar year, the department shall prepare an annual report by January 31 of the following year detailing the operations of the program. At a minimum, the report must include the badges offered by the program, data on postgraduation student employment, data | <p>Signed 5/30 Signed</p> |

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| | on student participation rates in the program, and any other outcome data deemed necessary by the department to be included. | |
| CHILD CARE FACILITIES | | |
| SB 738 Chapter No. 2025-181 Child Care and Early Learning Providers Effective Date: July 1, 2025 | <p>Exempts certain preschools from specified municipal special assessments, updates licensing requirements for childcare facilities, refines inspection and training standards, and revises exemptions for certain childcare facilities while strengthening personnel screening.</p> <p>Amends s. 170.201, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds public and private preschools to the types of properties exempt from municipal special assessments and defines “preschool” as any licensed childcare facility. <p>Amends s. 402.305, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revises childcare licensing standards by emphasizing health, nutrition, safety, and developmental needs of children, and allows up to three classifications of violations related to child health and safety. Requires the Department of Children and Families to complete childcare personnel screenings within three business days or grant provisional 45-day hires, under supervision, if screening is delayed. Updates childcare personnel training requirements to include free online coursework, in-person or online competency exams, and expanded topics such as child development and disability support. Removes certain parent education obligations and eliminates provisions governing specialized childcare for mildly ill children. <p>Amends 1002.59, F.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns emergent literacy training requirements in existing statutes to updated childcare rules. | Signed 6/25 Signed |