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UNITED WAY OF FLORIDA
2010 BILL BRIEFS

Below are the United Way of Florida's *Bill Briefs*. They are descriptions of bills that the United Way of Florida is monitoring, supporting or opposing, working on, or playing a lead advocacy role on. They are bills of interest to United Ways, United Way agencies, and to people interested in the spectrum of human services.

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2010 Bill Briefs

- SB 0006 Relating to Education Personnel** Thrasher
Education Personnel [SPSC]; Authorizes release of child abuse records to certain employees and agents of the Department of Education. Specifies the form of the public notice of proposed property taxes for school districts instituting the district accountability millage adjustment. Requires school districts to develop and implement end-of-course assessments. Repeals provisions relating to the Dale Hickham Excellent Teaching Program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010 except as otherwise provided.
3/11/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- HB 0007 Relating to Coverage for Mental and Nervous Disorders** Homan
Coverage for Mental and Nervous Disorders: Revises requirements & limitations for optional coverage for mental & nervous disorders; repeals provisions relating to optional coverage required for substance abuse impaired persons; provides for application. Effective Date: January 1, 2011, and shall apply to policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after that date
10/1/2009 HOUSE Now in Health Care Regulation Policy Committee
- SB 0010 Relating to Balanced Federal Budget** Atwater
Balanced Federal Budget [SPSC]; Urges Congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States to provide for a balanced federal budget and limit the ability of Congress to dictate to states requirements for the expenditure of federal funds
3/11/2010 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 03/16/10
- HB 0011 Relating to Crimes Against Homeless Persons** Porth
Crimes Against Homeless Persons: Reclassifies offenses evidencing prejudice based on homeless status of victim. Effective Date: October 1, 2010
2/22/2010 Bill to be discussed during the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference, 02/23/10, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
- HB 0015 Relating to Department of Elder Affairs** Pafford
Department of Elder Affairs: Proposes amendment to s. 12, Art. IV of State Constitution to redesignate Department of Elderly Affairs as Department of Elder Affairs. Effective Date: Not Specified
2/2/2010 HOUSE Now in Rules & Calendar Council
- HB 0031 Relating to Public Education** Drake
Public Education: Authorizes district school boards to permit delivery of inspirational message at noncompulsory high school event; provides purpose. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
10/1/2009 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee
- HB 0037 Relating to Health Care Services** Plakon
Health Care Services: Proposes creation of s. 28, Art. X of State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system; permit person or employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from health care provider; permit health care provider to accept direct payment from person or employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, & health care providers from penalties & fines for paying or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; permit purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems; & specifies what amendment does not affect or prohibit. Effective Date:

Not Specified
10/1/2009 HOUSE Now in Health Care Regulation Policy Committee

- HB 0091 Relating to Adult Protective Services** Wood
Adult Protective Services: Revises legislative intent with respect to adult protective services; provides for care & protection of all vulnerable adults; provides for certain suspected abuse cases to be transferred to local county sheriff's office; provides for DCFS to file petition to determine incapacity & guardianship; authorizes DHSMV to provide copies of drivers' license files to DCFS to conduct protective investigations. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/9/2010 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Committee
- SB 0094 Relating to Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement** Lynn
Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement [WPSC]; Urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to authorize states that have complied with the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement to require out-of-state sellers to collect each such state's sales and use tax.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules
- HB 0107 Relating to Autism** Coley
Autism: Requires that physician refer minor to appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder; requires certain insurers & HMOs to provide direct patient access to appropriate specialist for minimum number of visits per year for screening, evaluation, or diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
10/12/2009HOUSE Now in Health Care Regulation Policy Committee
- HB 0117 Relating to Childhood Vaccinations** Ambler
Childhood Vaccinations: Revises requirements for administration of certain vaccines required for school entry; requires licensed health care providers to provide certain vaccine information statements to parents, legal guardians, & legal representatives before administration of certain vaccines to children; requires health care providers to obtain signed statements from parents, legal guardians, & legal representatives documenting that vaccine information statements are provided; specifies required contents of signed statements; requires health care providers to record batch & lot number of each vaccine on signed statements; requires health care providers to maintain certain records; provides for application of act to certain vaccine information statements; authorizes use of single signed statement for administration of multiple vaccines under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/1/2010 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0124 Relating to School Entry Requirements/Swimming Life Skills** Bullard (L)
School Entry Requirements/Swimming Life Skills [SPSC]; Requires that children who enter public or private schools in the state present evidence of having completed a class in swimming life skills conducted by a certified instructor. Provides for certain exemptions from the requirement. Amends specified provisions relating to student and parent rights and requirements for private schools, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 0146 Relating to Senior Services/Independent Special Districts** Rich
Senior Services/Independent Special Districts [WPSC]; Authorizes a county to create an independent special district by ordinance to provide funding for services for seniors. Requires approval by a majority vote of electors to annually levy ad valorem taxes. Creates a governing council for the district. Requires the council to prepare a tentative annual budget and compute a millage rate to fund the district. Provides legislative intent with respect to the use of funds collected by the council, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/11/2010 SENATE On Committee agenda - Finance and Tax, 03/16/10, 9:00 am, 301 S
- SB 0148 Relating to Employment for the Homeless** Ring
Employment for the Homeless [WPSC]; Specifies the order for applying the tax credit for employment of the homeless, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Commerce; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 0153 Relating to Senior Services** Pafford
Senior Services: Authorizes each county to create by ordinance independent special district to provide funding for services for seniors; requires elector approval to annually levy ad valorem taxes; requires district to comply with statutory requirements related to levying & fixing millage & filing financial or compliance reports; provides for dissolution of district; creates district governing council; specifies council powers & functions; specifies council responsibilities & duties; authorizes two or more districts to enter into cooperative agreements; requires council to prepare tentative annual budget & compute millage rate to fund district; requires tax moneys collected to be paid directly to council by county tax

collector & deposited into qualified public depositories; requires specified members to file surety bond; specifies expenditures of funds; requires council to prepare & file quarterly financial reports with county governing body; prohibits council from requiring specified matching funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
10/26/2009HOUSE Referred to Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee; Elder & Family Services Policy Committee; Finance & Tax Council; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council

- HB 0179 Relating to Child Safety Devices In Motor Vehicles** Steinberg
Child Safety Devices In Motor Vehicles: Revises child-restraint requirements; provides child-restraint requirements for children 4 through 7 years of age who are under 4 feet 9 inches tall; redefines term "motor vehicle" to exclude certain vehicles from such requirements; provides exceptions to such requirements; provides grace period. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
12/22/2009HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0182 Relating to Coverage for Mental and Nervous Disorders** Crist
Coverage for Mental and Nervous Disorders [CPSC]; Revises requirements and limitations for optional coverage for mental and nervous disorders. Specifies nonapplication under certain circumstances. Conforms a cross-reference. Repeals specified provision relating to optional coverage required for substance abuse impaired persons. Provides for application. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2011.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Health Regulation; General Government Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 0184 Relating to Adolescent Offenders/Parole** Joyner
Adolescent Offenders/Parole [SPSC]; Provides that an adolescent offender who was 15 years of age or younger at the time of commission of an offense and who is sentenced to life or a single or cumulative term of 10 years or more in prison is eligible for parole if the offender has been incarcerated for a minimum period and has not previously been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for certain offenses. Provides for retroactive application, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.
3/10/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- HB 0185 Relating to Children of Incarcerated Parents** Reed
Children of Incarcerated Parents: Provides guiding principles to be used by state agency personnel when dealing with children of incarcerated parents. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
11/2/2009 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Services Policy Committee; Governmental Affairs Policy Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council
- SB 0194 Relating to Injunctions for Protection/Violations** Joyner
Domestic Violence/Injunction for Protection [SPSC]; Adds circumstances that violate an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Now in Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- HB 0201 Relating to Human Services Personnel** Porth
Human Services Personnel: Designates act as "Protecting Florida's Most Vulnerable Citizens Act"; requires owner or operator of child care facility to report background screening results to DCFS before employing person at child care facility; prohibits hiring of person with disqualifying offense without being granted exemption; requires child welfare services staff to obtain child welfare certification; requires DCFS to designate credentialing entity to administer certification process; requires department to develop minimum trainer qualifications; revises administrative penalties; requires owner or administrator of assisted living facility to report background screening results to agency before employing person at assisted living facility; prohibits DCFS & AHCA from granting certain exemptions from disqualification from employment. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
11/18/2009HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0204 Relating to Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement** Lynn
Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement [WPSC]; Specifies certain facilities that are exempt from the transient rentals tax. Deletes criteria establishing circumstances under which taxes on the lease or rental of a motor vehicle are due. Limits the \$5,000 cap on discretionary sales surtax to the sale of motor vehicles, aircraft, boats, motor homes, manufactured homes, modular homes, and mobile homes. Revises exemptions from sales and use tax for food and medical products, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2011.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 0211 Relating to Juvenile Justice** Adams
Juvenile Justice: Authorizes conditions of preadjudicatory release for certain children; permits child to be taken into custody for violations of preadjudicatory release conditions; provides that child taken into custody for violation of preadjudicatory release conditions must appear before judge within 24 hours; provides that detention care under specified provision does not require risk assessment; provides for certain kinds of care prior to hearing in certain circumstances; requires compliance with preadjudicatory release conditions; revises provisions relating to detention care; permits parent or guardian of child to

be held in contempt if he or she fails to bring or otherwise prevents child from appearing; revises provisions relating to recommendations by probation officers concerning placement & treatment; specifies that court has power to determine appropriate dispositions; requires that reasons for disposition be stated; permits child to be detained in facility other than consequence unit for certain violations if one is unavailable; permits each county to create juvenile crime prevention fund & provides for additional court cost; provides that no juvenile shall be assessed additional court cost if juvenile & juvenile's parents or other legal guardian are indigent. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
11/2/2009 HOUSE Referred to Public Safety & Domestic Security Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council

