

Bill Statistics

- 1957 Bills filed
 - o 996 filed in the House
 - o 961 filed in the Senate
 - o 2,196 Amendments filed
 - o 3,051 Votes Taken
 - 43 Floor Sessions
 - 324 Bills passed both chambers

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Looking Ahead

With final approval Friday of the budget bill (HB 5001), the \$117.4 billion spending plan for the coming year will go to Gov. Ron DeSantis, who has line-item veto power. The budget goes into effect on July 1.

Florida's Budget Over the Years

The budget for the coming fiscal year grows to \$117.46 billion, just under \$1 billion larger than the budget for the current fiscal year and about \$24 billion – or roughly 26% – larger than the state spending plan was just four years ago. As recently as the 2015-16 fiscal year, lawmakers earmarked under \$80 billion, but the state has seen massive growth in revenue from increased tax collections and a growing economy fed by increasing population in recent years. The state has also benefited from a huge influx of federal money in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that made coffers flush during recent years. Ten years ago, in the 2014-15 fiscal year, the budget was \$77.1 billion. Twenty years ago, in the 2004-05 fiscal year, lawmakers spent just \$58.4 billion. And 30 years ago, the 1994-95 General Appropriations Act called for just \$38.4 billion in spending.

This Year's Budget

The spending plan includes about \$49.4 billion in general revenue funding and more than \$68 billion in trust fund spending that's mostly earmarked for specific types of needs. Lawmakers touted the Legislature's caution at the end of a period of several years of largesse thanks in part to generous federal help during the COVID-19 pandemic and amid forecasts that the amount of money available is likely to return to more normal levels. Legislators did, however, highlight the amount of reserves they were able to set aside – nearly \$10 billion that will be held back for future needs. Other highlights of the budget cited by lawmakers this year included a 3% pay increase for state workers, a \$450 million toll rebate program sought by Gov. Ron DeSantis, a \$1.8 billion increase for PreK-12 schools, \$717 million to expand Florida's health care workforce, \$100 million in recurring funding for prison infrastructure, more money for the environment and around \$500 million to help pay off outstanding debt, all without tax increases.



Delegation and their Committee Assignments

- Representative John Snyder- District 86
 - o Health and Human Services Committee
 - Judiciary Committee
 - Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
 - o Health Care Regulations Subcommittee
 - Civil Justice Subcommittee (Vice Chair)
- Representative Toby Overdorf- District 85
 - o Joint Administrative Procedures Committee (Alternating Chair)
 - Commerce Committee
 - Judiciary Committee (Vice Chair)
 - o Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 - Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee
 - o Civil Justice Subcommittee
- Senator Gayle Harrell- District 31
 - o Appropriations Committee
 - o Appropriations Committee on Education
 - o Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services (Chair)
 - Environment and Natural Resources Committee (Vice Chair)
 - Health Policy Committee
 - Judiciary Committee
 - Select Committee on Resiliency

Bills of Interest (Enrolled Bills)

ENROLLED BILL After both houses have agreed upon a bill, and it becomes an act, the bill is reformatted and this enrolled version is signed by the Constitutional officers of the House and Senate, sent to the Governor for consideration.

- HB 3- Online Protections for Minors by Tramont and Overdorf and Sirois and McFarland and Rayner
 - Requiring social media platforms to prohibit certain minors from creating new accounts; requiring social media platforms to terminate certain accounts and provide additional options for termination of such accounts; providing conditions under which social media platforms are required to prohibit certain minors from entering into contracts to become account holders; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to bring actions under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act for knowing or reckless violations; authorizing the department to issue and enforce civil investigative demands under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 49- Employment and Curfew of Minors by Chaney
 - Revises certain employment restrictions for minors 16 & 17 years of age; revises age at which employment restrictions apply; requires curfew adopted by county or municipal ordinance to include certain exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2024



Bills of Interest, cont.

