



Legislative Report for March 6, 2025

General Bills

SB 7002: Water Management Districts

GENERAL BILL by Environment and Natural Resources

Water Management Districts; Requiring the Commission on Ethics to investigate a lobbyist or principal who has made a prohibited expenditure and to provide the Governor with a report of its findings and recommendations regarding such investigation; requiring the South Florida Water Management District, in cooperation with the Department of Environmental Protection, to provide a detailed report that includes the total estimated remaining cost of implementation of the Everglades restoration comprehensive plan and the status of all performance indicators; authorizing the districts to levy ad valorem taxes on property by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the governing board, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$1,554,756,118

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Committee References: Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations

Last Action: 3/5/2025 Reported favorable by Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

HB 1169: Water Management Districts

GENERAL BILL by Conerly

Water Management Districts; Provides requirements for Commission on Ethics relating to prohibited expenditures by water management districts; requires quorum & affirmative vote of majority of members of governing board before any action may be taken by board; requires South Florida Water Management District to provide specified detailed report; prohibits water management district from using state funds for specified purpose; authorizes districts to levy ad valorem taxes on certain property; provides requirements for maximum total millage rate; provides requirements for South Florida Water Management District's & other water management district's budgets; requires water management district give preference to certain bids, proposals, or replies for certain capital improvement projects; provides requirements for construction bonds & competitive selection process; requires certain projects for Statewide Flooding & Sea Level Rise Resilience Plan be ranked on separate list; provides requirements for certain projects; restricts funding available to water management districts; authorizes department to issue certain loans; provides for repayment of such loan; provides penalty; requires department to create & maintain separate account in Resilient Florida Trust Fund for certain funds; provides requirements for revolving loan program. APPROPRIATION: \$1,554,756,118

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Committee References: Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Budget Committee; State Affairs Committee

Last Action: 3/5/2025 House - Now in Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

[CS/SB 62: Resilient Buildings](#)

GENERAL BILL by Environment and Natural Resources ; [Rodriguez](#)

Resilient Buildings; Defining the term “resilient building”; specifying that owners of resilient buildings are eligible to receive a specified tax credit; requiring building owners to file a specified application with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation by a specified date in order to claim such tax credit; creating the Florida Resilient Building Advisory Council adjunct to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Committee References: Environment and Natural Resources; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

Last Action: 3/4/2025 Senate - CS by Environment and Natural Resources read 1st time

[HB 143: Resilient Buildings](#)

GENERAL BILL by Barnaby ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Tant

Resilient Buildings; Authorizes owner of resilient buildings to receive a specified tax credit; provides specifications for tax credit application, value, requirements, use, & transfer; creates Florida Resilient Building Advisory Council; provides duties, membership, & meeting requirements for such council.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Committee References: Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

Last Action: 3/4/2025 House - 1st Reading (Original Filed Version)

[SB 1108: Fire Detection and Alarm Documents](#)

GENERAL BILL by [McClain](#)

Fire Detection and Alarm Documents; Providing that certain fire alarm contractors are not required to be licensed as engineers; requiring that fire detection and alarm system documents be prepared by specified persons for specified new buildings or additions to existing buildings that provide certain fire suppression systems; providing exceptions, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Committee References: Regulated Industries; Banking and Insurance; Rules

Last Action: 3/4/2025 Senate - Introduced

[SB 1452: Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#)

GENERAL BILL by [Truenow](#)

Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Repealing provisions relating to expenditure of excess funds; the Board of Employee Leasing Companies, membership, appointments, and terms; rules of the board; the Barbers' Board; the Board of Cosmetology; interior design, practice requirements, disclosure of compensation for professional services; disciplinary proceedings against registered interior designers; the Board of Landscape Architecture; the Board of Professional Geologists; the Drug Wholesale Distributor Advisory Council; and liens for interior design services, respectively, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Committee References:

Last Action: 2/26/2025 Senate - Filed

HB 1461: Department of Business and Professional Regulation

GENERAL BILL by Yarkosky

Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Revises boards, commissions, & programs established in DBPR; revises general licensing provisions for individuals desiring to be licensed by department; creates auctioneers licensing program, employee leasing companies licensing program, barbers' licensing program, cosmetology licensing program, and professional geologists licensing program in department; revises Clay Ford Scholarship Program; requires department to adopt rules governing licensure, operation, & inspection of mobile barbershops; requires applicants desiring to be licensed as cosmetologist, or in any specialty practice within practice of cosmetology, to submit to department complete set of fingerprints; creates Board of Architecture & Landscape Architecture in department; revises meeting requirements of Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits operators of public lodging establishments from offering or charging hourly rates for temporary lodging or sleeping purposes & from offering or renting rooms on hourly basis or for less than one overnight stay.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Committee References: Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; State Administration Budget Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

Last Action: 3/5/2025 House - Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

HB 1185: Department of Management Services

GENERAL BILL by Sapp

Department of Management Services; Provides for equal employment opportunity; prohibits discrimination in employment; prohibits executive agencies from engaging in certain employment practices; authorizes certain persons to file complaint with Attorney General or Department of Business of Professional Regulation; provides for competitive procurement of claims review services for state group health insurance plans; revises exempt positions that are not covered by career service system; revises recruitment provisions relating to career service system; revises personnel rules of DMS; revises specified benefits of law enforcement officers & firefighters, respectively; revises powers & duties of Board of Governors; revises provisions relating to advertising & awarding contracts.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Committee References: Government Operations Subcommittee; Budget Committee; State Affairs Committee

Last Action: 3/5/25 House - Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 1532: Executive Branch

GENERAL BILL by [McClain](#)

Executive Branch; Revising policies regarding equal employment opportunity in state government; repealing a provision relating to utilization of minority business enterprises in contracts for public construction works; revising provisions governing preferences for Florida-based businesses in procurement; repealing a provision relating to the certification of minority business enterprises; authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action against a vendor or affiliate that violates specified provisions, etc.

Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2025

Committee References:

Last Action: 2/27/2025 Senate - Filed

SB 742: Workforce Development

GENERAL BILL by [Simon](#)

Workforce Development; Providing that the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program includes charter schools; revising the number of workforce education programs that each school district and Florida College System institution must offer a money-back guarantee on, etc.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Last Action: 2/25/2025 Senate - Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Committee on Higher Education; Fiscal Policy

HB 1145: Workforce Education

GENERAL BILL by Shoaf

Workforce Education; Provides that charter schools are eligible for Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program; & revises number of programs school districts & Florida College System institutions must offer money-back guarantees for through money-back guarantee program.

Effective Date: 7/1/2025

Last Action: 2/26/2025 House - Filed