- SB 0214 Relating to Autism** Ring
Autism [SPSC]; Requires that a physician refer a minor to an appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder under certain circumstances. Provides health insurance coverage for individuals with certain developmental disabilities. Requires the insurer's policy or the HMO's contract to provide a minimum number of visits per year for screening, evaluation, or diagnosis for autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disabilities, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/11/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- HB 0217 Relating to Child-Restraint Requirements** Glorioso
Child-Restraint Requirements: Provides child-restraint requirements for children 4-7 years old; provides exceptions; redefines term "motor vehicle" to exclude certain vehicles from such requirements; provides grace period. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
10/29/2009HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0222 Relating to Childhood Vaccinations** Ring
Childhood Vaccinations [SPSC]; Requires a pediatrician or attending physician to discuss the risks, benefits, and alternatives of each vaccination before a child is vaccinated. Provides requirements for the administration of certain vaccines required for school entry. Requires licensed health care providers to provide certain vaccine information statements to parents, legal guardians, and legal representatives before administering certain vaccines to children, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 0223 Relating to Protection of Children** Williams (A)
Protection of Children: Revises definition of "child care personnel" to include persons who work in summer 24-hour camps; requires summer day camps & summer 24-hour camps to be licensed by DCFS & requires employees thereof to undergo level 2 background screening; repeals exemption from fingerprinting requirements for summer camp personnel. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
2/26/2010 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- HB 0253 Relating to Space Shuttle Orbiter Retirement** Workman
Space Shuttle Orbiter Retirement: Urges Congress to direct that one of retiring space shuttle orbiters be preserved & placed on permanent display at Kennedy Space Center. Effective Date: Not Specified
11/16/2009HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council
- HB 0285 Relating to Parental Authority** Horner
Parental Authority: Provides that motorsport liability release signed by minor is valid if release is also signed by minor's parent or guardian; authorizes natural guardians to waive & release, in advance, any claim or cause of action that would accrue to any of their minor children to same extent that any adult may do so on his or her own behalf; provides that such waiver & release shall not relieve party of liability for any acts of intentional misconduct committed against minor child; provides that such waiver & release shall not relieve party of liability for gross negligence against minor child; specifies circumstances under which employer, principal, corporation, or other legal entity may be liable for injuries sustained by minor child by conduct of employee or agent. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
2/9/2010 HOUSE Now in Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council
- HB 0287 Relating to Homelessness** Pafford
Homelessness: Requires DCFS to create lead agencies for homeless for certain purposes; transfers responsibilities & powers of local coalitions for homeless to lead agencies for homeless. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
2/16/2010 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0290 Relating to Florida Unborn Victims of Violence Act** Fasano
Florida Unborn Victims of Violence Act [SPSC]; Defines the term "unborn child" for purposes of vehicular homicide. Revises terminology to refer to "unborn child" rather than "viable fetus." Provides that certain offenses relating to the killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother do not require specified knowledge or intent, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Criminal Justice

- HB 0311 Relating to Debt Settlement Services** Hudson
Debt Settlement Services: Creates "Debt Settlement Services Act"; requires person be licensed if he or she provides or offers to provide debt settlement services to client who resides in state; provides exemptions; specifies application procedures & authorizes fees; requires proof of insurance policy or surety bond; requires fingerprinting & background screening of licensees; provides procedures for approval or denial of debt settlement advisor licenses; requires annual license period; provides for expiration of licenses; specifies procedures for license renewal; authorizes administrative proceedings; authorizes certain licensed activity pending outcome of certain administrative proceedings; specifies requirements for format & contents of debt settlement services agreements; authorizes clients to cancel such agreements within specified period; limits fees that debt settlement advisors may charge; authorizes clients to void agreements & recover fees; prohibits certain acts & practices; specifies powers of OFR; authorizes OFR to issue subpoenas; requires licensees to keep certain records for specified period; authorizes OFR to impose certain fees & charges; provides administrative remedies; authorizes OFR to impose fines & civil penalties; authorizes suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal of licenses; authorizes civil actions; provides for attorney's fees; declares that violations are deceptive & unfair trade practices; provides time limitations for civil actions. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
11/20/2009HOUSE Referred to Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee; Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee; Government Operations Appropriations Committee; General Government Policy Council
- SB 0316 Relating to Child-restraint Requirements/Motor Vehicles** Altman
Child-restraint Requirements/Motor Vehicles [CPSC]; Provides child-restraint requirements for certain children ages 4 through 7. Provides certain exceptions. Redefines the term "motor vehicle" to exclude certain vehicles from such requirements. Provides a grace period. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010 except as otherwise provided.
3/10/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
- SB 0332 Relating to Debt Negotiation Services** Fasano
Debt Negotiation Services [CPSC]; Provides that an attorney providing legal representation is exempt from debt negotiation organization requirements. Requires a debt negotiation organization to annually register with the OFR. Requires an annual fee. Specifies acts prohibited by a debt negotiation organization. Provides insurance requirements for such an organization. Provides requirements for debt negotiation service contracts, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
1/5/2010 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0336 Relating to Adult Protective Services** Storms
Adult Protective Services [SPSC]; Requires that the central abuse hotline, which is maintained by the Department of Children and Family Services, immediately transfer reports relating to vulnerable adults to the appropriate county sheriff's office. Authorizes the department to file a petition to determine incapacity. Prohibits the department from acting as guardian or providing legal counsel to the guardian, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/8/2010 SENATE Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0348 Relating to Solicitation of Funds/Veterans' Organizations** Dean
Solicitation of Funds/Veterans' Organizations [GPSC]; Exempts certain veterans' organizations from requirements to file registration statements with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Commerce; General Government Appropriations
- HB 0383 Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program** Long
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program: Provides that prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private providers & public schools must meet new professional credentialing requirements beginning July 1, 2013; repeals provisions relating to aspirational goals for professional credentials of prekindergarten instructors. Effective Date: July 1, 2013
12/18/2009HOUSE Referred to Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee; Policy Council; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; General Government Policy Council
- HB 0387 Relating to Child-restraint Requirements** Glorioso
Child-restraint Requirements: Provides child-restraint requirements for certain children ages 4 through 7; redefines term "motor vehicle" to exclude certain vehicles from such requirements; provides grace period & exceptions. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
12/18/2009HOUSE Referred to Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council
- SB 0400 Relating to Rape Crisis Programs/Court Cost or Surcharge** Fasano
Programs to Prevent Violence [SPSC]; Requires that an additional or increased court cost or surcharge

be assessed against a defendant who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, certain specified criminal offenses. Provides for proceeds of the additional court cost or surcharge to be deposited into the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund or the Domestic Violence Trust Fund, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

- SB 0404 Relating to Children of Incarcerated Parents** Joyner
Children of Incarcerated Parents [SPSC]; Provides legislative findings and purpose. Provides guiding principles to be used by state agency personnel when dealing with children of incarcerated parents. Provides for applicability. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 0411 Relating to Child Care Facilities** Nehr
Child Care Facilities: Provides for certain household children to be included in calculations regarding capacity of licensed family day care homes & large family child care homes; provides conditions for supervision of household children of operators of family day care homes & large family child care homes; revises advertising requirements applicable to child care facilities; provides penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/2/2010 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading
- SB 0412 Relating to Emergency Management** Bullard (L)
Emergency Management [SPSC]; Requires the DCFS, to the extent permitted by federal law, to expedite application procedures for persons who reside in an area damaged by a major disaster and who apply for temporary cash assistance. Authorizes the Governor to employ such measures and give such directions to certain specified agencies as are necessary for the purpose of addressing the needs for immediate cash, shelter, or food assistance, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Military Affairs and Domestic Security; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0416 Relating to Bicycle Safety/Helmets and Lighting Equipment** Bullard (L)
Bicycle Safety/Helmets and Lighting Equipment [CPSC]; Revises safety standard requirements for bicycle helmets that must be worn by certain riders and passengers. Provides for enforcement of requirements for bicycle lighting equipment. Provides penalties for violations. Provides for dismissal of the charge following a first offense. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- SB 0428 Relating to Human Services Personnel** Rich
Human Services Personnel [SPSC]; Requires the owner or operator of a child care facility to report background screening results to the DCFS before employing a person at the child care facility. Prohibits the hiring of a person with a disqualifying offense without being granted an exemption. Prohibits the Agency for Health Care Administration from granting an exemption from disqualification from employment in an assisted living facility under certain circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
- SB 0434 Relating to Suicide Prevention Education** Sobel
Suicide Prevention Education [SPSC]; Requires that district school boards provide access to educational resources regarding suicide prevention to all instructional and administrative personnel. Provides for school personnel who choose to participate in suicide prevention training to receive in-service credit hours. Requires that each district school board determine the amount of such credit. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- HB 0439 Relating to Disability Awareness** Scionti
Disability Awareness: Requires district school boards to provide disability history & awareness instruction in K-12 public schools; requires certification of individuals delivering instruction; requires Governor's Commission on Disabilities to initiate study on disability awareness training, to be conducted by private nonprofit entity, & oversee statewide disability awareness training provider & certification program; provides for payment of fees; requires commission to promote disability awareness training in all public entities in state. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
12/14/2009HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- HB 0459 Relating to Employment for the Homeless** Braynon
Employment for the Homeless: Specifies order for applying tax credit for employment of homeless; provides tax credit for corporation that hires homeless person residing in transitional housing facility; specifies information that must be provided to DOR when applying for credit; provides for carryover of

unused credits; provides penalties for fraudulently claiming tax credit; limits total amount of tax credits that may be granted per calendar year; provides for expiration of tax credit; requires DOR to collect specified data. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

2/22/2010 Bill to be discussed during the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference, 02/23/10, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

