



Florida State Fraternal Order of Police

2024 Legislative Updates

FOP Lobbyist Lisa Henning and
our Legislative Committee are
working hard in Tallahassee
for our members.



Week 1

The 2024 Legislative Session began on January 9th, 2024 with all the usual pomp and circumstance. Governor Ron DeSantis confirmed his dedication to making Florida the most law enforcement friendly state. Speaker of the House Paul Renner dedicated a portion of his opening remarks to make one of our priority issues a top priority for the Florida House of Representatives. "Last Session, we delivered better benefits for law enforcement and first responders. This Session, we will extend penalties for anyone who commits violence against law enforcement and bring an end to citizen review boards that are weaponized by defund-the-police activists." The Fraternal Order Of Police are moving forward with an aggressive agenda to protect and enhance the lives of Law Enforcement Officers in Florida. FOP Legislative Chairman Michael Kelley, Brother Jim Sniffen and Brother Felix Del Rosario all spent a busy week working on the Fraternal Order Of Police Priority Legislation.

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PRIORITY ISSUES

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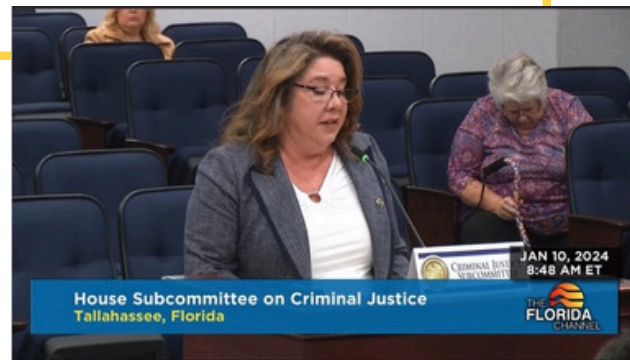
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Photo : FOP Brother Jim Sniffen, Representative Demi Busatta-Cabrera, and Legislative Chairman Michael Kelley

FRS Employer	Tier I	Tier II
	Retirees Receiving a 3% COLA	Retirees Receiving a 0.00% to 2.99% COLA
State	61,167	25,570
State Universities	14,430	6,236
Counties	64,904	37,009
State Boards	135,984	72,628
State Colleges	9,402	4,972
Others	8,868	6,723
Total	294,755	151,913

AS SEEN ON



Team FOP Members listen to opposition on HALO legislation.

If you wish to watch the debate on the legislation, the committee videos can be found in "The Florida channel" archives.

The spotlight debate to watch this week is the Senate Community Affairs Committee. Senator Jason Pizzo gave an impassioned debate on the importance of protecting 1st Responders and giving them the tools that they need to safely do their jobs. His debate on the HALO bill shows his dedication to public safety that is inspiring for Florida's Law Enforcement and the members of legislature.



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FOP Brother Felix Del Rosario working with Senator Avila's Staff.

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<u>HB 0019</u>	County Commissioner Term Limits	Salzman
<u>HB 0027</u>	Citizen's Arrest	Benjamin
<u>SB 0030</u>	Boating Safety	Garcia (I)
<u>SB 0040</u>	Review of Employment Contracts	Stewart
<u>HB 0045</u>	Hope Cards for Persons Issued Orders of Protection	Gottlieb
<u>SB 0054</u>	Expunction of Criminal History Records	Rodriguez
<u>HB 0057</u>	County Commissioner Term Limits	Salzman
<u>HB 0061</u>	Transportation Facility Designations	Hinson
<u>HB 0075</u>	Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing First Responders	Rizo
<u>SB 0086</u>	Hope Cards for Persons Issued Orders of Protection	Book
<u>SB 0088</u>	Crimes Evidencing Prejudice	Osgood
<u>SB 0090</u>	Public Records/Criminal Acts that Evidence Prejudice	Osgood
<u>HB 0091</u>	Transportation Facility Designations	Clemons, Sr.
<u>SB 0096</u>	Use or Threatened Use of Force	Jones
<u>HB 0097</u>	Expunction of Criminal History Records	Smith
<u>SB 0098</u>	Community Violence Task Force	Jones
<u>HB 0099</u>	Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact	Hunschofsky
<u>HB 0101</u>	Pub. Rec. & Meetings/Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact	Hunschofsky
<u>HB 0105</u>	Specialty License Plates	Bankson
<u>SB 0108</u>	Lowell Correctional Institution Body Cameras Pilot Program	Jones

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<u>HB 0121</u>	Specialty License Plates	Waldron
<u>HB 0129</u>	Damages Recoverable in Wrongful Death Actions	Lopez (J)
<u>SB 0130</u>	Possession or use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location	Berman
<u>SB 0134</u>	Crimes Evidencing Prejudice	Berman
<u>SB 0138</u>	Protected Information of Sexual Offense Victims	Berman
<u>HB 0145</u>	Sales of Ammunition	Daley
<u>SB 0150</u>	Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines	Berman
<u>HB 0151</u>	Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits	Busatta Cabrera
<u>HB 0153</u>	Court Cost for Crime Stoppers Programs	Chambliss
<u>HB 0155</u>	Pub Rec./Sales of Ammunition	Daley
<u>HB 0161</u>	Payments for Health Care Providers and Surgical Procedures under Workers' Compensation	Daley
<u>SB 0164</u>	Solutions for Mental Health Professional Shortages	Polsky
<u>HB 0165</u>	Safe Waterways Act	Gossett Seidman
<u>SB 0166</u>	Protections for Public Employees Who Use Medical Marijuana as Qualified Patients	Polsky
<u>HB 0171</u>	Homestead Exemptions for Totally and Permanently Disabled First Responders	Daniels
<u>SB 0176</u>	Sale, Transfer, and Storage of Firearms	Polsky
<u>SB 0180</u>	Sale or Transfer of Ammunition	Polsky
<u>SB 0182</u>	Public Records/Buyer or Transferee of Ammunition	Polsky
<u>SB 0184</u>	Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing First Responders	Avila
<u>SB 0188</u>	Trespass on Commercial Agricultural Property	Brodeur
<u>SB 0189</u>	Gambling	Salzman

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<u>SB 0192</u>	Anchoring of Vessels in Anchoring Limitation Areas	Garcia (I)
<u>HB 0195</u>	Mental Health Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Chambliss
<u>HB 0203</u>	Lights Displayed on Fire Department and Fire Patrol Vehicles	Bartleman
<u>HB 0205</u>	Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	Bartleman
<u>SB 0206</u>	Unlawful Possession of Firearms, Ammunition, or Electric Weapons or Devices	Burgess
<u>SB 0208</u>	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Burgess
<u>HB 0209</u>	Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location	Rayner
<u>HB 0211</u>	Licensed Counseling for First Responders	Lopez (V)
<u>HB 0223</u>	Parole of Nonviolent Offenders	Garcia (A)
<u>SB 0226</u>	Florida National Guard	Wright
<u>HB 0231</u>	Exposures of First Responders to Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogs	Baker
<u>SB 0232</u>	Driving Under the Influence	Wright
<u>HB 0233</u>	Treatment of Inmates	Hart
<u>SB 0234</u>	Disclosure of Grand Jury Testimony	Polsky
<u>HB 0235</u>	Criminal Rehabilitation	Hart
<u>HB 0237</u>	Pregnant Women in Custody	Hart
<u>SB 0242</u>	Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits	Hooper
<u>SB 0244</u>	Specialty License Plates/Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Hooper
<u>HB 0251</u>	Wireless Services Provider Automatic Location Identification Information	Waldron
<u>SB 0252</u>	Psychiatric Treatments	Osgood
<u>SB 0254</u>	Picketing or Protesting in or Near Health Care Facilities	Book

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<u>SB 0258</u>	Interstate Safety	Perry
<u>HB 0259</u>	Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas	Waldron
<u>SB 0260</u>	Refusal to Submit to a Breath, Urine, or Blood Test	DiCeglie
<u>SB 0270</u>	Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas	Berman
<u>HB 0271</u>	Motor Vehicle Parking on Private Property	Lopez (V)
<u>SB 0272</u>	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates	Bradley
<u>HB 0275</u>	Intentional Damage to Critical Infrastructure	Canady
<u>HB 0279</u>	Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines	Eskamani
<u>HB 0281</u>	Candidate Qualifying	Arrington
<u>SB 0288</u>	Designation of a Certain Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registration	Rodriguez
<u>HB 0291</u>	Weapons and Firearms	Hunschofsky
<u>HB 0297</u>	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates	Cross
<u>HB 0305</u>	Offenses Involving Children	Baker
<u>SB 0312</u>	Offenses Involving Children	Collins
<u>HB 0317</u>	Interstate Safety	Persons Mulicka
<u>HB 0325</u>	Task Force on Missing and Murdered African-American Women	Robinson (F)
<u>HB 0331</u>	Limitation on Property Tax Assessments	Garcia (A)
<u>HB 0333</u>	School District Levies	Garcia (A)
<u>SB 0338</u>	Safe Waterways Act	Berman
<u>HB 0341</u>	Designation of a Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registrations	Salzman
<u>SB 0350</u>	Cold Case Murders	Osgood

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<u>SB 0354</u>	Task Force on Missing and Murdered African-American Women	Osgood
<u>SB 0358</u>	Custodial Interrogations of Minors	Book
<u>SB 0362</u>	Medical Treatment Under the Workers' Compensation Law	Bradley
<u>SB 0374</u>	Human Trafficking	Osgood
<u>HB 0391</u>	Lowell Correctional Institution Body Cameras Pilot Program	Hinson
<u>SB 0394</u>	School Employees	Ingoglia
<u>HB 0399</u>	School Employees	Temple
<u>SB 0400</u>	Reemployment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers	Burgess
<u>HB 0401</u>	Tracking Devices and Applications	Overdorf
<u>SB 0402</u>	Declarations of a Public Health Emergency	Yarborough
<u>HB 0403</u>	Specialty License Plates	Chaney
<u>HB 0419</u>	Storage of Firearms in Private Conveyances and Vessels	Hinson
<u>HB 0421</u>	Removal of Roadside Memorials	Gossett Seidman
<u>HB 0425</u>	Department of Labor	Nixon
<u>SB 0428</u>	Water Safety	Rodriguez
<u>SB 0432</u>	Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds	Simon
<u>HB 0433</u>	Workplace Heat Exposure Requirements	Esposito
<u>SB 0434</u>	Specialty License Plates/Margaritaville	Harrell
<u>HB 0441</u>	Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds	Yarkosky
<u>HB 0443</u>	Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers	Alvarez
<u>HB 0445</u>	Water Safety	Robinson (F)

