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Legislative Recap.....FINAL REPORT

Bill	Bill Name	Sponsor	In Committee.....last action
<u>HB 1</u>	School Choice	Reps Tuck, Barnaby, Leek, Tramont	Signed by the Governor

would make every Fla student eligible for state-backed vouchers that could be used for private-school tuition; create flex-education savings accounts to be used for tutoring services and instructional needs

<u>HB 3</u>	Government & Corporate Activism	Reps Rommel, Sirois	Signed by the Governor
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blocks State investments related to ESG “environmental, social and governance” standards; requires state/local government investment decisions to be made “solely on financial factors”.

<u>HB 5</u>	Economic Programs		Sent to the Governor
<u>SB 302</u>			

eliminates Enterprise Florida; all duties, functions to be transferred to Dept of Economic Opportunity (DEO); VISIT FLORIDA and Fla Sports Foundation may enter into agreements with DEO to continue existing programs, activities, etc.

<u>HJR 31</u>	Partisan Elections for School Bd Members	Rep Roach, Sirois	Sent to the Governor
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Constitutional amendment requiring district school board members be elected in partisan election.

HB 41 Land Development **Died in Committee**
SB 856 Initiative/Referendum Rep Garcia
Processes

revises restrictions on initiative/referendum processes regarding any development order, local comprehensive plan amendment or map amendment; curtails citizen initiatives

SB 46 Health Insurance Cost **Died in Committee**
HB 1056 Sharing Sen Tom Wright

Requires specified individual health insurers & their pharmacy benefit managers to apply insureds' payments by to total contributions of insureds' cost-sharing requirements; requires pharmacy benefit managers to apply insureds' payments to insureds' total contributions to cost-sharing requirements

SB 64 Dept of Transportation **Sent to the Governor**
HB 425 Sen Hooper

Requires 20 % max of revenues derived from certain taxes/fees and deposited into Transportation Trust Fund be committed annually by FDOT for public transit projects

HJR 31 Partisan Election of School **Sent to the Governor**
Board Members Sen Gruters

Constitutional amendment to require district school board members in partisan elections

HB 7063 Homestead Exemption for **Sent to the Governor**
First Responders Rep Woodson

Exempts from taxation homestead property of surviving spouse of first responder who dies in line of duty to include certain federal law enforcement officers

SB 102 Housing – Live Local Act Sen Calatayud **Signed by the Governor**

incentives for private investment in affordable housing, flexible housing regulations to encourage mixed-use development in struggling areas; directs doc-stamp tax revenues to the State Housing Trust Fund; developers could receive property-tax discounts and exemptions when land is owned by non-profit organizations; would direct state officials to see if state land could be used for affordable housing

HB 105 Preemption of Regulation of Vacation Rentals Rep Basabe **Died between House/Senate**

regulations requiring vacation rental owners or operators to provide local government with certain contact information are not prohibited or preempted to state.

SB 120 Homestead Assessments Sen Avila **Died in Committee**

revises limitation on annual increases of homestead property tax assessments

HB 121 Fla KidCare Eligibility Reps Bartleman, **Sent to the Governor**
SB 246 Trabulsy

Increases income eligibility threshold for coverage under Florida Kidcare program

SB 170 Local Ordinances Sen Trumbull **Sent to the Governor**
HB 1515

allows courts to assess & award reasonable attorneys' fees and cost and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; requires county to suspend enforcement of ordinance that is subject to legal actions if certain conditions are met

SB 196 Guidance Services on Sen Jones, Hutson **Sent to the Governor**
HB 141 Academic, Career Planning

Requires school bds to inform students/parents of acceleration, academic, career plan options

SB 236 **Civil Remedies** Sen Travis Hutson **Substituted for HB 837; Signed by the Governor**

Creating a rebuttable presumption that a lodestar fee is sufficient and reasonable attorney fee in most civil actions; reducing the statute of limitations for negligence actions; providing standards for bad faith actions

SB 298 **TeleHealth Practice** Sen Boyd **Sent to the Governor**

HB 267 **Standards**

Expands “telehealth” to include audio-only telephone calls

SB 540 **Local Govt Comp Plans** Rep Duggins **Sent to the Governor**

HB 359

prevailing party in challenge to plan/plan amendment can recover attorney fees & costs

HB 401 **Sovereign Immunity** Rep Beltran **Died in Committee**

SB 604

Increases the sovereign immunity caps for damages against state/local govt entities to \$2,500,000 per person & \$5,000,000 per incident; Allows a subdivision of the state to settle a claim and pay the settled amount without the need for a claim bill; Increases time limitation for filing a claim from 3 to 4 years to four years after the claim accrues.

SB 418 **Property Insurance** Sen Perry **Sent to the Governor**

Property Insurance Deductibles and Coverages; Hurricane Model Averaging; Residential Property Insurance Mitigation Credits, Discounts; The bill may lead to the expansion of premium discounts, credits, and other rate differentials based on windstorm construction standards.