- SB 0468 Relating to Child Abuse/False Reports** Hill
Child Abuse/False Reports [SPSC]; Requires a child to be returned to a parent or guardian within 3 days following a determination that an order for shelter care was based on a false report of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- HB 0471 Relating to Debt Negotiation Services** Nehr
Debt Negotiation Services: Provides additional definitions relating to debt negotiation services; provides that attorney providing legal representation is exempt from debt negotiation organization requirements; prohibits certain acts by debt negotiation organization; provides penalties; provides insurance requirements for debt negotiation organization; provides requirements for debt negotiation service contracts. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
12/18/2009HOUSE Referred to Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee; Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee; Policy Council; General Government Policy Council
- SB 0476 Relating to Medicaid/Behavioral Health Services** Altman
Medicaid/Behavioral Health Services [WPSC]; Requires that funds repaid to the Agency for Health Care Administration by managed care plans that spend less than a certain percentage of the capitation rate for behavioral health services be deposited into the Medical Care Trust Fund. Provides that such repayments be allocated to community behavioral health providers and used for Medicaid behavioral and case management services. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/9/2009 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 0504 Relating to Health Insurance/Medigap/Disabled Persons** Ring
Health Insurance/Medigap/Disabled Persons; Requires that insurers writing health policies in this state offer Medigap policies to disabled persons under 65 years of age. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
12/8/2009 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0506 Relating to Crimes Against Homeless Persons** Ring
Crimes Against Homeless Persons [SPSC]; Reclassifies offenses evidencing prejudice based on the homeless status of the victim. Provides a definition. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
2/22/2010 Bill to be discussed during the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference, 02/23/10, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
- SB 0532 Relating to Food Service Inspections/Domestic Violence Centers** Altman
Food Service Inspections/Domestic Violence Centers [SPSC]; Requires the Department of Health to conduct annual food service inspections of certified domestic violence centers. Provides requirements for such food service inspections. Provides that the definition of the term "food service establishment" does not include certified domestic violence centers. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
- SB 0580 Relating to Alzheimer's Disease** Wise
Alzheimer's Disease [SPSC]; Directs the Department of Elderly Affairs to develop and implement a public education program relating to screening for Alzheimer's disease. Provides criteria for awarding grants. Provides a definition. Requires grant recipients to submit an evaluation of certain activities to the department. Authorizes the department to provide technical support, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/4/2010 SENATE Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations
- HB 0583 Relating to Medicaid** Murzin
Medicaid: Requires that funds repaid to AHCA by managed care plans that spend less than certain percentage of capitation rate for behavioral health services be deposited into Medical Care Trust Fund; provides that such repayments be allocated to community behavioral health providers & used for Medicaid behavioral & case management services. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
1/20/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health Care Regulation Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development
- HB 0593 Relating to Health Care** Adams
Health Care: Establishes Office of Public Health Nutrition within DOH; removes provision limiting number of breast & cervical cancer screenings based on Medicaid expenditures; renames ch. 385,

F.S., as "Healthy & Fit Florida Act"; requires DOH to support creation of public health programs at state & community levels; authorizes department to advance funds for program startup; authorizes state agencies to conduct employee wellness programs & requires department, in conjunction with DMS, to assist agencies to develop those programs; provides immunity from liability for facilities, laboratories, & practitioners submitting cancer reports to department; permits department or contractual designee operating statewide cancer registry program to use or publish information contained in registry for public health surveillance; increases membership of Diabetes Advisory Council; provides requirements for contracts that provide funding for Pediatric Hematology-oncology Center Program; authorizes State Surgeon General to seek federal waivers necessary to implement Arthritis Prevention & Education Program; authorizes department to establish direct-support organization; requires annual audit.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010

1/20/2010 HOUSE Now in Health Care Regulation Policy Committee

HB 0627 Relating to Transitional Services for Youth

Porth

Transitional Services for Youth: Defines term "transition to adulthood"; provides legislative intent concerning transition to adulthood services for youth in custody of DJJ; provides for eligibility for services from both departments for youth served by DJJ who are legally in custody of DCFS; provides that adjudication of delinquency does not, by itself, disqualify youth in foster care from certain services from DCFS; provides powers & duties of DJJ for transition services; provides for assessments; provides for plan for youth leading to independence; provides for retention of court jurisdiction over child for specified period beyond child's 19th birthday if child is participating in transition to adulthood program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010

3/9/2010 HOUSE Now in Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development

HB 0665 Relating to Affordable Housing

Aubuchon

Affordable Housing: Provides housing finance authority with additional purpose for which it may exercise its power to borrow; revises allocation of certain proceeds distributed from excise tax on documents that are paid into State Treasury to credit of State Housing Trust Fund; provides additional policy guidelines under state housing strategy for development of programs for housing production or rehabilitation; includes needs of persons with special needs in strategy's periodic review & report; requires certain rates of interest to be made available to sponsors of projects for persons with special needs; provides additional powers of corporation relating to receipt of federal funds; limits reservation of funds within each notice of fund availability to persons with special needs tenant group; includes persons with special needs as tenant group for specified purposes of State Apartment Incentive Loan Program; requires specified review committee to include projects that reserve units for persons with special needs in its evaluation & competitive ranking of applications for such program; prohibits funds from State Housing Trust Fund or Local Government Housing Trust Fund that are appropriated for specified programs from being used for certain purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

3/8/2010 HOUSE Now in Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development

HB 0705 Relating to Alzheimer's Disease

Schwartz

Alzheimer's Disease: Directs Department of Elderly Affairs to develop & implement public education program relating to screening for Alzheimer's disease; provides criteria for awarding grants; requires grant recipients to submit evaluation of certain activities to department; authorizes department to provide technical support; requires study on memory-impairment screening; requires various reports; specifies types of facilities where employee or direct caregiver of assisted living facility may begin employment without repeating certain training requirements; requires direct caregivers to comply with certain continuing education requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

1/28/2010 HOUSE Referred to Elder & Family Services Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council

HB 0719 Relating to Child Care

Zapata

Child Care: Revises provisions relating to standards that child care facilities must meet to obtain & maintain Gold Seal Quality Care provider designation; requires DCFS to notify specified accrediting associations upon adoption of additional or revised Gold Seal Quality Care program standards; revises minimum age requirements & establishes minimum education standards for child care personnel; revises minimum staff credential requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2010

1/28/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Services Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council

HB 0747 Relating to Care of Public School Students with Diabetes

Thompson (N)

Care of Public School Students with Diabetes: Requires DOE to develop guidelines for training of school employees in care of students with diabetes; requires school nurse or other health care professional to provide training; requires parent to submit diabetes medical management plan to school; provides required care by trained diabetes personnel; exempts activities from certain statutory & regulatory provisions; authorizes student's independent monitoring & treatment; provides immunity from civil liability or disciplinary action. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

2/5/2010 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council; PreK-12 Appropriations Committee; Education Policy Council

- HB 0813 Relating to Juvenile Justice Facilities and Programs** Garcia
Juvenile Justice Facilities and Programs: Defines term "ordinary medical care"; requires that DJJ adopt rules to ensure effective delivery of services to youth in facilities or programs operated or contracted by it; requires DJJ to coordinate its rule-adoption process with DCFS & APD to ensure that its rules do not encroach upon substantive jurisdiction of those agencies. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/9/2010 HOUSE Now in Health Care Services Policy Committee
- HB 0825 Relating to Insurance** Sachs
Insurance: Designates act "Safeguard Our Seniors Act"; includes family members of insurance agents under prohibition against transaction of life insurance; expands grounds for discretionary refusal, suspension, or revocation of specified licenses; prohibits family member of life insurance agent from being beneficiary of specified policies; authorizes use of video depositions; extends unconditional refund period for fixed annuity contracts & variable or market value annuity contracts for customers 65 years of age or older; specifies unconditional refund requirements; requires insurer to provide prospective purchaser of annuity policy with buyer's guide to annuities; requires buyer's guide to contain specified information; provides cover page requirements; authorizes DFS to order insurance agent to pay monetary restitution to senior consumer; limits amount of restitution; prohibits annuity contract issued to senior consumer from containing surrender or deferred sales charge for withdrawal of funds from annuity in excess of specified maximum amount; provides for periodic reduction of such charge; makes unlawful for natural person to perform specified acts in connection with rendering of advice or offer, sale, or purchase of financial services product to person who is 65 years of age or older; provides that performance of prohibited act constitutes third degree felony; subjects criminal prosecution for specified offenses to time limitations. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
2/22/2010 Bill to be discussed during the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Impact Conference,
02/23/10, 1:30 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
- SB 0834 Relating to Child Care Facilities** Justice
Child Care Facilities [SPSC]; Provides for certain household children to be included in calculations regarding the capacity of licensed family day care homes and large family child care homes. Revises advertising requirements applicable to child care facilities. Provides penalties, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- SB 0842 Relating to Motor Vehicles** Negron
Motor Vehicles [CPSC]; Requires the application form for motor vehicle registration or renewal of registration to include language permitting the applicant to make a voluntary contribution to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse. Requires the application form for a driver's license or duplicate thereof to include language permitting the applicant to make a voluntary contribution to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse or to Prevent Blindness Florida, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
3/4/2010 SENATE Now in Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 0844 Relating to Insurance** Bennett
Insurance [CPSC]; Expands the definition of "affiliated party" to include certain third-party marketers. Includes family members of insurance agents in a prohibition related to the transaction of life insurance. Prohibits the Department of Financial Services from issuing certain licenses in certain circumstances. Increases the administrative fine that may be imposed for each willful violation of the offenses of twisting and churning, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/8/2010 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading
- HB 0863 Relating to Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability** Taylor
Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability: Requires OPPAGA to conduct study to evaluate effectiveness & cost efficiency of having full-time Legislature versus part-time Legislature; requires report of findings & recommendations to President of Senate & Speaker of House of Representatives. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
2/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Governmental Affairs Policy Committee; Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council; Rules & Calendar Council
- HB 0871 Relating to Family Builders Program** Renuart
Family Builders Program: Repeals Family Builders Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 109 Yeas / 0 Nays)
- SB 0918 Relating to Newborns/Screening** Detert
Newborns/Screening [SPSC]; Authorizes the DOH to charge a fee for each live birth to cover the administrative costs incurred in providing for followup evaluation of abnormal screening results. Deletes a requirement that the DOH certify the annual costs of the newborn screening program in its legislative budget requests. Requires that the DOH be reimbursed by Medicaid for newborn screening tests and followup reevaluations, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