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<u>HB 0447</u>	Alcohol or Drug Defense	Michael
<u>SB 0448</u>	Misuse of Emergency Communications Systems	Wright
<u>HB 0453</u>	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants	Anderson
<u>HB 0459</u>	Declarations of a Public Health Emergency	Rudman
<u>HB 0463</u>	Lights Displayed on Fire Department Vehicles	Bartleman
<u>SB 0466</u>	Victims of Criminal Offenses	Book
<u>HB 0469</u>	Victims of Criminal Offenses	Bartleman
<u>SB 0472</u>	Sovereign Immunity	Brodeur
<u>HB 0485</u>	Return of Weapons and Arms Following an Arrest	Brackett
<u>HB 0489</u>	Unlawful Possession of Firearms or Weapons by a Person Adjudicated Delinquent	Tuck
<u>SB 0506</u>	Code Enforcement Officers	Wright
<u>SB 0518</u>	Weapons And Firearms	Polsky
<u>HB 0531</u>	Traveling Across County Lines to Commit Criminal Offenses	Snyder
<u>HB 0533</u>	DNA Samples from Inmates	Fabricio
<u>SB 0538</u>	Traveling Across County Lines to Commit Criminal Offenses	Harrell
<u>SB 0554</u>	Hot Car Death Prevention	Bradley
<u>SB 0560</u>	Special Risk Class	Bradley
<u>HB 0569</u>	Suits Against the Government	McFarland
<u>HB 0573</u>	Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities	Antone
<u>HB 0575</u>	Pub. Meetings/Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities	Antone
<u>HB 0591</u>	Hot Car Death Prevention	Brannan III

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<u>HB 0597</u>	Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Law Enforcement Officer	Chamberlin
<u>HB 0601</u>	Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers	Duggan
<u>HB 0607</u>	Retention of Sexual Offense Evidence	Plakon
<u>HB 0615</u>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in K-12 Schools	Stark
<u>SB 0616</u>	Tax Exemptions for Surviving Spouses of Quadriplegics	Simon
<u>HB 0645</u>	Specialty License Plates	Berfield
<u>SB 0678</u>	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants	Bradley
<u>SB 0710</u>	Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers	Ingoglia
<u>HB 0747</u>	Law Enforcement Officers	Basabe
<u>SB 0762</u>	Heat Illness Prevention	Rouson
<u>SB 0764</u>	Retention of Sexual Offense Evidence	Stewart
<u>HB 0787</u>	Use or Threatened Use of Force	Rayner
<u>HB 0801</u>	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Buchanan
<u>HB 0829</u>	Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Stark
<u>HB 0853</u>	Reemployment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers	McClure
<u>SB 0864</u>	Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Collins
<u>HB 0945</u>	Heat Illness Prevention	Gottlieb
<u>HB 0961</u>	Operating Vehicles and Vessels Under the Influence	Anderson
<u>HB 0973</u>	Pension Plan Election under Florida Retirement System	Temple
<u>HB 0993</u>	First Responders and Crime Scene Investigators	Holcomb
<u>SB 0994</u>	Student Transportation Safety	Burgess

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<u>SB 1012</u>	Employment of Ex-offenders	Calatayud
<u>SB 1022</u>	Pension Plan Election Under the Florida Retirement System	Rodriguez
<u>HB 1045</u>	Student Transportation Safety	Michael
<u>HB 1089</u>	Special Risk Class	Shoaf
<u>SB 1092</u>	Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel	Martin
<u>HB 1129</u>	Harm to Minors	Salzman
<u>HB 1131</u>	Online Sting Operations Grant Program	Temple
<u>SB 1172</u>	Operating Vehicles and Vessels Under the Influence	Berman
<u>SB 1196</u>	Harm to Minors	Ingoglia
<u>SB 1230</u>	Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders	Bradley
<u>HB 1235</u>	Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders	Baker
<u>SB 1356</u>	School Safety	Calatayud
<u>HB 1385</u>	Human Trafficking, Prostitution, and Lewdness	Silvers
<u>SB 1388</u>	Division of Labor Standards	Torres, Jr.
<u>HB 1389</u>	Digital Voyeurism	Cassel
<u>HB 1413</u>	911 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Dunkley
<u>HB 1415</u>	Peer Support for First Responders	Chamberlin
<u>SB 1416</u>	Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System	Rodriguez
<u>SB 1490</u>	First Responders and Crime Scene Investigators	Burgess
<u>SB 1492</u>	Employment Regulations	Trumbull
<u>SB 1508</u>	911 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Wright

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<u>SB 1590</u>	Prostitution and Related Acts	Grall
<u>SB 1598</u>	Immigration and Immigrants	Torres, Jr.
<u>SB 1604</u>	Digital Voyeurism	Book
<u>HB 1605</u>	Crime Victim's Rights	Brannan III
<u>HB 1607</u>	Pub. Rec./Crime Victim's Rights	Brannan III
<u>HB 1615</u>	Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition During Emergencies	Gregory
<u>HB 1619</u>	Carrying and Possession of Weapons and Firearms	Beltran
<u>HB 1623</u>	Emergencies	Beltran
<u>HB 1625</u>	Procedures of the Legislature	Beltran
<u>SB 1628</u>	Local Government Actions	Collins
<u>HB 1637</u>	Special Risk Class of Florida Retirement System	Mooney, Jr.
<u>HB 1653</u>	Duties and Prohibited Acts Associated with Death	Giallombardo
<u>HB 1655</u>	Exceptional Students and Video Cameras in Public Schools	Tramont
<u>HB 1657</u>	Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel	Baker
<u>SB 1710</u>	Homestead Tax Exemptions	Yarborough
<u>SB 1712</u>	Peer Support for First Responders	Collins
<u>SB 1736</u>	Expunction of Records of Victims of Human Trafficking	Rodriguez
<u>SB 1740</u>	Grants for Victims of Political Discrimination	Garcia (I)
<u>SB 1746</u>	Public Employees	Ingoglia
<u>SB 1776</u>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Education for Athletic Coaches	Powell
<u>SB 7002</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight	Education Pre-K - 12

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<u>SB 7004</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice	Education Pre-K - 12
<u>HB 7007</u>	OGSR/Campus Emergency Response	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
<u>HB 7009</u>	OGSR/Mental Health Treatment and Services	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
<u>HB 7015</u>	Homestead Exemption Increase	Ways & Means Committee
<u>HB 7017</u>	Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value	Ways & Means Committee
<u>HB 7019</u>	Exemption of Homesteads	Ways & Means Committee
<u>SB 7024</u>	Employer Contributions to Fund Retiree Benefits	Governmental Oversight and Accountability
EEG2	GSR/Reporter of Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
EEG4	OGSR/Mental Health Treatment and Services	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
EEG5	OGSR/Campus Emergency Response	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee

Week 2 & 3

The 2024 Legislative Session has started out strong for our members and we have had continual movement on our priority legislation and several other pieces of legislation are moving along at a rapid pace.

The third week of session also saw the legislature start finalizing their proposed budgets, and they will continue to position themselves to begin conference on the budget soon.

Representative Chuck Brannan continued with his dedicated defense of law enforcement officers and has twice stepped up to debate on two of our top priority bills. These bills are considered controversial and he has strongly defended our issues.

Senator Jason Pizzo is no stranger to supporting the Fraternal Order Of Police and continues to debate and vote on issues that are critical to the safety and rights of law enforcement. He has taken a beating on social media for his debate supporting our legislation, with our opposition even creating new blog sites to go after him politically. The Fraternal Order Of Police is continuing the fight for our aggressive agenda to protect and enhance the lives of Law Enforcement Officers in Florida.

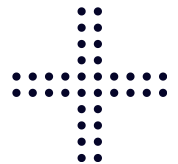
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The 4 nay votes were: Rep. Bracy Davis, Rep. Hart, Rep. Hinson, Rep. Joseph

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(Thank you Speaker Renner)

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The 4 nay votes were: Rep. Bartlman, Rep. Daley, Rep. Dunkley, and Rep. Woodson. Rep. Gottlieb voted on the bill for the second time and voted yes.

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Senator Ingoglia presenting SB 576 elimination of civilian review boards in front of criminal justice committee



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President Zona meeting with the Speaker of the House Paul Renner and our lobbyist for FDLE issues former Senator Rob Bradley (Oak Strategies)

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<u>SB 0138</u>	Protected Information of Sexual Offense Victims	Berman
<u>HB 0145</u>	Sales of Ammunition	Daley
<u>SB 0150</u>	Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines	Berman
<u>HB 0151</u>	Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits	Busatta Cabrera
<u>HB 0153</u>	Court Cost for Crime Stoppers Programs	Chambliss
<u>HB 0155</u>	Pub Rec./Sales of Ammunition	Daley
<u>HB 0161</u>	Payments for Health Care Providers and Surgical Procedures under Workers' Compensation	Daley
<u>SB 0164</u>	Solutions for Mental Health Professional Shortages	Polsky
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<u>SB 0176</u>	Sale, Transfer, and Storage of Firearms	Polsky
<u>SB 0180</u>	Sale or Transfer of Ammunition	Polsky
<u>SB 0182</u>	Public Records/Buyer or Transferee of Ammunition	Polsky
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<u>SB 0192</u>	Anchoring of Vessels in Anchoring Limitation Areas	Garcia (I)
<u>HB 0195</u>	Mental Health Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Chambliss
<u>HB 0203</u>	Lights Displayed on Fire Department and Fire Patrol Vehicles	Bartleman
<u>HB 0205</u>	Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	Bartleman
<u>SB 0206</u>	Unlawful Possession of Firearms, Ammunition, or Electric Weapons or Devices	Burgess
<u>SB 0208</u>	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Burgess
<u>HB 0209</u>	Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location	Rayner
<u>HB 0211</u>	Licensed Counseling for First Responders	Lopez (V)
<u>HB 0223</u>	Parole of Nonviolent Offenders	Garcia (A)
<u>SB 0226</u>	Florida National Guard	Wright
<u>HB 0231</u>	Exposures of First Responders to Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogs	Baker
<u>SB 0232</u>	Driving Under the Influence	Wright
<u>HB 0233</u>	Treatment of Inmates	Hart
<u>SB 0234</u>	Disclosure of Grand Jury Testimony	Polsky
<u>HB 0235</u>	Criminal Rehabilitation	Hart
<u>HB 0237</u>	Pregnant Women in Custody	Hart
<u>SB 0242</u>	Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits	Hooper
<u>SB 0244</u>	Specialty License Plates/Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Hooper
<u>HB 0251</u>	Wireless Services Provider Automatic Location Identification Information	Waldron
<u>SB 0252</u>	Psychiatric Treatments	Osgood
<u>SB 0254</u>	Picketing or Protesting in or Near Health Care Facilities	Book