- HB 103- Pub. Rec./County and City Attorneys by Arrington
 - Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, & deputy city attorneys & names & personal identifying & location information of spouses & children of such attorneys; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 151- Florida Retirement System by Busatta Cabrera
 - Revising provisions related to FRS, including elected officials in DROP, reemployment after retirement, Florida Retirement System Preservation of Benefits Plan membership, cost-of-living adjustments, employee contributions, and allocations to investment plan accounts. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 165- Sampling of Beach Waters and Public Bathing Spaces by Gossett-Seidman and Cross
 - Revises provisions related to bacteriological sampling of beach waters & public bathing places, including rule adoption & enforcement; issuance of health advisories; closure of beach waters & public bathing places; & notification & signage requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- SB 184- Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing First Responders by Avila
 - Defining the terms "first responder" and "harass"; prohibiting a person, after receiving a
 warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a
 legal duty, from violating such warning and approaching or remaining within a specified distance
 of the first responder with specified intent, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2025
- HB 267- Building Regulations by Esposito
 - Requiring the Florida Building Commission to modify provisions in the Florida Building Code relating to replacement windows, doors, or garage doors; providing requirements for such modifications; revising the timeframes in which local building officials must issue permits or provide certain written notice if certain private providers affix their professional seal to an affidavit; providing requirements for such written notices; deeming a permit application approved under certain circumstances; prohibiting local building code enforcement agency's from auditing the performance of private providers until the local building code enforcement agency creates a manual for standard operating audit procedures; providing requirements for such manual; requiring the manual to be publicly available online or printed; requiring certain audit results to be readily accessible; specifying when a permit application is deemed complete and approved; requiring the commission to review and consider certain provisions of law and technical amendments thereto and report its findings to the Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: January 1, 2025

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- HB 280- Vacation Rentals by DiCeglie
 - Requiring advertising platforms to collect and remit specified taxes for certain vacation rental transactions; defining the term "advertising platform"; adding licensing to the regulated activities of public lodging establishments and public food service establishments which are preempted to the state; requiring advertising platforms to require that persons placing advertisements or listings for vacation rentals include certain information in the advertisements or listings and attest to certain information; authorizing the division to revoke, refuse to issue or renew, or suspend vacation rental licenses under certain circumstances, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$4,321,901 Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024
- HB 317- Interstate Safety by Persons-Mulicka and Bell
 - Prohibits driver from operating motor vehicle in furthermost left-hand lane of certain roadways except under certain circumstances; provides penalty. Effective Date: January 1, 2025
- HB 321- Release of Balloons by Chaney and Mooney
 - Revises prohibition on release of certain balloons to delete specified timeframe & number of balloons; deletes exemption from such prohibition for certain biodegradable or photodegradable balloons; provides that person who violates prohibition commits noncriminal infraction of littering; revises penalty for such violation; deletes provision authorizing petitions to enjoin release of balloons. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- SB 328- Affordable Housing by Calatayud
 - Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from restricting the floor area ratio of certain proposed developments under certain circumstances; authorizing counties and municipalities, respectively, to restrict the height of proposed developments under certain circumstances; requiring counties and municipalities, respectively, to maintain a certain policy on their websites; revising conditions for when multifamily projects are considered property used for a charitable purpose and are eligible to receive an ad valorem property tax exemption, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000,000 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
- HB 341- Designation of a Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registrations by Salzman and Tant
 - Requires language on application form for motor vehicle registration to allow applicant to
 indicate that applicant has been diagnosed with, or is parent or legal guardian of child or ward
 who has been diagnosed with, specified disabilities or disorders; requires specified designation
 to be included in motor vehicle record; prohibits inclusion of specified information in motor
 vehicle record for certain purposes; requires DHSMV to allow specified persons to update motor
 vehicle registration to include or remove specified designation at any time. Effective Date:
 October 1, 2024