1/14/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

- HB 0923 Relating to Homelessness** Reed
Homelessness: Establishes homelessness prevention grant program; requires grant applicants to be ranked competitively & provides preference for certain applicants; provides eligibility requirements & grant limitations & restrictions; requires lead agencies for local homeless assistance continuums of care to track, monitor, & report on assisted families for specified period of time; provides opportunities for voluntary contributions to aid homeless & provides that such contributions are not income of revenue nature for purpose of applying certain service charges; limits percentage of funding that lead agencies may spend on administrative costs; provides that funding shall be appropriated as fixed capital outlay item; repeals provision relating to emergency assistance program for families with children that have lost shelter or face loss of shelter due to emergency. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/9/2010 HOUSE Now in Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee
- SB 0928 Relating to Low-income and Moderate-income Homeowners** Wilson
Low-income and Moderate-income Homeowners [EPSC]; Provides for counties to establish a fund for providing no-interest loans to assist low-income and moderate-income homeowners in paying homeowners' insurance premiums. Provides for the program to be adopted initially by the governing authority of certain constitutional charter counties and for later adoption in the remaining counties of the state, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010 except as otherwise provided.
1/14/2010 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Banking and Insurance; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 0938 Relating to Debt Settlement Services** Bennett
Debt Settlement Services [CPSC]; Requires that a person be licensed if he or she provides or offers to provide debt settlement services to a client who resides in this state. Requires the fingerprinting and background screening of licensees and certain personnel of the licensees' businesses. Requires an applicant or licensee to notify the Office of Financial Regulation of any change of the application information within a specified time, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
1/14/2010 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; General Government Appropriations
- HB 0953 Relating to Pinellas County** Nehr
Pinellas County: Defines "family child care home," "large family child care home," & "household children"; revises & provides requirements for licensing & regulating such homes. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
2/18/2010 HOUSE Referred to Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee; Health Care Services Policy Committee; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council
- SB 1002 Relating to Medicaid** Lawson Jr.
Medicaid [WPSC]; Requires each managed care organization to certify to the Agency for Health Care Administration its medical loss ratio and the medical loss ratio for its subcontractors. Provides requirements for the reporting of the medical loss ratios. Requires the managed care organization to pay a certain amount to the agency if the certified medical loss ratio is less than a specified ratio. Requires that fines collected supplement the agency's Medicaid budget, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
1/14/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 1003 Relating to Solicitation of Funds** Drake
Solicitation of Funds: Exempts certain veterans' organizations from requirements to file registration statements with DOACS. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/11/2010 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Committee; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
- HB 1023 Relating to Prevention of Tobacco Use** Planas
Prevention of Tobacco Use: Defines term "best practices" for purposes of comprehensive, statewide tobacco education & use prevention program; revises program components & requirements; revises membership of Tobacco Education & Use Prevention Advisory Council; provides applicability of public meetings & state ethics requirements to council meetings; revises council duties & responsibilities; provides for direction by DOH; provides for department, rather than State Surgeon General to award certain contracts & grants for program; provides for peer review panel; exempts grant award process from requirements relating to procurement of personal property & services & to protests over contract solicitations or awards; permits department to advance funds for program startup & contracted services under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
2/25/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Regulation Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council

- HB 1061 Relating to Suicide Prevention Education** Heller
 Suicide Prevention Education: Requires that district school boards provide access to suicide prevention educational resources to all instructional & administrative personnel as part of school district professional development system. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
 3/11/2010 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Committee
- SB 1072 Relating to Juvenile Justice** Wise
 Juvenile Justice [SPSC]; Includes children 9 years of age or younger at the time of referral for a delinquent act within the definition of those children who are eligible to receive comprehensive mental health services. Encourages law enforcement agencies, school districts, counties, municipalities, and the DJJ to establish prearrest and postarrest diversion programs. Creates the Disproportionate Minority Contact Task Force within the DJJ, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
 1/21/2010 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 1073 Relating to Education of Children with Disabilities** Llorente
 Education of Children with Disabilities: Designates act "Disabilities in Education Act"; requires minimum training for child care personnel to include identification & care of children with developmental disabilities; revises requirements for student eligibility to participate in John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; requires regional autism centers to provide certain support for serving children with developmental disabilities; requires DOE to incorporate course curricula relating to developmental disabilities into existing requirements for continuing education or inservice training of instructional personnel; requires Commissioner of Education to make recommendations to DOE relating to developmental disabilities awareness instruction & methods for teaching students with developmental disabilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
 3/1/2010 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; Health & Family Services Policy Council
- HB 1083 Relating to Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement** Rehwinkel Vasilinda
 Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement: Urges U.S. Congress to enact legislation to give states that have complied with Streamlined Sales & Use Tax Agreement authority to require out-of-state sellers to collect each such state's sales & use tax. Effective Date: Not Specified
 3/1/2010 HOUSE Referred to Finance & Tax Council; Rules & Calendar Council; Policy Council
- HB 1111 Relating to Prepaid Developmental Disabilities Savings Program** Ford
 Prepaid Developmental Disabilities Savings Program: Creates Prepaid Developmental Disabilities Savings Program to be administered by Florida Prepaid College Board in conjunction with Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program; requires prepaid contract plan to provide for advance payment for eligible services for qualified beneficiary & investment plan to provide for investment of funds by beneficiary for qualified beneficiary; requires funds to be deposited in Florida Prepaid College Trust Fund; provides requirements for use, investment, & maintenance of moneys in savings program accounts; creates study group to make recommendations regarding savings program. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
 3/1/2010 HOUSE Now in Health Care Services Policy Committee
- HB 1125 Relating to Medicaid Postpartum Benefits** Williams (A)
 Medicaid Postpartum Benefits: Provides for continuation of Medicaid coverage for women eligible for prenatal care benefits under certain circumstances & for specified period postpartum; requires AHCA to electronically enroll eligible women; authorizes agency to seek waiver authority. Effective Date: January 1, 2011
 3/1/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Regulation Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council
- HB 1127 Relating to Health Care Transition Programs and Services for Adolescents and Young Adults Who Have Special Health Care Needs** Homan
 Health Care Transition Programs and Services for Adolescents and Young Adults Who Have Special Health Care Needs: Establishes office within Division of Children's Medical Services Network in DOH to implement health care transition program for adolescents & young adults who have special health care needs; specifies duties of office with respect to oversight, implementation, & coordination of program; requires that office provide technical assistance to communities, providers, & organizations; authorizes department to enter into contracts, contingent upon appropriations, with local health & transition services programs; provides requirements for program structure & design; specifies services that may be offered by local health & transition services programs; requires that at least one health & transition services program be associated with each region of Children's Medical Services Network; requires evaluation of program. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
 3/1/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Regulation Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations

- HB 1141 Relating to Smoking in Vehicles with Minor Passengers** Ambler
Smoking in Vehicles with Minor Passengers: Provides for enhanced penalties for any moving or nonmoving violation committed by person driving or in control of motor vehicle while person in vehicle is smoking when minor is in vehicle, regardless of whether vehicle is in operation or parked; provides that officer may issue warning to violator; provides that officer may elect to distribute specified materials; provides that enforcement must only be secondary action when driver of motor vehicle has been detained for another violation of specified provisions; provides that no enhanced penalty may be assessed for violations committed before specified date. Effective Date: October 1, 2010
3/1/2010 HOUSE Referred to Roads, Bridges & Ports Policy Committee; Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council
- SB 1146 Relating to Foreclosures** Constantine
Foreclosures [SPSC]; Provides requirements for landlords following commencement of a foreclosure action. Provides for security deposits and advance rents to be maintained in a specified manner. Provides for disclosure of the foreclosure action to prospective tenants. Provides an exception to liability for failure to provide notice, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
1/21/2010 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Banking and Insurance
- HB 1161 Relating to Preference to Florida Businesses in Procurement of Personal Property and Services** Bogdanoff
Preference to Florida Businesses in Procurement of Personal Property and Services: Designates act "Buy Florida Act"; requires, rather than authorizes, agency, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of state that is required to make purchases of personal property through competitive solicitation to award preference to lowest responsible & responsive vendor having principal place of business within this state under specified circumstances; requires agency to grant specified preference to vendor located within state when awarding contract for printing under certain circumstances; specifies percentages of preference to be granted; provides nonapplicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/1/2010 HOUSE Referred to Governmental Affairs Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council
- SB 1162 Relating to Children's Trust Act of Collier County** Richter
Children's Trust Act of Collier County; Creates an independent special district to provide children's services in Collier County. Provides for a governing board. Provides for membership, terms, and powers and duties of the board. Requires certain reports and audits. Provides requirements for amendment or dissolution of the district, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.
1/12/201 SENATE Filed
- SB 1178 Relating to Cost-benefit/Return-on-investment/Dynamic Scoring** Haridopolos
Cost-benefit/Return-on-investment/Dynamic Scoring [WPSC]; Authorizes the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives to request special impact sessions of consensus estimating conferences to evaluate proposed legislation based on specified techniques. Requires the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to develop protocols and procedures to be used by the consensus estimating conferences when evaluating proposed legislation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.
3/11/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- HB 1189 Relating to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment** Snyder
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment: Creates Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Treatment & Crime Reduction Act; requires DCFS, in consultation with AHCA, to develop & implement community mental health & substance abuse forensic treatment system; provides initiatives & strategies for community forensic system; details services; authorizes DCFS to develop continuum of services; requires county councils to consult with local governing bodies when planning or implementing act; adds home & community-based mental health services to optional Medicaid services; allows exemption for persons who have serious & persistent mental illnesses receiving services under act from MediPass & managed care plans; specifies treatment procedures for client admitted to state forensic mental health treatment facility lacking capacity for informed decisionmaking; provides for forensic evaluator training for mental health experts; requires DCFS to maintain & annually provide courts with forensic evaluator registry; provides timeframes for holding of competency & commitment hearings; provides requirements for report concerning child who is found incompetent to proceed; requires that basis for determination of incompetency of juveniles be conducted so as to ensure uniform application of specified criteria. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/3/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Services Policy Committee; Public Safety & Domestic Security Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family

