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Florida Legislative Bills of Interest 2012

Bill Number	Description	Sponsor(s)	Update
SB 76 (Similar HB 1345)	Job Creation: Revising the payment and distribution of funds in the Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund; authorizing moneys transferred to the Board of Directors of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to be used to secure financing to pay costs for specified purposes at certain facilities and other properties; authorizing certain tax credits against the sales tax for qualified businesses located in enterprise program zones; providing a tax credit against corporate income taxes for the startup costs of child care facilities for employees of a corporation; creating the "Municipal Revitalization Act"; authorizing the creation of sales tax increment districts within enterprise zones, etc.	Garcia	01/09/12 Filed 01/17/12 Introduced
SB 274 (Similar HB 419)	Child Care Facilities. Citing this act as the "Haile Brockington Act"; requiring vehicles used by child care facilities and large family child care homes to be equipped with an alarm system that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before exiting the vehicle; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt rules and maintain a list of approved alarm systems, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Sachs	09/19/11 Filed 10/04/11 Referred to Children, Families and Elder Affairs, Budget, Budget Subcommittee on Health & Human Services Appropriations 11/03/11 CS by Children, Families and Elder Affairs; YEAS 6 NAYS 0 11/16/11 Now in Budget 11/17/11 Now in Budget Subcommittee on Health & Human Services Appropriations 01/10/12 Introduced
SB 304	Governmental Ethics: Requiring that all disclosures otherwise required by law be made in writing on forms prescribed by the Commission on Ethics; providing penalties if a public official makes a prohibited appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement decision; providing that if a covered public official holds an economic interest in a qualified blind trust, he or she does not have a conflict of interest that would otherwise be prohibited by law; requiring a state public officer holding an elected or appointed office to publicly state the nature of all of the officer's interests, and all of the interests of his or her principals, relatives, or business associates which are known to him or	Fasano	9/20/11 Filed 10/04/11 Referred to Rules Subcommittee on Ethics & Elections; Rules; Budget 1/10/12 Introduced

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	<p>her, in the matter from which the officer is abstaining from voting; prohibiting a reporting individual or procurement employee from knowingly accepting an honorarium from a vendor doing business with the reporting individual's or procurement employee's agency; raising the civil penalties that may be imposed for violations of ch. 112, F.S., from \$10,000 to \$100,000, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012</p>		
<p>SB 596 (Identical HB 545)</p>	<p>Employee Compensation/Nongovernmental Organizations, Quasi-governmental entities, and Not-for-profit organizations: Providing a limitation on the salaries of employees of certain nongovernmental organizations, quasi-governmental entities, and not-for-profit organizations; providing a means for approval of salaries in excess of such limitation, etc.</p>	<p>Storms, Bennett</p>	<p>10/19/11 Filed 11/02/11 Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget</p>
<p>SB 856 (related HB 519)</p>	<p>Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program: Requiring that prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private providers and public schools meet new professional credentialing requirements beginning July 1, 2015; deleting provisions relating to alternate educational credentials, to conform; repealing provisions relating to aspirational goals for the professional credentials of prekindergarten instructors, etc.</p>	<p>Rich</p>	<p>11/07/11 Filed 12/06/11 Referred to Education PreK-12, Budget 1/10/12 Introduced</p>
<p>SB 944</p>	<p>Parental Involvement & Accountability in Public Schools: Providing purpose to provide information and tools to parents of prekindergarten through grade 5 students and to set minimum standards for parental involvement; specifying causes for student underachievement; requiring shared information between teachers, schools, and parents; requiring prekindergarten through grade 5 teachers to evaluate parental involvement and send a parental involvement evaluation to parents under certain circumstances; requiring adoption of a process to dispute a parental involvement evaluation; requiring reports on parental involvement evaluations by district school boards and the Department of Education; providing for implementation, etc.</p>	<p>Wise</p>	<p>11/15/11 Filed 12/06/11 Referred to Education PreK-12, Budget 1/10/12 Introduced</p>
<p>SB 1126</p>	<p>Child Protective Services: Requiring a case plan for a child receiving services from the Department of Children and Family Services to include additional documentation relating to a child's school attendance and parent or caregiver efforts to permit the child to remain in the school attended at the time of placement in care; requiring certain adult caregivers to serve as</p>	<p>Sobel</p>	<p>12/01/11 Filed 01/10/12 Introduced</p>