- HB 433- Employment Regulations
 - Employment Regulations: Prohibits political subdivisions from maintaining minimum wage other than state or federal minimum wage & from controlling, affecting, or awarding preferences based on wages or employment benefits of entities doing business with political subdivision; preempts regulation of terms & conditions of employment & regulation of heat exposure requirements in workplace to state; requires Department of Commerce to adopt rules relating to heat exposure requirements if OSHA has not done so by date certain; provides requirements for such rules; prohibits local governments from mandating or imposing certain requirements or seeking information from certain persons relating to certain requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 437- Anchoring Limitation Areas by Esposito
 - Revises anchoring limitation areas in certain sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County;
 revises documentation & evidence criteria for proving location of vessel within anchoring
 limitation area. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 463- Lights Displayed on Fire Department Vehicles by Bartleman and Melo
 - Authorizes certain government-owned fire department vehicles to show or display blue lights.
 Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 473- Cybersecurity Incident Liability by Giallombardo and Steele
 - o Provides county, municipality, other political subdivision of state, covered entity, or third-party agent that complies with certain requirements is not liable in connection with cybersecurity incident; requires covered entities & third-party agents to adopt revised frameworks, standards, laws, or regulations within specified time period; provides private cause of action is not established; provides certain failures are not evidence of negligence & do not constitute negligence per se; specifies defendant in certain actions has certain burden of proof. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
- HB 479- Alternative Mobility Funding Systems by Robinson, W.
 - Authorizes local governments to adopt alternative mobility plan & fee system; provides requirements for application of adopted alternative system; prohibits alternative system from imposing responsibility for funding existing transportation deficiency upon new development; prohibits local governments that do not issue building permits from charging for transportation impacts associated with development; requires local governments that issue building permits to collect for extra jurisdictional impacts; prohibits local governments from assessing multiple charges for same transportation impact; revises requirements for calculation of impact fees by local governments & special districts. Effective Date: July 1, 2024



- HB 705- Public Works Projects by Shoaf
 - Revising the definition of the term "public works project"; revising applicability of a provision that prohibits the state or a political subdivision that contracts for a public works project from taking certain actions under specified circumstances, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 718- Exposures of First Responders to Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogs by Collins
 - Providing criminal penalties for adults who, in the course of unlawfully possessing specified controlled substances, recklessly expose a first responder to such substances and an overdose or serious bodily injury of the first responder results; prohibiting the arrest, charging, prosecution, or penalizing under specified provisions of law of a person acting in good faith who seeks medical assistance for an individual experiencing, or believed to be experiencing, an alcohol-related or a drug-related overdose, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024
- SB 770- Improvements to Real Property by Martin
 - Authorizing a program administrator to offer a program for financing qualifying improvements for residential property when authorized by a county or municipality; authorizing a program administrator to levy non-ad valorem assessments for a certain purpose; providing for compensation for tax collectors for actual costs incurred to collect non-ad valorem assessments; requiring certain financing agreement and contract provisions for change orders under certain circumstances; requiring a county or municipality to establish or approve a process for the registration of a qualifying improvement contractor to install qualifying improvements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024
- HB 781- Unsolicited Proposals for Public-private Partnerships by Clemons
 - Authorizes, rather than requires, responsible public entity to publish notice of unsolicited proposal for qualifying project in specified manner & that other proposals for same project will be accepted; authorizes responsible public entity to proceed with unsolicited proposal for qualifying project without public bidding process if responsible public entity holds public meeting that meets certain requirements & holds a subsequent public meeting at which responsible public entity makes certain determination; requires responsible public entity to consider certain factors; requires responsible public entity to publish certain report in Florida Administrative Register for certain period in certain circumstances; revises certain determinations that responsible public entity must make before approving comprehensive agreement. Effective Date: July 1, 2024



Bills of Interest, cont.

HB 917- Career and Technical Education by Snyder

Revises duties of Office of Reimagining Education & Career Help; revises provisions relating to
journeymen & specified career fairs; provides exemption for minors to work in specified
conditions; revises list of individuals who are required to review & comment on certain revisions
to state academic standards; requires DOE to convene workgroup by specified date; authorizes
certain students to be exempt from completing certain examinations. Effective Date: July 1,
2024

HB 919- Artificial Intelligence Use in Political Advertising by Rizo

 Requires certain political advertisements, electioneering communications, or other miscellaneous advertisements to include specified disclaimer; specifies requirements for disclaimer; provides for criminal & civil penalties; authorizes person to file certain complaints; provides for expedited hearings. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 1007- Nicotine Products and Dispensing Devices by Overdorf