- HB 1203 Relating to Early Learning** Nelson
Early Learning: Deletes or updates obsolete references to former subsidized child care program, former prekindergarten early intervention program, Florida First Start Program, & former State Coordinating Council for School Readiness Programs; transfers various provisions relating to early learning to ch. 411, F.S.; authorizes county agencies responsible for licensure or approval of child care providers to be granted access to certain confidential reports & records in cases of child abuse or neglect; requires that DCF consult with AWI regarding approval of accrediting associations for Gold Seal Quality Care program; revises procedures for child care market rate reimbursement & child care grants; directs AWI to adopt prevailing market rate schedule for child care services; prohibits schedule from interfering with parental choice; revises provisions relating to fees collected for child care facilities; directs DOH to consult with AWI regarding certain training provided for contractors of community resource mother or father program; clarifies that licensed foster home may be dually licensed as child care facility & receive certain payments for same child; revises School Readiness Act, AWI's duties & responsibilities, & requirements for parental choice; directs AWI to establish formula for allocating school readiness funds to each county; revises requirements for services provided by statewide child care resource & referral network; revises eligibility requirements for private prekindergarten providers. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/3/2010 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Health Care Services Policy Committee; Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development; Education Policy Council
- HB 1213 Relating to Mental Health** Sands
Mental Health: Revises part I of ch. 394, F.S., relating to Florida Mental Health Act, to redefine, define, conform, & delete terms; revises provisions relating to requirements for background screening of mental health professionals, physical examination & psychiatric evaluation, & rights of individuals receiving treatment & services; requires facilities to provide procedures for reporting events that place individuals receiving services at risk of harm & information regarding advance directives; provides immunity from liability for law enforcement officer acting in good faith; requires minor's assent to voluntary admission; requires individual who has been voluntarily or involuntarily admitted & charged with crime to be returned to custody of law enforcement agency after discharge; revises procedures for holding person for involuntary examination & for emergency situations; authorizes public facility to request transfer of individual to private facility. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/3/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Services Policy Committee; Public Safety & Domestic Security Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council
- SB 1216 Relating to Children's Services** Negron
Children's Services [SPSC]; Revises the membership of councils on children's services. Requires the governing body of the county to approve the purchase of real estate or the construction of a building by a council on children's services. Specifies that millage levied and fixed by such council does not count against the millage limit applicable to the county under the State Constitution, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.
3/4/2010 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
- HB 1227 Relating to Children's Services** Mayfield
Children's Services: Revises membership of councils on children's services; requires governing body of county to approve purchase of real estate or construction of building by council on children's services; requires submission of tentative budget & proposed millage rate to governing body of county; requires governing body of county to take public testimony on council's tentative budget & proposed millage rate; provides for governing body of county to approve budget before final adoption by council on children's services; specifies that millage levied & fixed by council on children's services does not count against millage limit applicable to county under State Constitution; limits authority of governing body of county over funds related to council on children's services; requires governing body of county to take public testimony on effectiveness of council on children's services; requires electors of county to periodically vote on whether to retain or dissolve council on children's services; requires council on children's services to give priority in use of funds to provision of children's services rather than to purchase of real estate or construction of buildings; provides legislative intent. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
3/3/2010 HOUSE Referred to Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee; Health Care Services Policy Committee; Finance & Tax Council; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council
- SB 1234 Relating to Child Care Facilities/Licensing Standards** Garcia
Child Care Facilities/Licensing Standards [SPSC]; Cites this act as the "John F. Serrano, Rachel Lou Napier, and Alexandra Ali Safety and Accountability Act." Provides minimum licensing requirements for window blinds and other window coverings. Provides for facility liability under certain circumstances. Provides a definition. Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services to provide certain

information regarding window blinds and window coverings. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Favorable with 1 Amendment by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

- SB 1242 Relating to School Health Services Program** Wilson
School Health Services Program [SPSC]; Defines the term "school-based health center" for purposes of the School Health Services Act. Provides that such a center is a health care entity acting as an instrumentality of the state for purposes of certain limitations on liability. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 1250 Relating to State Housing Trust Fund** Smith
State Housing Trust Fund [WPSC]; Removes a limitation on the amount of proceeds from the excise tax on documents which may be deposited into the trust fund. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 1259 Relating to Hospice Care** Renuart
Hospice Care: Authorizes licensed hospice to provide palliative care to person with life-limiting illness who is not admitted to hospice & to person's family; provides that act does not mandate or prescribe additional Medicaid coverage. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/3/2010 HOUSE Now in Health Care Regulation Policy Committee
- SB 1262 Relating to School-entry Requirements/Vision Examinations** Wilson
School-entry Requirements/Vision Examinations [SPSC]; Requires children who enter public or private schools in the state to present evidence of having received a comprehensive vision examination. Provides an exemption. Requires the imposition of a fee on the retail sale of nonprescription eyeglasses. Provides for the fee to be used by the Department of Health to assist parents in paying for school-entry comprehensive vision examinations, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010 except as otherwise provided.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation; Finance and Tax; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 1278 Relating to School Nurse Services** Wilson
School Nurse Services [SPSC]; Cites this act as the "One School, One Nurse Act." Creates a specified provision relating to public-private partnerships for the provision of school nurse services. Provides duties of the State Surgeon General and the Commissioner of Education in publicizing the availability of matching funds and determining eligibility for such funds. Provides a process for a community to submit a proposal to receive matching funds, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$75,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 1281 Relating to Loan Origination** Workman
Loan Origination: Reenacts reference to certain federal laws for purposes of incorporating rules adopted under such laws; specifies application of disciplinary procedures to principal loan originators for actions of loan originators; specifies nonapplication of specified limitations to licensed loan originators operating solely as loan processors; prohibits acting as loan processor unless licensed as loan originator; requires declaration of intent to engage solely in loan processing; authorizes withdrawal of declaration of intent; revises requirements relating to good faith estimate by loan originator; requires disclosure document to be signed & dated by borrower. Effective Date: October 1, 2010
3/11/2010 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
- SB 1294 Relating to School Wellness and Physical Education Policies** Wilson
School Wellness and Physical Education Policies [SPSC]; Revises each school district's requirement for reviewing its wellness and physical education policies. Provides specific guidelines for a school district's wellness and physical education policies with regard to nutrition education, physical activity, school-based activities, and nutritional guidelines for food and beverages sold or served on campus, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 1310 Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program** Wilson
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program [WPSC]; Revises the number of instructional hours that are required for a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private kindergarten provider or a public school. Revises the number of instructional hours that are required in order for a student in such a program delivered by a public school or a private prekindergarten provider to be considered a

full-time equivalent student in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

- SB 1312 Relating to Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign** Wise
Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign [GPSC]; Deletes the power of local steering committees to direct the distribution of undesignated funds. Requires such undesignated campaign funds to be shared proportionally by the participating charitable organizations based on the percentage of designations in each area. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 1341 Relating to Property Insurance** Nelson
Property Insurance: Revises capital funds requirements for domestic insurers; revises separate filing requirements & criteria; provides for application solely to residential property insurance; specifies publication responsibilities of OIR; revises requirements for provision by OIR of specified information on Internet; extends date requirement for OIR to develop & make publicly available hurricane mitigation measure methodologies for insurers; deletes specified reporting requirements of board of directors of CPIC; provides criteria, requirements, & procedures for changes in insurance policy terms; provides notice form requirements; provides for acceptance of changes in policy terms; revises specified replacement cost requirements for losses for insured dwellings & personal property; repeals provision relating to database of information relating to sinkholes. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/3/2010 HOUSE Now in Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee
- HB 1349 Relating to Community-Based Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities** Skidmore
Community-Based Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities: Urges Congress to support opportunity to provide increased access to community-based services for individuals with developmental disabilities. Effective Date: Not Specified
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health & Family Services Policy Council; Rules & Calendar Council
- SB 1356 Relating to Transitional Services for Youth** Wise
Transitional Services for Youth [SPSC]; Provides legislative intent concerning transition to adulthood services for youth in the custody of the DJJ. Provides eligibility for services from both departments for youth served by the DJJ who are legally in the custody of the DCFS. Provides for retention of court jurisdiction over a child for a specified period beyond the child's 19th birthday if the child is participating in a transition to adulthood program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Now in Criminal Justice
- SB 1358 Relating to Infant Eye Care** Wilson
Infant Eye Care [SPSC]; Requires certain eye examinations for all infants born in hospitals in the state. Revises an exception to the applicability of certain requirements concerning infant eye care. Clarifies the application of a penalty. Provides that coverage for children under health insurance policies and HMO contracts must include certain eye examinations for infants and children. Provides that the act fulfills an important state interest. Provides for application. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 1382 Relating to Child Care Facilities** Rich
Child Care Facilities [SPSC]; Provides that certain child care facilities, large family child care homes, and family day care homes that are accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association may apply to the DCFS to receive a "Gold Seal Quality Care" designation. Prohibits a person under the age of 18 from being employed at a child care facility. States the minimum educational standards for child care facility employees, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- HB 1383 Relating to Pregnant Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Care** Weinstein
Pregnant Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Care: Requires courts to appoint by specified time pro bono attorney or guardian ad litem for all children or youth in out-of-home care who are pregnant; establishes Specialty Guardian Ad Litem Pilot Program in Fourth Judicial Circuit to serve specified children & youth who are pregnant; provides for supervision of pilot program by executive director of Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office; requires that pro bono attorney or guardian ad litem be appointed if specialty guardian ad litem is not available; limits specialty guardian ad litem's representation to certain proceedings upon request of child or youth; provides that specialty guardian ad litem does not have authority to accept notice of termination of pregnancy; provides that funding is contingent upon specific appropriation in GAA; requires children & families client & management information system to include information concerning status & outcomes of pregnant children & youth in licensed care;

requires community-based providers & subcontractors to report specified pregnancy & outcome data to DCFS; specifies reporting procedures. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Appropriations Committee; Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council