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<u>SB 0258</u>	Interstate Safety	Perry
<u>HB 0259</u>	Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas	Waldron
<u>SB 0260</u>	Refusal to Submit to a Breath, Urine, or Blood Test	DiCeglie
<u>SB 0270</u>	Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas	Berman
<u>HB 0271</u>	Motor Vehicle Parking on Private Property	Lopez (V)
<u>SB 0272</u>	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates	Bradley
<u>HB 0275</u>	Intentional Damage to Critical Infrastructure	Canady
<u>HB 0279</u>	Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines	Eskamani
<u>HB 0281</u>	Candidate Qualifying	Arrington
<u>SB 0288</u>	Designation of a Certain Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registration	Rodriguez
<u>HB 0291</u>	Weapons and Firearms	Hunschofsky
<u>HB 0297</u>	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates	Cross
<u>HB 0305</u>	Offenses Involving Children	Baker
<u>SB 0312</u>	Offenses Involving Children	Collins
<u>HB 0317</u>	Interstate Safety	Persons Mulicka
<u>HB 0325</u>	Task Force on Missing and Murdered African-American Women	Robinson (F)
<u>HB 0331</u>	Limitation on Property Tax Assessments	Garcia (A)
<u>HB 0333</u>	School District Levies	Garcia (A)
<u>SB 0338</u>	Safe Waterways Act	Berman
<u>HB 0341</u>	Designation of a Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registrations	Salzman
<u>SB 0350</u>	Cold Case Murders	Osgood



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<u>SB 0354</u>	Task Force on Missing and Murdered African-American Women	Osgood
<u>SB 0358</u>	Custodial Interrogations of Minors	Book
<u>SB 0362</u>	Medical Treatment Under the Workers' Compensation Law	Bradley
<u>SB 0374</u>	Human Trafficking	Osgood
<u>HB 0391</u>	Lowell Correctional Institution Body Cameras Pilot Program	Hinson
<u>SB 0394</u>	School Employees	Ingoglia
<u>HB 0399</u>	School Employees	Temple
<u>SB 0400</u>	Reemployment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers	Burgess
<u>HB 0401</u>	Tracking Devices and Applications	Overdorf
<u>SB 0402</u>	Declarations of a Public Health Emergency	Yarborough
<u>HB 0403</u>	Specialty License Plates	Chaney
<u>HB 0419</u>	Storage of Firearms in Private Conveyances and Vessels	Hinson
<u>HB 0421</u>	Removal of Roadside Memorials	Gossett Seidman
<u>HB 0425</u>	Department of Labor	Nixon
<u>SB 0428</u>	Water Safety	Rodriguez
<u>SB 0432</u>	Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds	Simon
<u>HB 0433</u>	Workplace Heat Exposure Requirements	Esposito
<u>SB 0434</u>	Specialty License Plates/Margaritaville	Harrell
<u>HB 0441</u>	Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds	Yarkosky
<u>HB 0443</u>	Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers	Alvarez
<u>HB 0445</u>	Water Safety	Robinson (F)



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<u>HB 0447</u>	Alcohol or Drug Defense	Michael
<u>SB 0448</u>	Misuse of Emergency Communications Systems	Wright
<u>HB 0453</u>	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants	Anderson
<u>HB 0459</u>	Declarations of a Public Health Emergency	Rudman
<u>HB 0463</u>	Lights Displayed on Fire Department Vehicles	Bartleman
<u>SB 0466</u>	Victims of Criminal Offenses	Book
<u>HB 0469</u>	Victims of Criminal Offenses	Bartleman
<u>SB 0472</u>	Sovereign Immunity	Brodeur
<u>HB 0485</u>	Return of Weapons and Arms Following an Arrest	Brackett
<u>HB 0489</u>	Unlawful Possession of Firearms or Weapons by a Person Adjudicated Delinquent	Tuck
<u>SB 0506</u>	Code Enforcement Officers	Wright
<u>SB 0518</u>	Weapons And Firearms	Polsky
<u>HB 0531</u>	Traveling Across County Lines to Commit Criminal Offenses	Snyder
<u>HB 0533</u>	DNA Samples from Inmates	Fabricio
<u>SB 0538</u>	Traveling Across County Lines to Commit Criminal Offenses	Harrell
<u>SB 0554</u>	Hot Car Death Prevention	Bradley
<u>SB 0560</u>	Special Risk Class	Bradley
<u>HB 0569</u>	Suits Against the Government	McFarland
<u>HB 0573</u>	Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities	Antone
<u>HB 0575</u>	Pub. Meetings/Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities	Antone
<u>HB 0591</u>	Hot Car Death Prevention	Brannan III



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<u>HB 0597</u>	Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Law Enforcement Officer	Chamberlin
<u>HB 0601</u>	Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers	Duggan
<u>HB 0607</u>	Retention of Sexual Offense Evidence	Plakon
<u>HB 0615</u>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in K-12 Schools	Stark
<u>SB 0616</u>	Tax Exemptions for Surviving Spouses of Quadriplegics	Simon
<u>HB 0645</u>	Specialty License Plates	Berfield
<u>SB 0678</u>	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants	Bradley
<u>SB 0710</u>	Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers	Ingoglia
<u>HB 0747</u>	Law Enforcement Officers	Basabe
<u>SB 0762</u>	Heat Illness Prevention	Rouson
<u>SB 0764</u>	Retention of Sexual Offense Evidence	Stewart
<u>HB 0787</u>	Use or Threatened Use of Force	Rayner
<u>HB 0801</u>	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Buchanan
<u>HB 0829</u>	Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Stark
<u>HB 0853</u>	Reemployment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers	McClure
<u>SB 0864</u>	Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Collins
<u>HB 0945</u>	Heat Illness Prevention	Gottlieb
<u>HB 0961</u>		Anderson
<u>HB 0973</u>	Pension Plan Election under Florida Retirement System	Temple
<u>HB 0993</u>	First Responders and Crime Scene Investigators	Holcomb
<u>SB 0994</u>	Student Transportation Safety	Burgess



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<u>SB 1012</u>	Employment of Ex-offenders	Calatayud
<u>SB 1022</u>	Pension Plan Election Under the Florida Retirement System	Rodriguez
<u>HB 1045</u>	Student Transportation Safety	Michael
<u>HB 1089</u>	Special Risk Class	Shoaf
<u>SB 1092</u>	Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel	Martin
<u>HB 1129</u>	Harm to Minors	Salzman
<u>HB 1131</u>	Online Sting Operations Grant Program	Temple
<u>SB 1172</u>	Operating Vehicles and Vessels Under the Influence	Berman
<u>SB 1196</u>	Harm to Minors	Ingoglia
<u>SB 1230</u>	Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders	Bradley
<u>HB 1235</u>	Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders	Baker
<u>SB 1356</u>	School Safety	Calatayud
<u>HB 1385</u>	Human Trafficking, Prostitution, and Lewdness	Silvers
<u>SB 1388</u>	Division of Labor Standards	Torres, Jr.
<u>HB 1389</u>	Digital Voyeurism	Cassel
<u>HB 1413</u>	911 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Dunkley
<u>HB 1415</u>	Peer Support for First Responders	Chamberlin
<u>SB 1416</u>	Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System	Rodriguez
<u>SB 1490</u>	First Responders and Crime Scene Investigators	Burgess
<u>SB 1492</u>	Employment Regulations	Trumbull
<u>SB 1508</u>	911 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Wright



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<u>SB 1590</u>	Prostitution and Related Acts	Grall
<u>SB 1598</u>	Immigration and Immigrants	Torres, Jr.
<u>SB 1604</u>	Digital Voyeurism	Book
<u>HB 1605</u>	Crime Victim's Rights	Brannan III
<u>HB 1607</u>	Pub. Rec./Crime Victim's Rights	Brannan III
<u>HB 1615</u>	Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition During Emergencies	Gregory
<u>HB 1619</u>	Carrying and Possession of Weapons and Firearms	Beltran
<u>HB 1623</u>	Emergencies	Beltran
<u>HB 1625</u>	Procedures of the Legislature	Beltran
<u>SB 1628</u>	Local Government Actions	Collins
<u>HB 1637</u>	Special Risk Class of Florida Retirement System	Mooney, Jr.
<u>HB 1653</u>	Duties and Prohibited Acts Associated with Death	Giallombardo
<u>HB 1655</u>	Exceptional Students and Video Cameras in Public Schools	Tramont
<u>HB 1657</u>	Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel	Baker
<u>SB 1710</u>	Homestead Tax Exemptions	Yarborough
<u>SB 1712</u>	Peer Support for First Responders	Collins
<u>SB 1736</u>	Expunction of Records of Victims of Human Trafficking	Rodriguez
<u>SB 1740</u>	Grants for Victims of Political Discrimination	Garcia (I)
<u>SB 1746</u>	Public Employees	Ingoglia
<u>SB 1776</u>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Education for Athletic Coaches	Powell
<u>SB 7002</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight	Education Pre-K - 12



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<u>SB 7004</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice	Education Pre-K - 12
<u>HB 7007</u>	OGSR/Campus Emergency Response	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
<u>HB 7009</u>	OGSR/Mental Health Treatment and Services	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
<u>HB 7015</u>	Homestead Exemption Increase	Ways & Means Committee
<u>HB 7017</u>	Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value	Ways & Means Committee
<u>HB 7019</u>	Exemption of Homesteads	Ways & Means Committee
<u>SB 7024</u>	Employer Contributions to Fund Retiree Benefits	Governmental Oversight and Accountability
EEG2	GSR/Reporter of Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
EEG4	OGSR/Mental Health Treatment and Services	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
EEG5	OGSR/Campus Emergency Response	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee

Week 4

This week was a week that had the central focus of budgets, a time when all legislators discover what local and member projects have made it through the 2nd step of the budget process. Each chamber will approve a budget and pass it from their respective Appropriations Committee. All bills that are considered a part of the budget or a "conforming" bill will be brought up in committee and will then go to the floor for passage to the other chamber. Each of these budgets are different and are required by law to match. To do this each chamber will pass their budget bills on the floor and send it to the other chamber in messages. Each bill will be picked up by the other chamber and placed in position for budget conference. This is only the second step in a very long process, and the FOP looks forward to working with leadership to have our priority budget issues make it into the budget. We must all keep in mind that all issues are still being negotiated and we have marathon to run, not a sprint.