Requires nicotine product manufacturers who sell nicotine dispensing devices to execute form prescribed by Division of Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco of DBPR, for each nicotine dispensing device sold; requires division to develop & maintain directory; requires division to make directory available on website; prohibits nicotine product manufacturer from selling, shipping, or distributing nicotine dispensing devices for retail sale; requires wholesale nicotine product dealers to purchase & sell for retail only those nicotine dispensing devices listed on directory; prohibits certain persons & entities from dealing, at retail, in nicotine dispensing devices not listed on directory; provides for seizure & destruction of contraband nicotine dispensing devices. Effective Date: October 1, 2024

SB 1084- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by Collins

o Preempting the regulation of electric vehicle charging stations to the state; prohibiting local governmental entities from enacting or enforcing such regulations; providing that a pest control operator's certificate, a special identification card, and certain limited certifications for pesticide applicators, respectively, expire a specified length of time after issuance; authorizing the department to take disciplinary action against a person who swears to or affirms a false statement on certain applications, cheats on a required examination, or violates certain procedures under certain circumstances; authorizing Class "G" licensees to qualify for multiple calibers of firearms in one requalification class under certain circumstances; prohibiting the manufacture for sale, sale, holding or offering for sale, or distribution of cultivated meat in this state, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024



- SB 1420- Department of Commerce by Burgess
 - Providing that amendments are deemed withdrawn if the local government fails to transmit the comprehensive plan amendments to the department, in its role as the state land planning agency, within a certain timeframe; revising the maximum length of a loan term under the Local Government Emergency Revolving Bridge Loan Program; requiring the department to establish a direct-support organization; specifying that the organization is a direct-support organization of the department and a corporation not for profit; authorizing the organization to take certain actions regarding administration of property and expenditures, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2024
- HB 1451- Identification Documents by Michael and Jacques
 - Prohibits counties & municipalities, respectively, from accepting certain ID cards or documents that are knowingly issued to individuals who are not lawfully present in United States as form of identification; provides exception. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- SB 1526- Local Regulation of Nonconforming and Unsafe Structures by Avila
 - Designating the "Resiliency and Safe Structures Act"; prohibiting local governments from
 prohibiting, restricting, or preventing the demolition of certain structures and buildings unless
 necessary for public safety; prohibiting local governments from imposing additional local land
 development regulations or public hearings on permit applicants; requiring a local government
 to authorize replacement structures to be developed in accordance with certain regulations, etc.
 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
- HB 1557- Department of Environmental Protection by Chaney
 - Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions under jurisdiction of DEP relating to aquatic
 preserves; preservation & regeneration of seagrass; Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem
 Conservation Area; use of reclaimed water; Resilient Florida Grant Program; comprehensive
 statewide flood vulnerability & sea level rise data set & assessment; Statewide Flooding & Sea
 Level Rise Resilience Plan; regional planning councils & estuary partnerships; transfer of
 regulation of Onsite Sewage Program from DOH to DEP; domestic wastewater treatment
 facilities; & basin management action plans. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 1567- Qualifications for County Emergency Management Directors by Grant
 - Requiring county emergency management directors to meet specified qualifications; requiring current such directors to meet such qualifications by specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2024



Bills of Interest, cont.

• SB 1628- Local Government Actions by Collins

 Requiring that certain bond referenda called by a county, district, or municipality be held at a general election; revising applicability provisions for the enactment or adoption of county and municipal ordinances, respectively, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

• SB 1638- Funding for Environmental Resource Management by Hutson

o Requiring the Department of Revenue to deposit into the Indian Gaming Revenue Trust Fund within the Department of Financial Services a specified percentage of the revenue share payments received under the gaming compact between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the State of Florida; creating the Local Trail Management Grant Program within the Department of Environmental Protection for a specified purpose; authorizing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to enter into voluntary agreements with private landowners for environmental services within the Florida wildlife corridor, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$536,000,000 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law if SB 7080 or similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

• SB 1698- Food and Hemp Products by Burton

Defining the term "total delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration"; providing conditions for the manufacture, delivery, hold, offer for sale, distribution, or sale of hemp extract; prohibiting businesses and food establishments from possessing hemp extract products that are attractive to children; prohibiting the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from granting permission to remove or use certain hemp extract products until it determines that such hemp extract products comply with state law, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$2,000,000 Effective Date: 10/1/2024