- SB 1404 Relating to Veterans' Suicide Prevention** Military Affairs and Domestic Security
Veterans' Suicide Prevention [GPSC]; Directs the FDVA, in partnership with the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention and the DCFS, to seek federal funding for a grants program that addresses veterans' outreach and suicide prevention. Revises the membership of the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council to include veterans appointed by the Governor, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/8/2010 SENATE Now in Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
- HB 1427 Relating to Behavioral Health Services** Schwartz
Behavioral Health Services: Provides exemption for certain providers from participation in community-based managing entity that provides behavioral health services. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Services Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council
- HB 1429 Relating to Annuity Contracts** Schwartz
Annuity Contracts: Requires insurance companies to include provision in annuity contracts entered into with senior consumers authorizing senior consumers to terminate or liquidate contract without penalty upon being admitted as resident in specified long-term care facilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Insurance, Business & Financial Affairs Policy Committee; Elder & Family Services Policy Committee; General Government Policy Council
- HB 1431 Relating to Adult Guardianship** Schwartz
Adult Guardianship: Provides purposes for & construction of jurisdictional provisions; provides for treatment of foreign countries for specified purposes; provides for communication & cooperation between courts; provides for jurisdiction; provides for determination of whether court is an appropriate forum; authorizes court to decline jurisdiction due to certain conduct; provides for assessment of costs & expenses against certain parties engaging in unjustifiable conduct causing court to acquire jurisdiction; provides for proceedings in more than one state; requires court to determine whether it has jurisdiction; requires that factual information included in petition alleging incapacity not include any information that is confidential or for which alleged incapacitated person maintains right to privacy; requires that additional information be provided in such petitions; provides that court may request additional information; provides continuing duty of interested persons to inform court of certain information. Effective Date: October 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice & Courts Policy Committee; Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations Committee; Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council
- SB 1432 Relating to State Housing Trust Fund** Wilson
State Housing Trust Fund [WPSC]; Revises provisions governing the distribution of a portion of the proceeds of the excise tax on documents to the State Housing Trust Fund. Provides for the annual appropriation of a portion of the taxes distributed to such trust fund for specified uses conforming to the purposes for which the fund was created. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Finance and Tax; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 1504 Relating to Department of Elder Affairs** Deutch
Department of Elder Affairs [SPSC]; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to redesignate the Department of Elderly Affairs as the Department of Elder Affairs.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
- SB 1520 Relating to Background Screenings** Storms
Background Screenings [SPSC]; Revises background screening requirements for the Guardian Ad Litem Program, mental health personnel, nursing home personnel, home health agency personnel, nurse registry personnel, companions and homemakers, hospice personnel, personnel at homes for special services, and transitional living facility personnel. Provides background screening requirements for prescribed pediatric extended care center personnel, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- HB 1527 Relating to Maternal and Child Health** Thompson (N)
Maternal and Child Health: Creates "Florida Nurse Home Visitation Act"; establishes nurse home visitation pilot program in specified areas; provides purpose; requires local Healthy Start coalitions to administer program; provides duties of DOH; provides for administration & evaluation of program; provides eligibility requirements; requires DOH to adopt standards & guidelines & submit annual report

to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services
Policy Council

- SB 1528 Relating to Affordable Housing for Seniors** Deutch
Affordable Housing for Seniors [EPSC]; Revises provisions relating to the elements of local comprehensive plans to include an element for affordable housing for seniors. Provides for the disposition of real property by a local government for the development of affordable housing. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/3/2010 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- HB 1545 Relating to Florida Kidcare Program** Zapata
Florida Kidcare Program: Provides that children under age 1 may participate in Medikids program; provides that children who are eligible for state-sponsored health benefit plan & subsidized Kidcare program may enroll in Florida Kidcare program; provides that eligible child who is lawful immigrant may enroll in Florida Kidcare program regardless of child's date of entry; authorizes Kidcare coverage for temporomandibular joint disease; provides that Medicaid-eligible children are deemed eligible for 12 months of coverage regardless of any change in circumstances; provides that pregnant woman is eligible for Medicaid for duration of pregnancy & postpartum period; expands membership of board of directors of Florida Healthy Kids Corporation; directs AHCA to implement federal Family Opportunity Act. Effective Date: October 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Services Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council
- SB 1550 Relating to Juvenile Justice** Wise
Juvenile Justice [SPSC]; Requires the DJJ to adopt rules governing the procedures that may be used to restrain a child upon his or her arrival at the courthouse and the length of time a child may be placed in isolation. Requires that a juvenile justice circuit board and a juvenile justice county council be established in each judicial circuit and county, respectively. Requires the Children and Youth Cabinet to monitor the comprehensive plan of each circuit, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/10/2010 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- HB 1567 Relating to Provision of Psychotropic Medication to Children in Out-Of-Home Placements** Culp
Provision of Psychotropic Medication to Children in Out-Of-Home Placements: Repeals provision relating to authority of DCFS to prescribe psychotropic medication to child in its custody; requires that guardian ad litem be appointed by court to represent child in custody of DCFS who is prescribed such medication; requires that express & informed consent & assent be obtained from child or child's parent or guardian; provides requirements for prescribing physician, DCFS, & court; prohibits authorization for child in custody of DCFS to participate in any clinical trial designed to evaluate use of psychotropic medication in children. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Services Policy Committee; Health Care Appropriations Committee; Health & Family Services Policy Council
- HB 1571 Relating to Early Learning** Evers
Early Learning: Exempts early learning coalitions from APA; revises requirements for establishing minimum number of children served by coalitions to increase maximum number of coalitions; revises review period for school readiness plans; authorizes school readiness payment rates to create certain standards or levels of services; limits prohibition that restricts early learning coalitions from implementing revisions to school readiness plans without approval by AWI; exempts early learning coalitions from provisions relating to procurement of personal property & services; requires coalitions to comply with certain federal requirements for expenditure of, & procurement of property & services from, certain school readiness funds & funds provided for VPK program; deletes provision prohibiting term of services contracts from exceeding specified period; requires early learning coalitions to comply with certain federal requirements for funding quality activities; requires coalitions to comply with certain federal requirements for selection of child care resource information agencies. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Now in PreK-12 Policy Committee
- HB 1603 Relating to Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign** Cruz
Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign: Deletes power of local steering committees to direct distribution of undesignated funds; requires such undesignated campaign funds to be shared proportionally by participating charitable organizations based on percentage of designations in each area. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to Governmental Affairs Policy Committee; Economic Development & Community Affairs Policy Council

- HB 1619 Relating to School Food Service Programs** Bush III
School Food Service Programs: Creates Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program within DOE; requires DOE to work with DACS to recommend policies & rules to State Board of Education relating to school food services which encourage schools & school districts to buy fresh & local food; requires outreach services regarding benefits of fresh food products from farms in state; requires program compliance with National School Lunch Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
3/10/2010 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Policy Committee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Policy Committee; Education Policy Council
- SB 1702 Relating to Consumer Credit Protection** Banking and Insurance
Consumer Credit Protection [CPSC]; Expands the authority of the Attorney General to take action against out-of-state consumer debt collectors. Provides that a violation of provisions relating to consumer debt collectors is a violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act. Prohibits a credit counseling organization from engaging in certain additional specified acts. Requires a credit counseling organization to obtain a surety bond, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Not considered by Banking and Insurance
- SB 1718 Relating to State Symbols** Bullard (L)
State Symbols [GPSC]; Designates the schooner Western Union as the official state flagship. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/10/2010 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability
- SB 1732 Relating to Prog. Policy Analysis & Govt. Accountability Off.** Bennett
Prog. Policy Analysis & Govt. Accountability Off. [GPSC]; Requires the OPPAGA to conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness and cost efficiency of having a full-time Legislature versus a part-time Legislature. Requires that OPPAGA submit a report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by a specified date. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/10/2010 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules
- SB 1796 Relating to Contributions to Relieve Homelessness** Wilson
Contributions to Relieve Homelessness [CPSC]; Requires the motor vehicle registration form, registration renewal form, driver's license application form, and driver's license application form for renewal issuance or renewal extension to include an option to make a voluntary contribution to aid the homeless. Provides that voluntary contributions for the homeless are not income of a revenue nature for the purpose of applying certain service charges, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 1802 Relating to Cigarette Surcharge Revenue Uses** Gardiner
Cigarette Surcharge Revenue Uses [WPSC]; Reduces the amount of cigarette surcharge revenues deposited into the Health Care Trust Fund. Appropriates a portion of such revenues to the DCFs for certain purposes. Prohibits the use of such portion to supplant certain general revenue funds allocated to the department. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Finance and Tax; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 1860 Relating to Attorney Representation for Children** Altman
Attorney Representation for Children [SPSC]; Requires that the clerk of the court provide public records at no charge to an attorney appointed to represent a child. Adds the promotion and protection of legal rights to the list of protections provided to children. Requires the court to appoint an attorney for the child before involuntary placement of the child. Provides for the court appointment of an attorney or guardian ad litem for a child in delinquency proceedings, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 1862 Relating to Child Abduction Prevention** Sobel
Child Abduction Prevention [SPSC]; Cites this act as the "Child Abduction Prevention Act." Authorizes additional persons to move to have certain restrictions placed in parenting plans upon showing of a risk that one party may violate the court's parenting plan by removing a child from this state or country or by concealing the child's whereabouts. Authorizes a court to impose certain restrictions in addition to or in lieu of a requirement that a child's passport be surrendered, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Now in Judiciary
- SB 1864 Relating to Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission** Baker
Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission [SPSC]; Eliminates the Juvenile Justice Standards and Training Commission. Provides that the Department of Juvenile Justice rather than the commission is responsible for staff development and training. Conforms a provision to the termination