The Fraternal Order Of Police spent the week in negotiations on the return of COLA and have worked closely with leadership in the House of Representatives to come up with plan to return the COLA to the retirees of the FRS. The actuarial studies have been released and there are three approaches to the COLA issue. FOP President Steve Zona and FOP legislative staff worked to combine forces with The Florida Professional Firefighters and have stayed united in their approach to the return of the COLA. Though all groups in public safety support a return of the cost of living adjustment, the willingness on how to do that differs greatly.



PRIORITY ISSUES

The FOP Priority Halo Bill

The House and Senate bills are currently on the second reading calendar and are awaiting movement to the Special Order Calendar. The addition of legislation to the Special Order Calendar is controlled by the respective Rules Chairs and the presiding officers of both chamber (Speaker and President).

Senate Bill 184 by Senator Avila and House Bill 75 by Representative Rizo

SB 184 provides that it is a first degree misdemeanor for any person, after receiving a warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to violate the warning and approach or remain within 14 feet of the first responder, with the intent to:

- Interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform such duty;
- Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or
- Harass the first responder by interfering with the first responder performing such duty.

A "first responder" includes a law enforcement officer, correctional probation officer, firefighter, or an emergency medical care provider. "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which causes substantial emotional distress in that first responder.

SB 184 passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee 5 yeas 2 nays.

- Senator Polsky and Senator Powell were the two no votes on the committee.

SB 184 passed the Senate Community Affairs Committee 8 yeas 0 nays.

SB 184 passed the Senate Rules Committee 18 yeas 0 nays.

House Bill 75 passed the House Criminal Justice Committee with 17 yeas and 1 nay.

- The 1 nay vote was : Rep. Bracy Davis

House Bill 75 passed the House Judiciary Committee with 17 yeas and 4 nays.

- The 4 nay votes were: Rep. Bracy Davis, Rep. Hart, Rep. Hinson, Rep. Joseph

House Bill 75 is now on 2nd reading calendar and is available for floor action, since it's remaining committee reference was removed.(Thank you Speaker Renner)

Senate Bill 184 is now on second reading calendar and is available for action.

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Priority Civilian Review Board Legislation

The House bill is currently awaiting a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee , which is chaired by Representative Gregory and in working with the Chairman he is very supportive of the issue and has assured us that it will be on the agenda soon. The Senate bill had a second small bump in the road and FOP leadership and staff spent the week finding a way to encourage the chair of Senate Community Affairs to agenda the bill. The Senate bill is now on the agenda for a hearing on 2/3/24 in the Senate and we expect the House bill to be up later in the week.

House Bill 601 by Representative Duggan and Senate Bill 576 by Senator Ingoglia.

HB 601 creates s. 112.5331, F.S., to provide that it is the intent of the Legislature that the receipt, processing, and investigation of complaints against law enforcement officers and correctional officers, and the rights and privileges afforded to such officers while under investigation, apply uniformly throughout the state. The bill prohibits a county, municipality, special district, or other political subdivision of the state from passing or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, or rule relating to:

- The receipt, processing, or investigation of complaints of misconduct by law enforcement officers and correctional officers, except as expressly provided in s. 112.5331, F.S.; or
- Civilian oversight of a law enforcement agency in relation to the investigation of complaints of misconduct by law enforcement officers and correctional officers.

HB 601 passed the House Criminal Justice Committee with 14 yeas and 3 nays.

- The 3 nay votes were: Rep. Bracy Davis, Rep. Gottlieb and Rep. Rayner

HB 601 passed the House Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Committee with 11 yeas and 4 nays.

- The 4 nay votes were: Rep. Bartlman, Rep. Daley, Rep. Dunkley, and Rep. Woodson. Rep. Gottlieb voted on the bill for the second time and voted yes.

HB 601 is now awaiting a hearing in the final committee which is House Judiciary.

Senate Bill 576 passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee with 6 yeas and 2 nays.

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FOP Priority Return of COLA Legislation

House Bill 151 by Representative Busatta-Cabrera and Senate Bill 242 by Senator Hooper

House Bill 151 restores the annual COLA to 3 percent for all retired FRS Pension Plan members beginning July 1, 2024. It removes the COLA conditional restoration language in current law.

The bill will have a significant fiscal impact on state and local governments.

House Bill 151 passed the Constitution Rights, Rule of Law, and Governmental Operations Committee with a 15 yea 0 nay vote.

House Bill 151 was heard in House Appropriations on 1/31 and has a committee substitute filed. We are currently teamed up with the Florida Professional Firefighters negotiating options for COLA due to cost, as we all know all the pension issues will be negotiated between the public, the House, the Senate and the Governor. This is going to be a long and uphill battle. Stay tuned and we will keep you updated on the negotiations.



[View Committee Amended Bill Here](#)

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Our Next Steps

SB 184 needs to be placed on the Special Order Calendar and we are requesting the Senate Rules Committee get the bill on special order so that the bill is ready for floor action. The chair of Senate Rules is Senator Debbie Mayfield.

Email: mayfield.debbie.web@flsenate.gov

HB 75 needs to be heard in the House Judiciary, and we have requested that Chair Gregory agenda the bill as soon as possible.

Email: tommy.Gregory@myfloridahouse.gov

House Bill 601 needs to be placed on the Special Order Calendar and we will be requesting that Chair Perez place the bill on special order calendar as soon as possible.

Email: daniel.Perez@myfloridahouse.gov

Senate Bill 576 needs to be heard in the Senate Community Affairs Committee and the FOP worked with leadership in both chambers to have Chair Calatayud place the legislation on the agenda and as of Friday afternoon the bill is now on the agenda for hearing on 2.6.24.

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<u>SB 0192</u>	Anchoring of Vessels in Anchoring Limitation Areas	Garcia (I)
<u>HB 0195</u>	Mental Health Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Chambliss
<u>HB 0203</u>	Lights Displayed on Fire Department and Fire Patrol Vehicles	Bartleman
<u>HB 0205</u>	Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	Bartleman
<u>SB 0206</u>	Unlawful Possession of Firearms, Ammunition, or Electric Weapons or Devices	Burgess
<u>SB 0208</u>	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Burgess
<u>HB 0209</u>	Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location	Rayner
<u>HB 0211</u>	Licensed Counseling for First Responders	Lopez (V)
<u>HB 0223</u>	Parole of Nonviolent Offenders	Garcia (A)
<u>SB 0226</u>	Florida National Guard	Wright
<u>HB 0231</u>	Exposures of First Responders to Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogs	Baker
<u>SB 0232</u>	Driving Under the Influence	Wright
<u>HB 0233</u>	Treatment of Inmates	Hart
<u>SB 0234</u>	Disclosure of Grand Jury Testimony	Polsky
<u>HB 0235</u>	Criminal Rehabilitation	Hart
<u>HB 0237</u>	Pregnant Women in Custody	Hart
<u>SB 0242</u>	Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits	Hooper
<u>SB 0244</u>	Specialty License Plates/Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Hooper
<u>HB 0251</u>	Wireless Services Provider Automatic Location Identification Information	Waldron
<u>SB 0252</u>	Psychiatric Treatments	Osgood
<u>SB 0254</u>	Picketing or Protesting in or Near Health Care Facilities	Book



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<u>SB 0258</u>	Interstate Safety	Perry
<u>HB 0259</u>	Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas	Waldron
<u>SB 0260</u>	Refusal to Submit to a Breath, Urine, or Blood Test	DiCeglie
<u>SB 0270</u>	Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas	Berman
<u>HB 0271</u>	Motor Vehicle Parking on Private Property	Lopez (V)
<u>SB 0272</u>	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates	Bradley
<u>HB 0275</u>	Intentional Damage to Critical Infrastructure	Canady
<u>HB 0279</u>	Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines	Eskamani
<u>HB 0281</u>	Candidate Qualifying	Arrington
<u>SB 0288</u>	Designation of a Certain Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registration	Rodriguez
<u>HB 0291</u>	Weapons and Firearms	Hunschofsky
<u>HB 0297</u>	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates	Cross
<u>HB 0305</u>	Offenses Involving Children	Baker
<u>SB 0312</u>	Offenses Involving Children	Collins
<u>HB 0317</u>	Interstate Safety	Persons Mulicka
<u>HB 0325</u>	Task Force on Missing and Murdered African-American Women	Robinson (F)
<u>HB 0331</u>	Limitation on Property Tax Assessments	Garcia (A)
<u>HB 0333</u>	School District Levies	Garcia (A)
<u>SB 0338</u>	Safe Waterways Act	Berman
<u>HB 0341</u>	Designation of a Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registrations	Salzman
<u>SB 0350</u>	Cold Case Murders	Osgood



