



Legislative Report for March 1, 2024

[CS/CS/HB 619: Sovereign Immunity for Professional Firms](#) Senate Companion Bill: [CS/SB 1534](#)

GENERAL BILL by Transportation & Modals Subcommittee ; Civil Justice Subcommittee ; Tuck
Sovereign Immunity for Professional Firms; Provides applicability; requires that contracts with certain professional firms must, to extent permitted by law, provide indemnity to DOT. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Civil Justice Subcommittee (Passed 1/11/24)**
- **Transportation and Modals Subcommittee (Passed 1/25/24)**
- **Judiciary Committee (Passed 2/7/24)**
- **Passed Full House 2/22/24 – In messages to Senate**

[CS/SB 1534: Sovereign Immunity](#)

House Companion Bill: [CS/CS/HB 619](#)

GENERAL BILL by Judiciary ; [Bradley](#)

Sovereign Immunity; Revising applicability; requiring that contracts with such firms must, to the extent permitted by law, provide indemnity to the department, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Judiciary Committee (Passed, 1/29/24)**
- **Community Affairs Committee (Passed, 2/6/24)**
- **Rules Committee (Passed 2/14/24)**
- **On Special Order Calendar 3/4/24**

[CS/CS/CS/SB 266: Department of Transportation](#) House Companion Bill: [CS/CS/CS/HB 287](#)

GENERAL BILL by Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development ;
Transportation ; [Hooper](#) ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) [Gruters](#)

Transportation; Prohibiting the Department of Transportation from annually committing more than a certain percentage of revenues derived from state fuel taxes and motor vehicle license-related fees to public transit projects; authorizing the Department of Transportation to enter into comprehensive agreements with private entities or the consortia thereof for the building, operation, ownership, or financing of transportation facilities; prohibiting a local governmental entity from adopting certain standards or specifications concerning asphalt pavement material; requiring the department to receive three letters of interest before proceeding with requests for proposals for certain contracts, etc.

Effective Date 7/1/24

Committee Referrals:

- **Transportation Committee (Passed 1/17/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Passed 2/8/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee (Passed 2/22/24)**

[CS/CS/HB 287: Department of Transportation](#)

Senate Companion Bill: [CS/CS/CS/SB 266](#)

GENERAL BILL by Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee: Transportation & Modals Subcommittee ; Esposito

Transportation; Limits revenues DOT may commit to public transit projects; provides requirements for motor vehicle teleoperation systems, driver improvement courses, comprehensive & interim agreements, & acceptance of project proposals; prohibits reclaimed asphalt from being deemed solid waste; authorizes DOT to determine whether to reduce bonding requirements; provides presumption regarding death, injury, or damage resulting from motor vehicle crash involving driver of vehicle who is under influence of marijuana; revises contractor's immunity from liability; revises provisions relating to right of first refusal of certain property acquired by DOT; revises provisions relating to operation of certain fire station; creates Local Agency Program. **Effective Date: 7/1/2024**

Committee Referrals:

- **Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (Passed 1/11/24)**
- **Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 2/1/24)**
- **Infrastructure Strategies Committee (Passed 2/22/24)**
- **On Special Order Calendar 2/29/24**

[CS/CS/CS/HB 149: Continuing Contracts](#)

Senate Companion Bill: [CS/CS/SB 656](#)

GENERAL BILL by State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee ; Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee ; Alvarez ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Bankson ; Garcia ; Salzman

Continuing Contracts; Revises maximum estimated construction cost of construction projects for which governmental entity may enter into continuing contract; requires DMS to annually adjust maximum amount allowed under specified contracts using specified index & publish adjusted amount on DMS's website. **Effective Date: 7/1/24**

Committee Referrals:

- **Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (Passed 1/11/24)**
- **State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 1/25/24)**
- **State Affairs Committee (Passed 8/14/24)**
- **Passed Full House 2/28/24 – In Senate Messages**

[CS/CS/SB 656: Continuing Contracts](#)

House Companion Bill: [CS/CS/CS/HB 149](#)

GENERAL BILL by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; [DiCeglie](#)

Continuing Contracts; Revising the maximum estimated construction cost of construction projects for which a governmental entity may enter into a continuing contract; revising the definition of the term “continuing contract” to increase the maximum dollar value of such contract, to require the Department of Management Services, beginning on a specified date and annually thereafter, to adjust the maximum dollar value allowed under such contracts using a specified index, and to publish the new dollar value on its website, etc. **Effective Date: 7/1/2024**

Committee Referrals:

- **Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee (Passed 1/29/24)**

- **Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, & General Government (Passed 2/13/24)**
- **Fiscal Policy Committee (Passed 2/22/24)**
- **On Special Order Calendar 3/1/24**

[CS/HB 479: Alternative Mobility Funding Systems](#)

Senate Companion Bill: [CS/SB 688](#)

GENERAL BILL by Commerce Committee; Robinson, W.