of the commission. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

- SB 1930 Relating to Health Care Transition/Adolescents/Young Adults** Wise
Health Care Transition/Adolescents/Young Adults [SPSC]; Establishes an office within the Division of Children's Medical Services Network in the DOH to implement a health care transition program for adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs. Requires the DOH to enter into contracts, contingent upon appropriations, with local health and transition services programs. Specifies the services that may be offered by local health and transition services programs, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 1944 Relating to Solicitation of Funds/Nonprofit Organizations** Bullard (L)
Solicitation of Funds/Nonprofit Organizations [GPSC]; Transfers control of procedures for the solicitation of funds for nonprofit organizations from the DOACS to the Department of State. Requires that the Department of State submit a copy of an annual report containing certain information to the Secretary of State. Requires that the department provide certain materials to organizations seeking to register as nonprofit corporations, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Commerce; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 1970 Relating to Education/High-performing Teachers** Detert
Education/High-performing Teachers [WPSC]; Cites this act as the "High-Performing Teacher Bonuses Act." Requires that each school district allocate 100 percent of the funds received for instruction for the International Baccalaureate Program, Advanced International Certificate of Education, and the Advanced Placement Program. Requires that such funds be expended solely for administrative costs associated with such programs and teachers' bonuses, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2004 Relating to Juvenile Justice** Dean
Juvenile Justice [SPSC]; Authorizes the court to set reasonable conditions of preadjudicatory release for children charged with specified acts or who have previously been charged with or committed delinquent acts. Provides an additional finding to support the use of secure, nonsecure, or home detention care. Revises provisions relating to recommendations by probation officers to the court concerning placement and any proposed treatment plan of juveniles, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
2/17/2010 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Community Affairs; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- SB 2014 Relating to Early Learning** Wise
Early Learning [CPSC]; Deletes an obsolete reference to the repealed subsidized child care program. Replaces an obsolete reference to a repealed program with an updated reference to the school readiness program. Revises procedures for child care market rate reimbursement and child care grants. Revises provisions relating to the eligibility requirements for private prekindergarten providers, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Commerce; Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2038 Relating to Medicaid Buy-in Program/Persons with Disabilities** Crist
Medicaid Buy-in Program/Persons with Disabilities [WPSC]; Provides for Medicaid eligibility for certain persons with disabilities under a Medicaid buy-in program, subject to specific federal authorization. Requires the DCFS to adopt rules for determining eligibility. Directs the DOH to perform all disability determinations. Requires the AHCA to seek amendments to specified Medicaid waivers for certain persons with disabilities. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2044 Relating to Insurance** Richter
Insurance [CPSC]; Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to insurance. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/10/2010 SENATE Favorable with CS by Banking and Insurance; 7 Yeas, 3 Nays
- SB 2082 Relating to Florida Kidcare Program** Rich
Florida Kidcare Program [WPSC]; Provides that children under the age of 1 may participate in the Medikids program. Provides that an eligible child who is a lawful immigrant may enroll in the Florida

Kidcare program regardless of the child's date of entry. Authorizes Kidcare coverage for temporomandibular joint disease. Provides that Medicaid-eligible children are deemed eligible for 12 months of coverage regardless of any change in circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Banking and Insurance; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

- SB 2118 Relating to Students with Disabilities/Seclusion/Restraint** Gardiner
Students with Disabilities/Seclusion/Restraint [SPSC]; Provides that manual physical restraint shall be used only in an emergency when there is an imminent risk of serious injury or death to the student or others. Prohibits school personnel from placing a student in seclusion. Requires that school personnel be trained and certified in the use of manual physical restraint. Requires the school to prepare an incident report after each occasion of student restraint and specifies contents of report, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 2120 Relating to Cadmium in Children's Products** Justice
Cadmium in Children's Products [CPSC]; Prohibits a person from using or applying cadmium in excess of a specified amount on any item of children's jewelry, toy, or child care article sold in this state. Provides civil fines for the sale of an item of said articles that contain cadmium. Requires that certain civil fines be waived under specified circumstances. Provides that a knowing and intentional violation of the act is a felony of the third degree, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Commerce; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- SB 2142 Relating to Medicaid Postpartum Benefits** Lawson Jr.
Medicaid Postpartum Benefits [WPSC]; Provides for continuation of Medicaid coverage for women eligible for prenatal care benefits under certain circumstances and for a specified period postpartum. Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to electronically enroll eligible women. Authorizes the AHCA to seek waiver authority. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2011.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2144 Relating to OGSR/Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program** Education Pre-K - 12
OGSR/Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program [SPSC]; Amends a specified provision relating to an exemption from public records requirements for the individual records of a child enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program which are held by an early learning coalition, the AWI, or a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program provider, including assessment data, health data, records of teacher observations, and personal information of the enrolled child, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules
- SB 2192 Relating to Prepaid Developmental Disabilities Savings Program** Peaden, Jr.
Prepaid Developmental Disabilities Savings Program [SPSC]; Provides for administration and management of the savings program by the Florida Prepaid College Board in conjunction with the Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program. Provides that the prepaid contract fund and the investment fund shall consist of certain moneys. Creates the Prepaid Services for Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities Study Group, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Finance and Tax; Higher Education Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2212 Relating to Prevention of Obesity** Wise
Prevention of Obesity [SPSC]; Authorizes the DOH to require certain food service establishments to display the number of calories in food items for sale. Provides immunity from liability under certain circumstances. Provides conditions under which such nutritional-information requirements may be superseded by federal law, rules, or regulations, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2011.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Commerce; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2224 Relating to Job Opportunities for Youth** Siplin
Job Opportunities for Youth [WPSC]; Provides legislative intent to support statewide vocational training and placement provided to at-risk youth through the Jobs for Florida's Graduates program. Requires that a proposal for funding a statewide summer program for youth employment be submitted to the Florida Endowment Foundation for Florida's Graduates. Revises the excise tax amount payable by manufacturers, distributors, and vendors of malt beverages, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Commerce; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

- SB 2228 Relating to Child Welfare Contracts** Haridopolos
Child Welfare Contracts [SPSC]; Limits state agency contract monitoring to once every 3 years if the contracted provider is subject to accreditation surveys by specified accreditation organizations. Allows the establishment of an Internet-based data warehouse to maintain the records of contract providers. Limits the DCFS to one contract monitoring of a child-caring or child-placing contract provider per year, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/1/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2244 Relating to Independent Living Transition Services Program** Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
Independent Living Transition Services Program [SPSC]; Requires the Auditor General to perform an operational audit of the independent living transition services program administered by the DCFS. Requires the OPPAGA to conduct an evaluation of the said program administered by the DCFS. Requires that the results of the audit and evaluation be reported to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Secretary of Children and Family Services. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2258 Relating to Family Builders Program** Baker
Faith- and Character-based Correctional Programs [SPSC]; Provides requirements for faith- and character-based programs. Deletes provisions relating to funding. Revises requirements for participation. Deletes provisions relating to assignment of chaplains, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.
3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2340 Relating to Relating to Agency for Persons with Disabilities** Storms
Agency for Persons with Disabilities [SPSC]; Authorizes the agency to use information in the Department of Children and Family Services' central abuse hotline for licensure purposes. Requires facility staff to obtain training in detecting, reporting, and preventing abuse, neglect, exploitation, and sexual abuse. Revises the types of violations that may result in license denial, revocation, or suspension or the imposition of an administrative fine, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2352 Relating to Maternal and Child Health** Aronberg
Maternal and Child Health [SPSC]; Creates the "Florida Nurse Home Visitation Act." Establishes a nurse home visitation pilot program in specified areas. Requires local Healthy Start coalitions to administer the program. Provides duties of the Department of Health. Provides for administration and evaluation of the program. Requires the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2366 Relating to Hospice Care** Thrasher
Hospice Care [SPSC]; Authorizes a licensed hospice to provide care to a person who has a life-limiting illness but who is not admitted to a hospice program. Provides for such services to include the person's family. Clarifies that the act does not prohibit the provision of palliative care by other authorized providers or facilities. Provides that the act does not mandate or prescribe additional Medicaid coverage, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2394 Relating to Early Learning** Garcia
Early Learning [SPSC]; Provides for a type two transfer of the Office of Early Learning within the DOE and the child care facility licensing responsibilities of the DCFS to the Office of Early Learning within the Agency for Workforce Innovation. Conforms provisions and cross-references to changes made by the act. Provides for the continued validity of child care facility licenses and registrations issued under ch. 402, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12; Commerce; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2396 Relating to Persons with Disabilities** Fasano
Persons with Disabilities [SPSC]; Provides that persons with developmental disabilities have a right to be free from abuse, regardless of the setting, and from negligence. Provides that the operator of a

public lodging or food establishment may not discriminate on the basis of disability. Creates the "Floridians with Disabilities Act." Adopts the federal Americans with Disabilities Act into state law and makes it part of the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 2416 Relating to Background Screening

Crist

Background Screening [SPSC]; Revises background screening requirements for the Guardian Ad Litem Program, mental health personnel, nursing home personnel, home health agency personnel, nurse registry personnel, and companions and homemakers. Provides background screening requirements for prescribed pediatric extended care centers. Revises provisions relating to the Criminal Justice Information Program under the FDLE, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; Health Regulation; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 2420 Relating to State & Local Government Revenues/New Taxes/Fees

Haridopolos

State & Local Government Revenues/New Taxes/Fees [WPSC]; Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to limit state and local government revenues and require voter approval of new taxes and fees.