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<u>SB 0358</u>	Custodial Interrogations of Minors	Book
<u>SB 0362</u>	Medical Treatment Under the Workers' Compensation Law	Bradley
<u>SB 0374</u>	Human Trafficking	Osgood
<u>HB 0391</u>	Lowell Correctional Institution Body Cameras Pilot Program	Hinson
<u>SB 0394</u>	School Employees	Ingoglia
<u>HB 0399</u>	School Employees	Temple
<u>SB 0400</u>	Reemployment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers	Burgess
<u>HB 0401</u>	Tracking Devices and Applications	Overdorf
<u>SB 0402</u>	Declarations of a Public Health Emergency	Yarborough
<u>HB 0403</u>	Specialty License Plates	Chaney
<u>HB 0419</u>	Storage of Firearms in Private Conveyances and Vessels	Hinson
<u>HB 0421</u>	Removal of Roadside Memorials	Gossett Seidman
<u>HB 0425</u>	Department of Labor	Nixon
<u>SB 0428</u>	Water Safety	Rodriguez
<u>SB 0432</u>	Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds	Simon
<u>HB 0433</u>	Workplace Heat Exposure Requirements	Esposito
<u>SB 0434</u>	Specialty License Plates/Margaritaville	Harrell
<u>HB 0441</u>	Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds	Yarkosky
<u>HB 0443</u>	Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers	Alvarez
<u>HB 0445</u>	Water Safety	Robinson (F)



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<u>SB 0448</u>	Misuse of Emergency Communications Systems	Wright
<u>HB 0453</u>	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants	Anderson
<u>HB 0459</u>	Declarations of a Public Health Emergency	Rudman
<u>HB 0463</u>	Lights Displayed on Fire Department Vehicles	Bartleman
<u>SB 0466</u>	Victims of Criminal Offenses	Book
<u>HB 0469</u>	Victims of Criminal Offenses	Bartleman
<u>SB 0472</u>	Sovereign Immunity	Brodeur
<u>HB 0485</u>	Return of Weapons and Arms Following an Arrest	Brackett
<u>HB 0489</u>	Unlawful Possession of Firearms or Weapons by a Person Adjudicated Delinquent	Tuck
<u>SB 0506</u>	Code Enforcement Officers	Wright
<u>SB 0518</u>	Weapons And Firearms	Polsky
<u>HB 0531</u>	Traveling Across County Lines to Commit Criminal Offenses	Snyder
<u>HB 0533</u>	DNA Samples from Inmates	Fabricio
<u>SB 0538</u>	Traveling Across County Lines to Commit Criminal Offenses	Harrell
<u>SB 0554</u>	Hot Car Death Prevention	Bradley
<u>SB 0560</u>	Special Risk Class	Bradley
<u>HB 0569</u>	Suits Against the Government	McFarland
<u>HB 0573</u>	Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities	Antone
<u>HB 0575</u>	Pub. Meetings/Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities	Antone
<u>HB 0591</u>	Hot Car Death Prevention	Brannan III



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<u>HB 0597</u>	Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Law Enforcement Officer	Chamberlin
<u>HB 0601</u>	Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers	Duggan
<u>HB 0607</u>	Retention of Sexual Offense Evidence	Plakon
<u>HB 0615</u>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in K-12 Schools	Stark
<u>SB 0616</u>	Tax Exemptions for Surviving Spouses of Quadriplegics	Simon
<u>HB 0645</u>	Specialty License Plates	Berfield
<u>SB 0678</u>	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants	Bradley
<u>SB 0710</u>	Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers	Ingoglia
<u>HB 0747</u>	Law Enforcement Officers	Basabe
<u>SB 0762</u>	Heat Illness Prevention	Rouson
<u>SB 0764</u>	Retention of Sexual Offense Evidence	Stewart
<u>HB 0787</u>	Use or Threatened Use of Force	Rayner
<u>HB 0801</u>	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Buchanan
<u>HB 0829</u>	Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Stark
<u>HB 0853</u>	Reemployment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers	McClure
<u>SB 0864</u>	Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Collins
<u>HB 0945</u>	Heat Illness Prevention	Gottlieb
<u>HB 0961</u>	Operating Vehicles and Vessels Under the Influence	Anderson
<u>HB 0973</u>	Pension Plan Election under Florida Retirement System	Temple
<u>HB 0993</u>	First Responders and Crime Scene Investigators	Holcomb
<u>SB 0994</u>	Student Transportation Safety	Burgess



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<u>SB 1022</u>	Pension Plan Election Under the Florida Retirement System	Rodriguez
<u>HB 1045</u>	Student Transportation Safety	Michael
<u>HB 1089</u>	Special Risk Class	Shoaf
<u>SB 1092</u>	Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel	Martin
<u>HB 1129</u>	Harm to Minors	Salzman
<u>HB 1131</u>	Online Sting Operations Grant Program	Temple
<u>SB 1172</u>	Operating Vehicles and Vessels Under the Influence	Berman
<u>SB 1196</u>	Harm to Minors	Ingoglia
<u>SB 1230</u>	Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders	Bradley
<u>HB 1235</u>	Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders	Baker
<u>SB 1356</u>	School Safety	Calatayud
<u>HB 1385</u>	Human Trafficking, Prostitution, and Lewdness	Silvers
<u>SB 1388</u>	Division of Labor Standards	Torres, Jr.
<u>HB 1389</u>	Digital Voyeurism	Cassel
<u>HB 1413</u>	911 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Dunkley
<u>HB 1415</u>	Peer Support for First Responders	Chamberlin
<u>SB 1416</u>	Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System	Rodriguez
<u>SB 1490</u>	First Responders and Crime Scene Investigators	Burgess
<u>SB 1492</u>	Employment Regulations	Trumbull
<u>SB 1508</u>	911 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Wright



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<u>SB 1590</u>	Prostitution and Related Acts	Grall
<u>SB 1598</u>	Immigration and Immigrants	Torres, Jr.
<u>SB 1604</u>	Digital Voyeurism	Book
<u>HB 1605</u>	Crime Victim's Rights	Brannan III
<u>HB 1607</u>	Pub. Rec./Crime Victim's Rights	Brannan III
<u>HB 1615</u>	Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition During Emergencies	Gregory
<u>HB 1619</u>	Carrying and Possession of Weapons and Firearms	Beltran
<u>HB 1623</u>	Emergencies	Beltran
<u>HB 1625</u>	Procedures of the Legislature	Beltran
<u>SB 1628</u>	Local Government Actions	Collins
<u>HB 1637</u>	Special Risk Class of Florida Retirement System	Mooney, Jr.
<u>HB 1653</u>	Duties and Prohibited Acts Associated with Death	Giallombardo
<u>HB 1655</u>	Exceptional Students and Video Cameras in Public Schools	Tramont
<u>HB 1657</u>	Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel	Baker
<u>SB 1710</u>	Homestead Tax Exemptions	Yarborough
<u>SB 1712</u>	Peer Support for First Responders	Collins
<u>SB 1736</u>	Expunction of Records of Victims of Human Trafficking	Rodriguez
<u>SB 1740</u>	Grants for Victims of Political Discrimination	Garcia (I)
<u>SB 1746</u>	Public Employees	Ingoglia
<u>SB 1776</u>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Education for Athletic Coaches	Powell
<u>SB 7002</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight	Education Pre-K - 12



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<u>SB 7004</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice	Education Pre-K - 12
<u>HB 7007</u>	OGSR/Campus Emergency Response	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
<u>HB 7009</u>	OGSR/Mental Health Treatment and Services	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
<u>HB 7015</u>	Homestead Exemption Increase	Ways & Means Committee
<u>HB 7017</u>	Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value	Ways & Means Committee
<u>HB 7019</u>	Exemption of Homesteads	Ways & Means Committee
<u>SB 7024</u>	Employer Contributions to Fund Retiree Benefits	Governmental Oversight and Accountability
EEG2	GSR/Reporter of Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
EEG4	OGSR/Mental Health Treatment and Services	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
EEG5	OGSR/Campus Emergency Response	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee

Week 5

The legislative session is officially at the half way point and each chamber is beginning to shut down their subcommittees. Several of the sub-committees have had their last meeting and bills that were not heard are likely to be dead for the rest session. We need to give a warning label, that anything is possible but very unlikely. Our priority issues and many other bills of interest are positioned to continue moving forward in

the process. A specially thank you to Miami 20, Felix Del Rosario and President Steve Zona for being in Tallahassee to testify and support the Civillian Review Board Legislation.



PRIORITY ISSUES

The FOP Priority Halo Bill

The House and Senate bills are currently on the second reading calendar and are awaiting movement to the Special Order Calendar. We are expecting that the HALO bill will be on the floor on Wednesday.

Senate Bill 184 by Senator Avila and House Bill 75 by Representative Rizo

SB 184 provides that it is a first degree misdemeanor for any person, after receiving a warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to violate the warning and approach or remain within 14 feet of the first responder, with the intent to:

- Interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform such duty;
- Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or
- Harass the first responder by interfering with the first responder performing such duty.

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A "first responder" includes a law enforcement officer, correctional probation officer, firefighter, or an emergency medical care provider. "Harass" means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which causes substantial emotional distress in that first responder.

SB 184 passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee 5 yeas 2 nays.

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SB 184 passed the Senate Rules Committee 18 yeas 0 nays.

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House Bill 75 passed the House Judiciary Committee with 17 yeas and 4 nays.

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House Bill 75 is now on 2nd reading calendar and is available for floor action, since its remaining committee reference was removed.(Thank you Speaker Renner)

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Priority Civilian Review Board Legislation

Representative Gregory, Chairman of House Judiciary placed HB 601 on the calendar and it passed out of committee. We have gained support from the Florida Sheriffs Association this week and are positioned for a floor vote in the House of Representatives and are awaiting a hearing in Senate Rules. The bill was heard in Senate Community Affairs and was amended to allow on Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to hold citizen advisory boards for policy and procedures only. Once the bill is heard and voted on in the Senate it will be ready for floor passage.



House Bill 601 by Representative Duggan and Senate Bill 576 by Senator Ingoglia.

Representative Duggan is the bill sponsor of HB 601 and debating the bill before the House Judiciary Committee. Representative Chuck Brannan once again debated support and gave lengthy testimony on the importance of this legislation.