[HB 471](#) **Limitation on Increases of** Rep Fernandez- **Died in Committee**
[HB 469](#) **Homestead Property Tax** Barquin
Assessments

State Constitutional amendment to revise limitation on annual increases of homestead property tax assessments

[HB 499](#) **Fla Main St** Reps Stark, Baker **Died in Committee**
Program/Historic
Preservation Tax Credits

Specifies eligibility requirements for receiving specified tax credits for taxpayers that rehabilitate certified historic structures;

[HB 505](#) **Insurance** Rep Berfield **Sent to the Governor**

revises requirements for residential property insurance rate filings; authorizes appointment of certain designees to Fla Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology; authorizes insurers to file with OIR personal lines residential property insurance rating plans relating to windstorm mitigation construction standards

[HB 543](#) **Public Safety** Reps Brannon,
Payne **Signed by the Governor**

constitutional carry, strengthens right to self-defense by recognizing right of any law-abiding 21-year old adult, legally eligible to obtain a carry permit, carry a handgun without having to obtain govt permission; ensures right to self-defense without red tape, delays, or fees

SB 640 Tourist Development Tax

Sen Simon

Died in Committee

HB 309

Authorizing certain fiscally constrained counties to use a designated percent of tourist development tax revenues to reimburse expenses incurred for certain purposes

SB 718 Local Government

Sen Yarbrough

Sent to the Governor

changes the requirements for annexation and contraction, wherein property is either added to/removed from a city; identifies the “report” a city must prepare prior to any annexation/contraction action as a “feasibility study”; prohibits local governments from requiring an initiative and referendum process for amendments to land development regulations.

SB 724 Seagrass Restoration

Sen Boyd

Signed by the Governor

will fund new technologies to combat seagrass depletion.

HB 837 Civil Remedies

Rep Gregory

Signed by the Governor

would eliminate insurers paying plaintiff attorney fees who successfully file auto-accident lawsuits.....intent is to lower insurance costs

HB 891 Year Round School

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sets up a pilot program testing out year-round school

SB 1002 Motor Vehicle Glass

Sen Stewart

Sent to the Governor

HB 541

Prohibits motor vehicle repair shops from offering anything of value to a customer in exchange for making an insurance claim for motor vehicle glass replacement or repair

[SB 1018](#) **Flood Damage Prevention** Sen Trumbull **Died In Committee**
[HB 859](#)

"Flood Damage Prevention Act of 2023"; providing voluntary freeboard requirements for new construction and substantial improvements to existing construction

[SB 1072](#) **Dredging and Beach** Sen Rodriguez **Died in Committee**
[HB 979](#) **Restoration Projects**

Dept of Environmental Protection (DEP) must require any analysis to determine the adverse impacts of the activity on the natural habitat be conducted by an independent contractor

[SB 1190](#) **Step into Success Workforce** Sen Garcia **Sent to the Governor**
[HB 1337](#) **Education/ Internship Pilot Program**

This program assists foster youth to develop essential workforce/professional skills; and become best prepared for an independent/successful future

[SB 1372](#) **Political Ads for Nonpartisan** Sen Ingoglia **Died in Committee**
[HB 1331](#) **Office**

allows candidates for nonpartisan offices to designate political party affiliation

SB 264 Interests of Foreign

Sen Avila

Sent to the Governor

HB 1355 Countries

Prohibits foreign principals connected with the People's Republic of China, Chinese Communist Party, or related entities from purchasing agricultural land & designated real property in Fla..

SB 1390 Universal Regulatory

Sen Martin

Died in Committee

HB 1287 Sandbox

Creates Office of Regulatory Relief in Dept of Economic Opportunity; creates General Regulatory Sandbox Program

HB 1413 Health Care Expenses

Rep Chase Tramont

Died in Committee

SB 268

Establishes 3-year statute of limitations for action to collect medical debt for service

HB 1537 Education

Sen Avila

Sent to the Governor

revises a graduation requirement for certain students; deleting a requirement that certain certification programs be previously approved by the Dept of Education

HB 7063 Communications Services

Sen Trumbull

Sent to the Governor

Tax

sets state's CST at 6% rate....a reduction of 1.44 % from its current level; would prevent local govts from increasing their local CST rate for the next 3 years;

SB 1450 Valuation of Timeshare

Sen Gruters

Died in Committee

HB 451 Units

Specifies methodology by which certain timeshare units must be valued in certain tax appeals;

SB 1604 Land Use & Development Sen Ingolia

Sent to the Governor

HB 439 Regulations

revises planning periods that must be included in a comprehensive plan; requires local govts to determine if plan amendments are necessary to reflect a certain minimum planning period; requires local govts to comprehensively evaluate/update its comprehensive plan to reflect changes in local conditions;

SB 1676 Hemp

Rep Robinson

Sent to the Governor

HB 1475

requires any hemp extract distributed/sold to be processed in a health/safety approved facility; requires hemp extract to be distributed/sold in a specified container; hemp extract may only be sold to a properly permitted business; products can only be sold to 21 year-olds or older; may not exceed 5 milligrams of total THC per serving; must follow specified packaging and labeling requirements;

SB 1718 Immigration

Signed by the Governor

Immigration steps up requirements for businesses to check immigration status of workers; cracks down on anyone bringing undocumented immigrants into Fla

SB 1550 Prescription Drugs

Sen Brodeur,
Sen Wright

Signed by the Governor

addresses manufacturer's prescription drug price increases above certain thresholds and the relationships between pharmacy benefit managers/plans, programs AND pharmacy providers for delivering pharmacy

services to covered persons; it requires drug manufacturers to disclose reportable prescription drug price increases which will be published on the Fla Health Finder website....anything at least \$100 and a 15% increase

<u>SPB</u>	Trust Funds/State Opioid	Appropriations	Included in Budget
<u>7028</u>	Settlement Trust	Committee on	
	Fund/Agency for Health	Health/Human	
	Care Admin	Services	

Creates State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund within Agency for Health Care Administration

SB 7054 Digital Currency **Signed by the Governor**

– aims to protect Floridians’ privacy rights in reference to a US Federal Reserve central bank digital currency (CBDC)

SB 2500 FY 2023-24 State Budget **Sent to the Governor**

After the legislature adjourns, the Governor has 15 days from the date they received the budget to sign it or exercise line item vetoes