Alternative Mobility Funding Systems; Authorizes local governments to adopt alternative mobility plan & fee system; provides requirements for application of adopted alternative system; prohibits alternative system from imposing responsibility for funding existing transportation deficiency upon new development; prohibits local governments that do not issue building permits from charging for transportation impacts associated with development; requires local governments that issue building permits to collect for extrajurisdictional impacts; prohibits local governments from assessing multiple charges for same transportation impact; revises requirements for calculation of impact fees by local governments & special districts. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Local Administration, Federal Affairs, and Special Districts Subcommittee (Passed 1/10/24)**
- **Ways and Means Committee (Passed 1/17/24)**
- **Commerce Committee (Passed 1/30/24)**
- **Passed Full House 2/28/24 – In Senate Messages**

[CS/SB 688: Alternative Mobility Funding Systems](#)

House Companion Bill: [CS/HB 479](#)

GENERAL BILL by [Martin](#)

Alternative Mobility Funding Systems and Impact Fees; Requiring a local government to allow an applicant for a certain development permit to satisfy transportation concurrency requirements if the applicant offers to enter into a good faith binding agreement that the project is considered to have mitigated its transportation impacts if the applicant meets certain conditions and requirements; prohibiting a local government from preventing an applicant from proceeding if the applicant has satisfied specified requirements; authorizing certain local governments to adopt an alternative transportation system meeting specified requirements under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Community Affairs (Passed 01/09/24)**
- **Transportation Committee (Passed 1/30/24)**
- **Rules Committee (Passed 2/26/24)**
- **On Special Order Calendar 3/4/24**

[CS/SB 472: Sovereign Immunity](#)

House Companion Bill: [CS/CS/HB 569](#)

GENERAL BILL by Governmental Oversight and Accountability ; [Brodeur](#)

Suits Against the Government; Increasing the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state and its agencies and subdivisions; prohibiting a party from lobbying against any agreed upon settlement

brought to the Legislature as a claim bill; requiring the Department of Financial Services, beginning on a specified date and every 5 years thereafter, to adjust the limitations of liability for claims, not to exceed a certain percentage for each such adjustment, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee (Passed, 1/29/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee (Passed 2/22/24)**
- **Rules Committee (Passed 2/26/24)**
- **On Special Order Calendar 3/1/24)**

[CS/CS/HB 569: Suits Against the Government](#)

Senate Companion: [CS/SB 472](#)

GENERAL BILL by Appropriations Committee ; Civil Justice Subcommittee ; McFarland Suits Against the Government; Abolishes common-law doctrine of home venue privilege with respect to action against state; increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision of state to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without further action by Legislature regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning payment of benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be present to certain entities; revises exceptions relating to instituting actions on tort claims against state or one of its agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or one of its agencies or subdivisions & exceptions thereto. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Civil Justice Committee (Passed 1/11/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee (Passed 1/31/24)**
- **Judiciary Committee**

[CS/CS/SB 1032: Transportation](#)

House Companion: [CS/HB 7049](#)

GENERAL BILL by [Gruters](#)

Transportation; Revising provisions requiring a person approaching a railroad-highway grade crossing to stop within a certain distance from the nearest rail; revising the membership of the Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory board; revising the membership of the Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies (I-STREET) Living Lab advisory board; prohibiting the designation of additional metropolitan planning organizations (M.P.O.'s) after a specified date except in certain urbanized areas, etc.. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Transportation Committee (Passed 2/6/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development (Passed 2/20/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee**

[CS/HB 7049: Transportation](#)

Senate Companion: [CS/CS/SB 1032](#)

GENERAL BILL by Transportation & Modals Subcommittee; McFarland
Transportation; Requires DOT secretary to establish performance & production measures; revises provisions relating to railroad-highway grade crossings; revises membership of advisory boards; revises & provides M.P.O. & DOT authority, duties, & responsibilities; requires certain M.P.O.'s to exchange best practices; authorizes M.P.O. to execute written agreement with DOT regarding transportation planning requirements; requires establishment of quality performance metrics & performance targets; removes provisions relating to Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council; requires reports to Governor, Legislature, & DOT; requires DHSMV to begin implementation of redesigned registration license plate. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 2/1/24)**
- **Infrastructure Strategies Committee (Passed 2/22/24)**
- **Temporarily Postponed 2/29/24**