HB 601 creates s. 112.5331, F.S., to provide that it is the intent of the Legislature that the receipt, processing, and investigation of complaints against law enforcement officers and correctional officers, and the rights and privileges afforded to such officers while under investigation, apply uniformly throughout the state. The bill prohibits a county, municipality, special district, or other political subdivision of the state from passing or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, or rule relating to:

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HB 601 passed the House Criminal Justice Committee with 14 yeas and 3 nays.

- The 3 nay votes were: Rep. Bracy Davis, Rep. Gottlieb and Rep. Rayner

HB 601 passed the House Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Committee with 11 yeas and 4 nays.

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It is critical that we take the opportunity to note that Senator Jason Pizzo, has again defended the legislation in debate against fellow democrats and all of the activist groups.



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Florida Cares

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The bill will have a significant fiscal impact on state and local governments.

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Our Next Steps

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The chair of Senate Rules is Senator Debbie Mayfiled.

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Week 6

The legislative session is now in the race to finish mode. Many of the House and Senate committees have shut down and will no longer be hearing anymore legislation. This means that bills that have not been heard in all of their referred committees are dead. Our top three priorities are still in play and are in position for either budget conference or on calendar and available for floor action. We have steadily been working on many other bills, but are focused on issues that the membership voted as priority issues. A special thank you to Kathleen Zona for sharing President Steve Zona and allowing him to come to Tallahassee and work on Valentine's Day. The Fraternal Order Of Police are still in negotiations on the return of COLA and are still working closely with leadership in the House of Representatives and The Florida Professional Firefighters to return the COLA to all retirees of the FRS. The coalitions are still in disagreement in how the return of the COLA will be paid for, and were told that we needed to have a goal that keeps the UAL (unfunded actuarial liability) above 80% funding.

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Some Extra Duty Work

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Y Abbott	Y Canady	N Gottlieb	Y Mooney	Y Stark
Y Altman	Y Caruso	Y Grant	N Nixon	Y Steele
Y Alvarez	- Casello	Y Gregory	Y Overdorf	Y Stevenson
Y Amesty	N Cassel	Y Griffiths	Y Payne	N Tant
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Y Baker	- Cross	N Hunschofsky	Y Porras	Y Truenow
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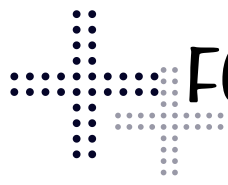
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PRIORITY ISSUES

Priority Civilian Review Board Legislation

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The Florida Sheriffs Association, who has supported our legislation in committee needed help to get their raises across the finish line and our legislation became the vehicle. The bill was amended to add their raises and to add a requirement that any board that covered policy, procedure and training would include at least one retired law enforcement officer. We now await the bills final vote and hearing next week and then we begin our last and final outcome with Governor Ron DeSantis.

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Yeas - 32 Nays - 0 Not Voting - 8

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Y	Albritton-27	Y	DiCeglie-18	Y	Polsky-30
EX	Avila-39	Y	Garcia-36	Y	Powell-24
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	Broxson-1		Jones-34	EX	Trumbull-2
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Y	Burton-12	Y	Mayfield-19	Y	Yarborough-4
Y	Calatayud-38	Y	Osgood-32		President Passidomo-28
Y	Collins-14	Y	Perry-9		
Y	Davis-5	Y	Pizzo-37		



Votes after roll call:
Broxson—Yea
Passidomo—Yea
Davis—Yea to Nay

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Some interesting side notes:

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- Removes automatic restrictions on firearms and ammunition during specified emergencies.
- Takes effect upon becoming law.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

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SB 864: Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers

HB 829: Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers

Requires law enforcement and correctional officers to undergo training for interacting with individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

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- Specifies that officers' certifications will be placed on inactive status if they fail to complete the required training by the designated deadlines.

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Some Extra Duty Work

SB 678 - Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program **HB 453 - Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants**

Creates the Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program to support DNA sample processing and genetic genealogy research.

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- Requires grant recipients to report on funding usage, case types, methods, and results within one year of funding receipt.
- Grants the department rule making authority to implement and manage the program.

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HB 485: Return of Weapons and Arms Following an Arrest **SB 1286: Return of Weapons and Arms Following an Arrest**

Mandates the return of weapons not used as evidence or subject to forfeiture to individuals following an arrest, requiring compliance with specific conditions within a set timeframe.

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HB 17 - Expiration of the Mandatory Waiting Period for Firearm Purchases

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Revises Florida's mandatory waiting period laws for handgun purchases.

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- Eliminates specified exceptions to the waiting period, including purchases of rifles or shotguns by individuals completing a hunter safety course or by law enforcement and service members.
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<u>SB 0138</u>	Protected Information of Sexual Offense Victims	Berman
<u>HB 0145</u>	Sales of Ammunition	Daley
<u>SB 0150</u>	Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines	Berman
<u>HB 0151</u>	Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits	Busatta Cabrera
<u>HB 0153</u>	Court Cost for Crime Stoppers Programs	Chambliss
<u>HB 0155</u>	Pub Rec./Sales of Ammunition	Daley
<u>HB 0161</u>	Payments for Health Care Providers and Surgical Procedures under Workers' Compensation	Daley
<u>SB 0164</u>	Solutions for Mental Health Professional Shortages	Polsky
<u>HB 0165</u>	Safe Waterways Act	Gossett Seidman
<u>SB 0166</u>	Protections for Public Employees Who Use Medical Marijuana as Qualified Patients	Polsky
<u>HB 0171</u>	Homestead Exemptions for Totally and Permanently Disabled First Responders	Daniels
<u>SB 0176</u>	Sale, Transfer, and Storage of Firearms	Polsky
<u>SB 0180</u>	Sale or Transfer of Ammunition	Polsky
<u>SB 0182</u>	Public Records/Buyer or Transferee of Ammunition	Polsky
<u>SB 0184</u>	Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing First Responders	Avila
<u>SB 0188</u>	Trespass on Commercial Agricultural Property	Brodeur
<u>SB 0189</u>	Gambling	Salzman



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<u>SB 0192</u>	Anchoring of Vessels in Anchoring Limitation Areas	Garcia (I)
<u>HB 0195</u>	Mental Health Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Chambliss
<u>HB 0203</u>	Lights Displayed on Fire Department and Fire Patrol Vehicles	Bartleman
<u>HB 0205</u>	Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services	Bartleman
<u>SB 0206</u>	Unlawful Possession of Firearms, Ammunition, or Electric Weapons or Devices	Burgess
<u>SB 0208</u>	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Burgess
<u>HB 0209</u>	Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location	Rayner
<u>HB 0211</u>	Licensed Counseling for First Responders	Lopez (V)
<u>HB 0223</u>	Parole of Nonviolent Offenders	Garcia (A)
<u>SB 0226</u>	Florida National Guard	Wright
<u>HB 0231</u>	Exposures of First Responders to Fentanyl and Fentanyl Analogs	Baker
<u>SB 0232</u>	Driving Under the Influence	Wright
<u>HB 0233</u>	Treatment of Inmates	Hart
<u>SB 0234</u>	Disclosure of Grand Jury Testimony	Polsky
<u>HB 0235</u>	Criminal Rehabilitation	Hart
<u>HB 0237</u>	Pregnant Women in Custody	Hart
<u>SB 0242</u>	Cost-of-living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits	Hooper
<u>SB 0244</u>	Specialty License Plates/Clearwater Marine Aquarium	Hooper
<u>HB 0251</u>	Wireless Services Provider Automatic Location Identification Information	Waldron
<u>SB 0252</u>	Psychiatric Treatments	Osgood
<u>SB 0254</u>	Picketing or Protesting in or Near Health Care Facilities	Book



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<u>SB 0258</u>	Interstate Safety	Perry
<u>HB 0259</u>	Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas	Waldron
<u>SB 0260</u>	Refusal to Submit to a Breath, Urine, or Blood Test	DiCeglie
<u>SB 0270</u>	Discharging a Firearm in Residential Areas	Berman
<u>HB 0271</u>	Motor Vehicle Parking on Private Property	Lopez (V)
<u>SB 0272</u>	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates	Bradley
<u>HB 0275</u>	Intentional Damage to Critical Infrastructure	Canady
<u>HB 0279</u>	Assault Weapons and Large-capacity Magazines	Eskamani
<u>HB 0281</u>	Candidate Qualifying	Arrington
<u>SB 0288</u>	Designation of a Certain Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registration	Rodriguez
<u>HB 0291</u>	Weapons and Firearms	Hunschofsky
<u>HB 0297</u>	Appointment of Courtroom Animal Advocates	Cross
<u>HB 0305</u>	Offenses Involving Children	Baker
<u>SB 0312</u>	Offenses Involving Children	Collins
<u>HB 0317</u>	Interstate Safety	Persons Mulicka
<u>HB 0325</u>	Task Force on Missing and Murdered African-American Women	Robinson (F)
<u>HB 0331</u>	Limitation on Property Tax Assessments	Garcia (A)
<u>HB 0333</u>	School District Levies	Garcia (A)
<u>SB 0338</u>	Safe Waterways Act	Berman
<u>HB 0341</u>	Designation of a Diagnosis on Motor Vehicle Registrations	Salzman
<u>SB 0350</u>	Cold Case Murders	Osgood



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<u>SB 0354</u>	Task Force on Missing and Murdered African-American Women	Osgood
<u>SB 0358</u>	Custodial Interrogations of Minors	Book
<u>SB 0362</u>	Medical Treatment Under the Workers' Compensation Law	Bradley
<u>SB 0374</u>	Human Trafficking	Osgood
<u>HB 0391</u>	Lowell Correctional Institution Body Cameras Pilot Program	Hinson
<u>SB 0394</u>	School Employees	Ingoglia
<u>HB 0399</u>	School Employees	Temple
<u>SB 0400</u>	Reemployment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers	Burgess
<u>HB 0401</u>	Tracking Devices and Applications	Overdorf
<u>SB 0402</u>	Declarations of a Public Health Emergency	Yarborough
<u>HB 0403</u>	Specialty License Plates	Chaney
<u>HB 0419</u>	Storage of Firearms in Private Conveyances and Vessels	Hinson
<u>HB 0421</u>	Removal of Roadside Memorials	Gossett Seidman
<u>HB 0425</u>	Department of Labor	Nixon
<u>SB 0428</u>	Water Safety	Rodriguez
<u>SB 0432</u>	Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds	Simon
<u>HB 0433</u>	Workplace Heat Exposure Requirements	Esposito
<u>SB 0434</u>	Specialty License Plates/Margaritaville	Harrell
<u>HB 0441</u>	Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds	Yarkosky
<u>HB 0443</u>	Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers	Alvarez
<u>HB 0445</u>	Water Safety	Robinson (F)