3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Finance and Tax; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Rules

SB 2472 Relating to Education of Children with Disabilities

Storms

Education of Children with Disabilities [SPSC]; Cites this act as the "Disabilities in Education Act." Requires minimum training for child care personnel to include the identification and care of children with developmental disabilities. Revises requirements for student eligibility to participate in the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. Requires regional autism centers to provide certain support for serving children with developmental disabilities, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12; Higher Education; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

SB 2488 Relating to Guardianship and Protective Proceedings

Storms

Guardianship and Protective Proceedings [SPSC]; Creates the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act. Provides that, for the purpose of applying the act, a court of this state may treat a foreign country as if it were a state. Provides that the act provides the exclusive jurisdictional basis for a court of this state to appoint a guardian or issue a protective order for an adult, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

SB 2490 Relating to Department of Children and Family Services

Storms

Department of Children and Family Services [SPSC]; Authorizes the department to establish circuits and regions headed by circuit administrators and regional directors. Changes the name of the department to the "Department of Children and Families." Deletes provisions relating to the program directors for mental health and substance abuse, the service districts, child protection workers, the membership of community alliances, and the prototype region, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Health and Human Services Appropriations; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 2532 Relating to Medical Home Pilot Project

Peadar, Jr.

Medical Home Pilot Project [WPSC]; Requires the AHCA to establish such a pilot project. Provides for the organization of medical home networks. Requires the Secretary of Health Care Administration to appoint a task force to develop and implement the project. Provides for enrollment of Medipass beneficiaries. Requires the agency to collaborate with the OIR to encourage licensed insurers to incorporate the principles of the medical home network in insurance plans, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means

SB 2560 Relating to Offense of Sexting

Aronberg

Offense of Sexting [SPSC]; Provides that a minor commits the offense of sexting if he or she knowingly uses a computer, or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another person any photograph or video of himself or herself which depicts nudity and is harmful to minors, or knowingly possesses such a photograph or video that was transmitted or distributed to the minor from another minor, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.

3/4/2010 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

- SB 2582 Relating to Traffic Regulations To Assist Blind Persons** Siplin
 Traffic Regulations To Assist Blind Persons; Increases the penalty imposed against an unauthorized person who carries a raised white cane on a public roadway. Increases the penalty imposed for failing to stop and yield to a blind person attempting to cross a roadway. Reenacts a specified provision relating to the disposition of civil penalties, to incorporate the amendment made by this act to s. 318.18, F.S., in a reference thereto. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
 3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 2588 Relating to Juvenile Proceedings/Use of Restraints/Isolation** Siplin
 Juvenile Proceedings/Use of Restraints/Isolation; Requires the DJJ to adopt rules governing the procedures that may be used to restrain a child upon his or her arrival at the courthouse. Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint on a child after the child arrives at the courthouse except in specified circumstances. Prohibits subjecting a child to extended periods of isolation. Conforms a cross-reference. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
 3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- SB 2596 Relating to Smoking In Vehicles/Minor Passengers** Crist
 Smoking In Vehicles/Minor Passengers; Provides for enhanced penalties for any moving or nonmoving violation committed by a person driving or in control of a motor vehicle while a person in the vehicle is smoking when a minor is in the vehicle, regardless of whether the vehicle is in operation or parked. Provides that enforcement must only be a secondary action when the driver of the motor vehicle has been detained for another violation of specified provisions, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
 3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Criminal Justice; Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations
- SB 2612 Relating to Forensic Mental Health** Storms
 Forensic Mental Health; Provides additional responsibilities for certain contractors of the DCFS. Provides for involuntary outpatient treatment plans that require patients to take all prescribed medications in certain circumstances. Provides for the creation of a forensic mental health probation and parole program. Authorizes the chief judge of each circuit to establish a mental health court. Requires that the OPPAGA perform a study of the forensic mental health system, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
 3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal Justice; Policy & Steering Committee on Ways and Means
- SB 2616 Relating to Students with Disabilities in Public Schools** Siplin
 Students with Disabilities in Public Schools; Requires that manual physical restraint, mechanical restraint, and seclusion be used in an emergency or as part of a comprehensive behavior intervention plan developed by a certified behavior analyst and approved by an individual education plan team under certain circumstances. Provides restrictions on the use of such restraints and seclusion. Prohibits the use of such restraints and seclusion by school personnel who are not certified or trained, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
 3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 2626 Relating to Adult Guardianship** Aronberg
 Adult Guardianship; Redesignates part II of ch. 744, F.S., as "Venue and Jurisdiction." Provides purposes for and construction of jurisdictional provisions. Provides for treatment of foreign countries for specified purposes. Requires that factual information included in a petition alleging incapacity not include any information that is confidential or for which the alleged incapacitated person maintains a right to privacy, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
 3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations
- SB 2652 Relating to Motor Vehicle Licenses** Fasano
 Motor Vehicle Licenses; Provides for a voluntary checkoff on motor vehicle registration applications to permit contributions to Ronald McDonald House. Provides for a voluntary checkoff on driver's license applications to permit contributions to Ronald McDonald House. Provides that such contributions are not considered income of a revenue nature for purposes of a service charge. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
 3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Health Regulation; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2654 Relating to Homelessness** Crist
 Homelessness; Requires the motor vehicle registration form and registration renewal form, the driver license application form, and the driver license application form for renewal issuance or renewal extension to include an option to make a voluntary contribution to aid the homeless. Requires lead agencies for local homeless assistance continuums of care to track, monitor, and report on assisted families for a specified period of time, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.

3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Transportation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Health and Human Services Appropriations

- SB 2676 Relating to Child Welfare** Storms
Child Welfare; Provides that the circuit court has exclusive jurisdiction over a petition for an injunction to prevent child abuse. Requires the DCFS to conduct a juvenile delinquency records check and an out-of-state criminal history records check, if that state allows the release of such records, of certain persons before placement of a child. Establishes the Child Safety Assessment Workgroup for the purpose of developing a safety assessment process, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2678 Relating to Mental Health** Storms
Mental Health; Revises provisions relating to the Florida Mental Health Act, to substitute the term "individual" for the terms "person," "patient," or "client." Deletes certain background screening requirements and exemptions for certain mental health professionals. Specifies that only governmental facilities may serve as receiving and treatment facilities. Authorizes a public facility to request the transfer of an individual to a private facility, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2710 Relating to Early Learning** Bennett
Early Learning; Exempts early learning coalitions from the Administrative Procedure Act. Revises requirements for establishing the minimum number of children to be served by an early learning coalition to increase the maximum number of coalitions. Requires early learning coalitions to comply with certain federal requirements for the expenditure of, and procurement of property and services from, certain funds provided for the Voluntary Pre-K Education Program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Commerce; Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 2718 Relating to Children/Out-of-home Placement/Psychotropic Meds** Storms
Children/Out-of-home Placement/Psychotropic Meds; Repeals a provision relating to the authority of the DCFS to prescribe psychotropic medication to a child in its custody. Requires that a guardian ad litem be appointed by the court to represent a child in the custody of the DCFS who is prescribed such a medication. Requires that express and informed consent and assent be obtained from a child or the child's parent or guardian. Provides requirements for a prescribing physician, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2744 Relating to Tobacco Use Prevention** Dean
Tobacco Use Prevention; Amends a provision relating to the Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Program. Requires program components to include efforts to educate youth and their parents about tobacco use. Requires that the State Surgeon General, or his or her designee, serve on the Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Advisory Council. Provides that grants awarded are funds intended to benefit the state and are not purchases of commodities, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Health Regulation; Higher Education; Health and Human Services Appropriations
- SB 2746 Relating to Education Programs for Children with Disabilities** Gardiner
Education Programs for Children with Disabilities; Amends a provision relating to the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. Authorizes students who receive certain services under the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to receive a John M. McKay Scholarship. Revises definitions for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program. Establishes a prekindergarten program option for children with disabilities, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010.
3/9/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Commerce; Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations
- SB 7064 Relating to OGSR/Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program** Education Pre-K - 12
OGSR/Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Amends a specified provision relating to an exemption from public records requirements for the individual records of a child enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program which are held by an early learning coalition, the AWI, or a Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program provider, including assessment data, health data, records of teacher observations, and personal I.D. information of the enrolled child, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2010.
2/17/2010 SENATE Committee Bill filed as S 2144

- SB 7066 Relating to Independent Living Transition Services** Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
 Independent Living Transition Services; Requires the Auditor General to perform an operational audit of the independent living transition services program administered by the DCFS. Requires the OPPAGA to conduct an evaluation of the independent living transition services program administered by the DCFS. Requires that the results of the audit and evaluation be reported to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Secretary of Children and Family Services. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2010. 2/19/2010 SENATE Committee Bill filed as S 2244
- HB 7069 Relating to Background Screening** Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council
 Background Screening: Revises background screening requirements for various licensees & service providers; requires affidavit relating to background screening & revises background screening requirements under AHCA; requires electronic submission of fingerprints; revises level 1 & level 2 screening standards; adds disqualifying offenses; authorizes agencies to contract for electronic fingerprinting; revises requirements for covered employees & employers; revises provisions relating to employment exclusions; provides that employer may not hire, select, or otherwise allow employee contact with any vulnerable person until screening is completed; revises exemption provisions; revises payment; revises provisions relating to Criminal Justice Information Program under FDLE; authorizes agencies to request retention of certain fingerprints by FDLE; provides for rulemaking to require employers to keep agencies informed of certain changes concerning persons whose fingerprints are retained; revises background screening requirements for DJJ; conforms provisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
 3/11/2010 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading
- HB 7075 Relating to Health and Human Services** Health Care Services Policy Committee
 Health and Human Services: Repeals obsolete provisions relating to child abuse prevention training in district school system, DCFS model plan for community intervention & treatment in intrafamily sexual abuse cases, authorization for pilot & demonstration projects, Commission on Marriage & Family Support Initiatives, Family Policy Act, financial commitment to community services programs, respite & family care subsidy expenditures & funding recommendations, & requirement that DCFS adopt definitions of child care programs by rule, develop administrative infrastructure standards, & provide annual report to Legislature with respect to children in foster care. Effective Date: July 1, 2010
 3/10/2010 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)
- HB 9019 Relating to Bud Bell Day** Schwartz
 Bud Bell Day: Recognizes June 16, 2010, as "Budd Bell Day" in State of Florida. Effective Date: Not Specified
 3/11/2010 HOUSE Filed