[CS/CS/SB 1226: Department of Transportation](#)

House Companion: [CS/CS/CS/HB 1301](#)

GENERAL BILL by Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development ; Transportation ; [DiCeglie](#)
Department of Transportation; Revising the list of areas of program responsibility within the Department of Transportation; requiring that a specified amount of recurring funds from the State Transportation Trust Fund be made available for the Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program; revising provisions relating to the department's mission, goals, and objectives; requiring governmental entities that propose certain projects to conduct a traffic study; revising the length of time before which an inactive prepaid toll account becomes unclaimed property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Transportation Committee (Passed, 2/6/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development (Passed , 2/20/24)**
- **Fiscal Policy Committee (Passed 2/27/24)**

[CS/CS/CS/HB 1301: Department of Transportation](#)

Senate Companion: [CS/CS/SB 1226](#)

GENERAL BILL by Abbott
Department of Transportation; Provides & revises DOT authority & responsibilities; revises provisions regarding prepaid toll accounts, Florida DOT Financing Corporation projects, & public transit providers, projects, & vehicles; prohibits certain DOT actions & expenditures; provides responsibilities of DOC & DOT with respect thereto; authorizes DOC & DOT to adopt rules; requires certain unallocated funds for New Starts Transit Program to be reallocated for purpose of Strategic Intermodal System. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Transportation and Modals Subcommittee (Passed 1/25/24)**
- **Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 2/5/24)**
- **Infrastructure Strategies Committee (Passed 2/15/24)**
- **Passed full House 2/28/24 – In Messages to Senate**

[CS/CS/CS/SB 1362: Aviation](#)

House Companion: [CS/CS/HB 981](#)

GENERAL BILL by Transportation ; [Harrell](#)

Aviation; Beginning on a specified date, requiring the owner or lessee of a proposed vertiport to comply with a specified provision in obtaining certain approval and license or registration; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct a final physical inspection of the vertiport to ensure compliance with specified requirements; providing duties of the department, within specified resources, with respect to vertiports, advanced air mobility, and other advances in aviation technology, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Transportation Committee (Passed 1/23/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development (Passed 2/8/24)**
- **Fiscal Policy Committee (Passed 2/22/24)**
- **On Second Reading Calendar**

[CS/CS/HB 981: Aviation](#)

Senate Companion [CS/CS/CS/ 1362](#)

GENERAL BILL by Transportation & Modals Subcommittee ; Bankson

Aviation; Requires owner or lessee of proposed vertiport to comply with specified requirements; requires DOT to conduct specified inspection of vertiport; provides duties of DOT with respect to vertiports, advanced air mobility, & other advances in aviation technology; requires report to Governor & Legislature; requires airports to competitively bid vertiport operator contracts; revises requirements for adoption of airport land use compatibility zoning regulations. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Transportation and Modals Subcommittee (Passed 1/26/24)**
- **Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 2/5/24)**
- **Infrastructure Strategies Committee (Passed 2/15/24)**
- **Passed House 2/22/24 – In messages to Senate**

[CS/SB 1600: Interstate Mobility](#)

House Companion: [CS/CS/HB 1273](#)

Interstate Mobility; Requiring the respective boards of occupations, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation if there is no board, to allow licensure by endorsement if the applicant meets certain criteria; requiring applicants of professions that require fingerprints for criminal history checks to submit such fingerprints before the board or department issues a license by endorsement; requiring the department, and authorizing the board, to review the results of the criminal history checks according to specific criteria to determine if the applicants meet the requirements for licensure; requiring the

applicable health care regulatory boards, or the Department of Health if there is no board, to issue a license or certificate to applicants who meet specified conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Health Policy Committee (Passed 1/23/24)**
- **Regulated Industries Committee (Passed 1/29/24)**
- **Fiscal Policy (Passed 2/27/24)**
- **On Special Order Calendar 3/1/24**

[CS/CS/HB 1273: Reciprocity or Endorsement of Licensure](#)

Senate Companion: [CS/SB 1600](#)

GENERAL BILL by Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee ; Plasencia
Reciprocity or Endorsement of Licensure; Provides requirements for applicable board, or DBPR if there is no board, relating to licensure by reciprocity & by endorsement; defines "basis license." Effective Date: 7/1/2024

Committee Referrals:

- **Regulatory Reform and Economic Development Subcommittee (Passed 1/24/24)**
- **State Administration and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee (Removed 1/25/24)**
- **Commerce Committee (Passed 2/15/24)**
- **On Special Order Calendar 3/1/24**