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<u>HB 0447</u>	Alcohol or Drug Defense	Michael
<u>SB 0448</u>	Misuse of Emergency Communications Systems	Wright
<u>HB 0453</u>	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants	Anderson
<u>HB 0459</u>	Declarations of a Public Health Emergency	Rudman
<u>HB 0463</u>	Lights Displayed on Fire Department Vehicles	Bartleman
<u>SB 0466</u>	Victims of Criminal Offenses	Book
<u>HB 0469</u>	Victims of Criminal Offenses	Bartleman
<u>SB 0472</u>	Sovereign Immunity	Brodeur
<u>HB 0485</u>	Return of Weapons and Arms Following an Arrest	Brackett
<u>HB 0489</u>	Unlawful Possession of Firearms or Weapons by a Person Adjudicated Delinquent	Tuck
<u>SB 0506</u>	Code Enforcement Officers	Wright
<u>SB 0518</u>	Weapons And Firearms	Polsky
<u>HB 0531</u>	Traveling Across County Lines to Commit Criminal Offenses	Snyder
<u>HB 0533</u>	DNA Samples from Inmates	Fabricio
<u>SB 0538</u>	Traveling Across County Lines to Commit Criminal Offenses	Harrell
<u>SB 0554</u>	Hot Car Death Prevention	Bradley
<u>SB 0560</u>	Special Risk Class	Bradley
<u>HB 0569</u>	Suits Against the Government	McFarland
<u>HB 0573</u>	Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities	Antone
<u>HB 0575</u>	Pub. Meetings/Task Force on Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities	Antone
<u>HB 0591</u>	Hot Car Death Prevention	Brannan III



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<u>HB 0597</u>	Fleeing or Attempting to Elude Law Enforcement Officer	Chamberlin
<u>HB 0601</u>	Complaints Against Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers	Duggan
<u>HB 0607</u>	Retention of Sexual Offense Evidence	Plakon
<u>HB 0615</u>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in K-12 Schools	Stark
<u>SB 0616</u>	Tax Exemptions for Surviving Spouses of Quadriplegics	Simon
<u>HB 0645</u>	Specialty License Plates	Berfield
<u>SB 0678</u>	Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants	Bradley
<u>SB 0710</u>	Law Enforcement Officers and Correctional Officers	Ingoglia
<u>HB 0747</u>	Law Enforcement Officers	Basabe
<u>SB 0762</u>	Heat Illness Prevention	Rouson
<u>SB 0764</u>	Retention of Sexual Offense Evidence	Stewart
<u>HB 0787</u>	Use or Threatened Use of Force	Rayner
<u>HB 0801</u>	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Buchanan
<u>HB 0829</u>	Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Stark
<u>HB 0853</u>	Reemployment of Retired Law Enforcement Officers	McClure
<u>SB 0864</u>	Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers	Collins
<u>HB 0945</u>	Heat Illness Prevention	Gottlieb
<u>HB 0961</u>	Operating Vehicles and Vessels Under the Influence	Anderson
<u>HB 0973</u>	Pension Plan Election under Florida Retirement System	Temple
<u>HB 0993</u>	First Responders and Crime Scene Investigators	Holcomb
<u>SB 0994</u>	Student Transportation Safety	Burgess



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<u>SB 1012</u>	Employment of Ex-offenders	Calatayud
<u>SB 1022</u>	Pension Plan Election Under the Florida Retirement System	Rodriguez
<u>HB 1045</u>	Student Transportation Safety	Michael
<u>HB 1089</u>	Special Risk Class	Shoaf
<u>SB 1092</u>	Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel	Martin
<u>HB 1129</u>	Harm to Minors	Salzman
<u>HB 1131</u>	Online Sting Operations Grant Program	Temple
<u>SB 1172</u>	Operating Vehicles and Vessels Under the Influence	Berman
<u>SB 1196</u>	Harm to Minors	Ingoglia
<u>SB 1230</u>	Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders	Bradley
<u>HB 1235</u>	Sexual Predators and Sexual Offenders	Baker
<u>SB 1356</u>	School Safety	Calatayud
<u>HB 1385</u>	Human Trafficking, Prostitution, and Lewdness	Silvers
<u>SB 1388</u>	Division of Labor Standards	Torres, Jr.
<u>HB 1389</u>	Digital Voyeurism	Cassel
<u>HB 1413</u>	911 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Dunkley
<u>HB 1415</u>	Peer Support for First Responders	Chamberlin
<u>SB 1416</u>	Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System	Rodriguez
<u>SB 1490</u>	First Responders and Crime Scene Investigators	Burgess
<u>SB 1492</u>	Employment Regulations	Trumbull
<u>SB 1508</u>	911 Public Safety Telecommunicators	Wright



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<u>SB 1590</u>	Prostitution and Related Acts	Grall
<u>SB 1598</u>	Immigration and Immigrants	Torres, Jr.
<u>SB 1604</u>	Digital Voyeurism	Book
<u>HB 1605</u>	Crime Victim's Rights	Brannan III
<u>HB 1607</u>	Pub. Rec./Crime Victim's Rights	Brannan III
<u>HB 1615</u>	Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition During Emergencies	Gregory
<u>HB 1619</u>	Carrying and Possession of Weapons and Firearms	Beltran
<u>HB 1623</u>	Emergencies	Beltran
<u>HB 1625</u>	Procedures of the Legislature	Beltran
<u>SB 1628</u>	Local Government Actions	Collins
<u>HB 1637</u>	Special Risk Class of Florida Retirement System	Mooney, Jr.
<u>HB 1653</u>	Duties and Prohibited Acts Associated with Death	Giallombardo
<u>HB 1655</u>	Exceptional Students and Video Cameras in Public Schools	Tramont
<u>HB 1657</u>	Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel	Baker
<u>SB 1710</u>	Homestead Tax Exemptions	Yarborough
<u>SB 1712</u>	Peer Support for First Responders	Collins
<u>SB 1736</u>	Expunction of Records of Victims of Human Trafficking	Rodriguez
<u>SB 1740</u>	Grants for Victims of Political Discrimination	Garcia (I)
<u>SB 1746</u>	Public Employees	Ingoglia
<u>SB 1776</u>	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Education for Athletic Coaches	Powell
<u>SB 7002</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight	Education Pre-K - 12



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<u>SB 7004</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice	Education Pre-K - 12
<u>HB 7007</u>	OGSR/Campus Emergency Response	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
<u>HB 7009</u>	OGSR/Mental Health Treatment and Services	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
<u>HB 7015</u>	Homestead Exemption Increase	Ways & Means Committee
<u>HB 7017</u>	Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value	Ways & Means Committee
<u>HB 7019</u>	Exemption of Homesteads	Ways & Means Committee
<u>SB 7024</u>	Employer Contributions to Fund Retiree Benefits	Governmental Oversight and Accountability
EEG2	GSR/Reporter of Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
EEG4	OGSR/Mental Health Treatment and Services	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee
EEG5	OGSR/Campus Emergency Response	Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee

Week 9

Week 9 of the 2024 legislative session had the two chambers rushing passage of bills as the clock ticked down to Sine Die. After Governor DeSantis vetoed the social media legislation (Speaker Renner Priority) the House and Senate Chambers negotiated a re-drafted version and sent it to the Governor. We are now waiting to see what the Governor does with this legislation. The budget became the focus for the last weeks of Session, and the good news for our FDLE members, is that they legislature voted for a 5% raise. The hard work of President Zona, Travis Cummings, Jayer Williamson, and Rob Bradley paid off for our members and they deserve to be applauded for the hard work. We had two major wins this session on our priority legislation. Both the HALO and the Civilian Review Board Legislation passed, and with some help behind the scenes we even had two unanimous votes in the Senate. Unfortunately, our third priority issue the Return of COLA failed pass. After negotiations between the two chambers, no agreement could be made between the two and the issue died. This means that we will need to work on campaigns and pushing the priority of the COLA next session. We now await action by the Governor.

PRIORITY ISSUES

Priority Civilian Review Board Legislation

The House of Representatives brought HB 601 by Representative Duggan up in messages, debated the bill and concurred with the Senate changes and the bill passed 81 yeas 20 nays. The floor vote in the Senate was Unanimous. The Senate, previously brought the bill up, merged it on the floor and amended the bill causing it to return to the House of Representatives requesting their concurrence on the changes to the bill.

The changes to HB 601 are a negotiated pay raise for the Sheriffs (5,000) and comfort language allowing for civilian boards that are created by either the Sheriff or a Police Chief for policy, procedure and training only, and requires that at least one of the board members is a retired law enforcement officer. Senator Ingoglia did not have to defend the legislation, because three members of democratic party spoke in support of the bill and votes were whipped on the floor and we received a unanimous vote. Though one democrat did return later to change their vote(Senator Davis). The bill is now in returning messages to the House of Representatives and Representative Duggan is expected to request the House of Representatives to concur with the amendments. Special thanks to our two bill sponsors (Representative Duggan and Senator Ingoglia) and to the staffers that have helped to guide this legislation along it's path (Maggie Gherson, Hannah Christian, Al Yorston, and Koby Adams).

The Florida Sheriffs Association, who has supported our legislation in committee needed help to get their raises across the finish line and our legislation became the vehicle. The bill was amended to add their raises and to add a requirement that any board that covered policy, procedure and training would include at least one retired law enforcement officer. We now await the bills final vote and hearing next week and then we begin our last and final outcome with Governor Ron DeSantis.