• HB 7013- Special Districts by Persons-Mulicka

Prohibits creation of new neighborhood improvement districts after date certain; provides term limits for elected members of governing bodies of independent special districts; provides method for changing boundaries of independent special district; provides additional criteria for declaring special district inactive; provides that district declared inactive may only expend funds as necessary to service outstanding debt & to comply with existing bond covenants & contractual obligations; requires independent special fire control districts to annually report training information to Division of State Fire Marshal; provides boundaries of mosquito control district may only be changed by special act; reducing maximum millage rate for mosquito control districts. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

• HB 7017- Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value by Buchanan

Proposes amendment to State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the
value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school
district levies & for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and
maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally
dependent upon the owner is eligible.



- HB 7019- Exemption of Homesteads by Buchanan
 - Requires value of homestead exemption be adjusted annually; requiring Legislature appropriate funds for specified purpose; require funds be distributed in specified manner; requires specified counties provide certain documentation. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 7017 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose
- SB 7028- My Safe Florida Home Program
 - Specifying eligibility requirements for hurricane mitigation inspections under the program; authorizing applicants who meet specified requirements to receive a home inspection under the program without being eligible for, or applying for, a grant; specifying eligibility requirements for hurricane mitigation grants; revising improvements that grants for eligible homes may be used for, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$107,000,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2024
- SB 7040- Ratification of the Department of Environmental Protection's Rules Relating to Stormwater by Harrell and Mayfield
 - Ratifying a specified rule relating to environmental resource permitting for the sole and exclusive purpose of satisfying any condition on effectiveness pursuant to s. 120.541(3), F.S., which requires ratification of any rule exceeding the specified thresholds for likely adverse impact or increase in regulatory costs; ratifying rule 62-330.010, Florida Administrative Code, with specified changes; requiring that specified future amendments to such rule be submitted in bill form to, and approved by, the Legislature, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
- HB 7063- Anti-human Trafficking by Overdorf
 - Extends future repeal date of direct-support organization for Statewide Council on Human Trafficking; revises hotline number to be included in human trafficking awareness signs; requires that contractors with governmental entities attest that they do not use human trafficked labor. Effective Date: July 1, 2024



Appropriations:

Martin County Bessey Creek Retrofit	\$500,000	Representative Overdorf	Senator Harrell
County Road 710 Realignment	\$3,550,000	Representative Overdorf	Senator Harrell
Martin County Sheriff's Office Mental Health Housing Pod	\$500,000	Representative Snyder	Senator Harrell
Martin County Gomez Community Pettway Potable Water Service	\$940,000	Representative Snyder	Senator Harrell

Budget Summary (Conference Report)

Budget Allocations:

Fiscal Year 2024-25 GENERAL REVENUE FUND ALLOCATION (Millions of Dollars)

Program Area	TOTAL
PreK-12 Education / Education	15,686.6
Higher Education / Education	6,374.3
Health Care / Health and Human Services	16,045.6
Justice / Criminal and Civil Justice	6,192.9
Infrastructure & Tourism / Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development	744.3
Agriculture & Natural Resources / Agriculture and Environment	1,366.8
State Administration & Technology / General Government	662.8
Administered Funds & Statewide Issues	942.4
TOTAL	48,015.8



News

County Commissioner term limits bill dies as Senate, House diverge

Senate Passes First Responder Buffer Zone

Senate Combines Bills to Let Kids Work More with Parent OK, Ban Local Heat Protections

Senate Passes, sends to DeSantis Legislation to Allow Chaplains in Public Schools

Tax Package Teed Up for Passage After Some Revisions

Lawmakers Send Safe Waterways Act to Gov

Proposal Regulating Vaping Products Gutted and Passed, Exempts E-Liquids

State Preemption of Ethics Complaints Goes to Gov

Senate Passes Bill to Block Some Local Vacation Rental Laws

Helpful Resources

- Florida Association of Counties (FAC)
- Florida House Website
- Florida Senate Website