[Click to read final amended bill text here](#)



Some interesting side notes:

Representative Gottlieb voted nay/yea/nay/nay on our priority legislation and debated against the legislation even with yea vote. Representative Bartleman has contacted the lobbyist, the FOP President, and her local FOP trying to help get the bill in position for her to be able to support the bill. Senator Pizzo has been crucified in social media for supporting our legislation and simply doubled down on his support. For those of you that understand the process, please note that he for the second time this session whipped votes on the floor to give us two unanimous votes on legislation that was originally opposed by the democrats.

Background & History

House Bill 601 by Representative Duggan and Senate Bill 576 by Senator Ingoglia.



HB 601 creates s. 112.5331, F.S., to provide that it is the intent of the Legislature that the receipt, processing, and investigation of complaints against law enforcement officers and correctional officers, and the rights and privileges afforded to such officers while under investigation, apply uniformly throughout the state. The bill prohibits a county, municipality, special district, or other political subdivision of the state from passing or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, or rule relating to:

- The receipt, processing, or investigation of complaints of misconduct by law enforcement officers and correctional officers, except as expressly provided in s. 112.5331, F.S.; or
- Civilian oversight of a law enforcement agency in relation to the investigation of complaints of misconduct by law enforcement officers and correctional officers.

HB 601 passed the House Criminal Justice Committee with 14 yeas and 3 nays.

- The 3 nay votes were: Rep. Bracy Davis, Rep. Gottlieb and Rep. Rayner



HB 601 passed the House Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Committee with 11 yeas and 4 nays.

- The 4 nay votes were: Rep. Bartleman, Rep. Daley, Rep. Dunkley, and Rep. Woodson Rep. Gottlieb voted on the bill for the second time and voted yes.

HB 601 passed the House Judiciary Committee with a 16 yeas 3 nays.

- The 3 nay votes were: Rep. Arrington, Rep. Gottlieb, and Rep. Hinson Rep. Gottlieb has now switched back to a no vote.

Senate Bill 576 passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee with 6 yeas and 2 nays.

- The 2 nay votes were: Senator Polsky and Senator Powell.

Senate Bill 576 passed the Senate Community Affairs Committee with 6 yeas and 2 nays.

- The 2 nay votes were: Senator Berman and Senator Osgood.

The FOP Priority Halo Bill

The HALO legislation was in messages to the House of Representatives and was passed out after failing to concur with the Senate, it was amended and sent back to the Senate in returning messages. The bill now awaits action by the Governor. The Senate bill passed the Senate with a unanimous vote 39 yeas and 0 nays. Senator Jason Pizzo led the Senate Democrats to support the legislation and Senator Torres spoke to his fellow members stating that the bill would save the life of first responders. The House bill is currently on the second reading calendar and we are awaiting movement to the Special Order Calendar.

Senate Bill 184 by Senator Avila and House Bill 75 by Representative Rizo

SB 184 provides that it is a first degree misdemeanor for any person, after receiving a warning not to approach from a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to violate the warning and approach or remain within 14 feet of the first responder, with the intent to:

- Interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform such duty;
- Threaten the first responder with physical harm; or
- Harass the first responder by interfering with the first responder performing such duty.

A “first responder” includes a law enforcement officer, correctional probation officer, firefighter, or an emergency medical care provider. “Harass” means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a first responder which causes substantial emotional distress in that first responder.

SB 184 passed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee 5 yeas 2 nays.

- Senator Polsky and Senator Powell were the two no votes on the committee.

SB 184 passed the Senate Community Affairs Committee 8 yeas 0 nays.

SB 184 passed the Senate Rules Committee 18 yeas 0 nays.

House Bill 75 passed the House Criminal Justice Committee with 17 yeas and 1 nay.

- The 1 nay vote was : Rep. Bracy Davis

House Bill 75 passed the House Judiciary Committee with 17 yeas and 4 nays.

- The 4 nay votes were: Rep. Bracy Davis, Rep. Hart, Rep. Hinson, Rep. Joseph

House Bill 75 is now on 2nd reading calendar and is available for floor action, since it's remaining committee reference was removed.(Thank you Speaker Renner)

Senate Bill 184 is now on second reading calendar and is available for action.

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FOP Priority Return of COLA Legislation

After the long awaited Budget Conference the issue of a return to the COLA, failed to garner support in both chambers. We will be returning to the issue next session, and will be working steadily on the issue as we educate the candidates running for office.

House Bill 151 restores the annual COLA to 3 percent for all retired FRS Pension Plan members beginning July 1, 2024. It removes the COLA conditional restoration language in current law.

The bill will have a significant fiscal impact on state and local governments.

House Bill 151 passed the Constitution Rights, Rule of Law, and Governmental Operations Committee with a 15 yea 0 nay vote.

House Bill 151 was heard in House Appropriations on 1/31 and has a committee substitute filed. We are currently teamed up with the Florida Professional Firefighters negotiating options for COLA due to cost, as we all know all the pension issues will be negotiated between the public, the House, the Senate and the Governor. The legislation passed the House floor and is now placed in position to prepare for budget conference and negotiations. This is going to be a long and uphill battle. Stay tuned and we will keep you updated on the negotiations.

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Some Extra Duty Work

Below is the legislation that we have worked with leadership and the Governor's Office, and is a partial fix to the union bill from last year. Please note that the names attached to this bill are strong allies and deserve support for their perseverance in taking on the task. The Senate bill was taken up on the Senate Floor and voted out. The vote was 21 yeas and 14 nays and is now in messages to the House of Representatives. The House Bill is on second reading calendar in the House and we expect the bill to be merged with the Senate bill and passed out before the end of session. A special thank you to Senator Blaise Ingoglia, Representative Dean Black and Prime Cosponsor Representative Kim Berfield.

SB 1746: Public Employees

HB 1471: Public Employees

This legislation changes several sections of the Florida statutes regarding public employee organization registration, dues deductions, and membership authorizations in Florida.

It changes the prohibition on dues deductions for certain mass transit employees who authorize deductions under a waiver, it requires public employees to submit executed membership forms to the bargaining agent, it allows first responder employee organizations to have dues deducted, it updates the employee organization registration application process, including requiring current annual financial statements prepared by an independent CPA, changes the information

and documentation timing for bargaining agents to submit for registration renewal, it mandates recertification petitions from certain employee organizations based on membership dues payment percentages, exempts first responder organizations from provisions, and adjusts financial reporting requirements for employee organizations and offers transitional provisions for renewal applications.

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SB 1712: Peer Support for First Responders

HB 1415: Peer Support for First Responders

Expands the definition of "first responder" to include correctional officers and correctional probation officers for peer support purposes.

- Updates the term "first responder" to encompass correctional officers and correctional probation officers, in addition to the existing definition.
- Cites specific statutes (s. 943.10(2) for correctional officers and s.943.10(3) for correctional probation officers) to refer to the new categories included.

The legislation has passed both chambers and is now awaiting action by the Governor.

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SB 678 - Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program

HB 453 - Forensic Genetic Genealogy Grants

Creates the Forensic Investigative Genetic Genealogy Grant Program to support DNA sample processing and genetic genealogy research.

- Defines "forensic investigative genetic genealogy" and "genetic genealogy."
- Establishes a grant program within the Department of Law Enforcement for law enforcement agencies and medical examiner's offices.



- Specifies that grants cover expenses related to generating investigative leads for violent crime investigations and identifying human remains.
- Sets permissible uses of grants for DNA analysis and application of forensic genetic genealogy.
- Requires grant recipients to report on funding usage, case types, methods, and results within one year of funding receipt.
- Grants the department rule making authority to implement and manage the program.

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HB 485: Return of Weapons and Arms Following an Arrest

SB 1286: Return of Weapons and Arms Following an Arrest

Mandates the return of weapons not used as evidence or subject to forfeiture to individuals following an arrest, requiring compliance with specific conditions within a set timeframe.

- Requires officers to take possession of any found weapons, electric weapons, or arms from arrested individuals and deliver them to the local sheriff or chief of police.
- Dictates weapons not seized as evidence or subject to forfeiture be returned within 30 days if the individual has been released, provides government-issued ID, and passes a criminal background check confirming lawful possession eligibility.
- Authorizes sheriffs or chiefs of police to create procedures ensuring the timely return of such items, without mandating a court order unless ownership is disputed.
- Removes the requirement for a court order to return pistols or firearms taken during arrests not based on search warrants or observed breaches of peace.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

This legislation has passed both chambers and now awaits action by the Governor.

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Criminal Justice Legislation / Awaiting Action by Governor

House Bill 3 – Online Protection for Minors

Enforces online protections for minors by regulating social media platforms and online content.

- Defines terms related to social media platforms and account holders, focusing on minors and their online activities.
- Requires social media platforms to prevent minors under 14 from creating accounts and mandates the termination of existing accounts for those minors.
- Imposes parental consent requirements for minors aged 14 and 15 to have social media accounts.
- Mandates the permanent deletion of personal information once a minor's account is terminated.
- Establishes civil penalties for platforms that knowingly or recklessly violate the act, including potential damages up to \$50,000 per violation and additional punitive damages for consistent misconduct.
- Allows the Department of Legal Affairs to take legal action against social media platforms under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act for non-compliance.
- Requires commercial entities to utilize age verification methods to restrict minors' access to harmful materials online.
- Introduces "anonymous age verification" as a secure method to protect minors online without retaining their personal information.
- Stipulates that entities enabling minors' access to harmful content or not adequately verifying ages are subject to legal action and penalties.

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Senate Bill 86 - Hope Cards for Persons Issued Orders of Protection

Implements the Hope Card Program, issuing cards to individuals with protection orders.

Clerks of the circuit court, in collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General, must develop and manage the Hope Card Program for those who have been granted a protection order. • Individuals can request a Hope Card after a final protection order judgment, usable until the order's expiration or up to two years, with an option for renewal if the injunction persists. • Hope Cards, provided free of charge within three business days of request, can be digital or physical, listing details of the respondent and petitioner, court information, and domestic violence hotline details. • Fraudulent use of a Hope Card, by knowingly presenting a false injunction, is considered a misdemeanor offense. • A budget of \$176,000 is allocated for the fiscal year 2024-2025 to support the implementation of this program.

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