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	education advocates for a child in middle school or high school; providing a timeframe for appointing a surrogate parent for a child who has a disability; requiring the community-based provider to document the selection of an education advocate or surrogate parent in the child's case plan, etc.		
SB 1204	Government Reorganization: Correcting references to agency names and divisions and correcting cross-references to conform to the governmental reorganization resulting from the enactment of chapter 2011-142, Laws of Florida; authorizing Enterprise Florida, Inc., to contract with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation for management and operation of welcome centers; adding the Governor or the Lieutenant Governor as the Governor's designee as a member and chair of the board of directors of Space Florida; repealing provisions relating to the designation of enterprise zones in communities suffering adverse impacts from the adoption of the constitutional amendment limiting the use of nets to harvest marine species	Commerce & Tourism Committee Bill	12/08/11 Filed 01/19/12 CS passed out of Commerce and Tourism, 6 YEAS 0 NAYS
SB 1222	Child Care Facilities: Requiring minimum standards for a written plan for the daily provision of varied activities at a child care facility to include requirements for the appropriate use of confining equipment, periods of physical activity, and limited screen time; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt rules,	Detert	12/08/11 Filed 01/10/12 Referred to Children, Families & Elder Affairs; Budget 01/10/12 Introduced
SB 1450 (Similar HB 35)	Allocation and Expenditure of State Lottery Revenues: Requiring that certain unencumbered funds of the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund be allocated to voluntary prekindergarten education programs; providing for the use of funds	Braynon	01/04/12 Filed
SB 1758	Early Learning: Revising the duties of the Office of Early Learning within the Department of Education; requiring that the Office of Early Learning develop and adopt by rule unified performance standards and outcome measures for school readiness programs; requiring that the Office of Early Learning adopt a statewide, standardized contract that is limited to state and federal requirements to be used by the early learning coalitions and prevents local addendum; requiring that the prevailing market rate schedule differentiate rates by the type of child care services provided for preschool-age children participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; requiring that a school district offering the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program adopt	Flores	01/06/12 Filed 01/17/12 Introduced

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	procedures that separately account for the funds received and the expenses incurred for the program, etc.		
SB 7024 (now SB 1204)	Governmental Reorganization; Correcting references to agency names and divisions and correcting cross-references to conform to the governmental reorganization resulting from the enactment of chapter 2011-142, Laws of Florida; making technical and grammatical changes; correcting a reference to the number of members of the Acquisition and Restoration Council; authorizing Enterprise Florida, Inc., to contract with the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation for management and operation of welcome centers	Commerce & Tourism Committee	11/22/11 Filed 12/08/11 Submitted as a Committee Bill by Commerce & Tourism SB 1204
SPB 7048	Department of Children and Family Services: Changing the name of the department to the "Department of Children and Families"; requiring that the department be geographically organized into circuits and regions; revising the services provided by the department and abolishing the program offices; providing for community alliances to be established at the discretion of the department, rather than required; amending provisions relating to the State Office on Homelessness within the Department of Children and Families, etc.	Proposed Committee Bill by Children, Families, & Elder Affairs	1/13/12 On Committee Agenda 1/19/12 Submitted as Committee Bill
HB 35 (Similar SB 1450)	Allocation and Expenditure of State Lottery Revenues: Requires portion of Powerball net revenues to be allocated to voluntary prekindergarten education programs; provides for use of funds. Effective Date: October 1, 2012	Clarke-Reed	07/06/11 Filed 09/15/11 Referred to PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee; Appropriations Committee 09/15/11 Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee 01/10/12 First reading
HB 37	Offenses by Caregivers of Minor Children: Designates act "Caylee's Law"; penalizes failure of caregiver, willfully or by culpable negligence, to make contact with child under specified age in his or her care for certain period & to immediately report child as missing to law enforcement after that period expires without contact in certain circumstances; provides enhanced criminal penalties in certain circumstances; requires caregiver of minor child to report child's death to law enforcement agency within specified period in certain circumstances; requires caregiver of minor child to report location of child's corpse to law enforcement agency within specified period in certain	Diaz & Plakon	07/07/11 Filed 09/15/11 Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 01/10/12 First Reading

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	circumstances; provides enhanced criminal penalties for caregiver of minor child who knowingly & willfully gives false information with specified intent to law enforcement officer conducting missing person investigation or felony criminal investigation involving child.		
HB/CS 173	Department of Juvenile Justice: Revises types of diversified & innovative programs to provide rehabilitative treatment that may be developed or contracted for by DJJ, to include mother-infant programs; authorizes department, at secretary's discretion, to pay up to specified amount toward basic funeral expenses for youth who dies while in custody of department & whose parents or guardians are indigent & for which no other source of funding is available.	Campbell & Julien	09/20/11 Filed 10/03/11 Referred to Judiciary Committee, Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, Criminal Justice Subcommittee 11/01/11 Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice Subcommittee 11/07/11 CS filed 11/09/11 Now in Judiciary Committee 01/10/12 First Reading
HB 259 (Similar HB 37, SB 84, SB 86, SB 146)	Offenses by Caregivers of Minor Children: Penalizes failure of caregiver, by culpable negligence, to make contact with child under specified age in his or her care for certain period & to immediately report child as missing to law enforcement after that period expires without contact in certain circumstances; provides enhanced criminal penalties in certain circumstances; requires caregiver of minor child to report child's death to law enforcement agency within specified period in certain circumstances; requires caregiver of minor child to report location of child's corpse to law enforcement agency within specified period in certain circumstances; provides that reporting time period do not run in certain circumstances; prohibits knowingly making false reports	Rouson	10/04/11 Filed 10/17/11 Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 10/17/11 Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee 01/10/12 First reading
HB 419 (Similar SB 274)	Child Care Facilities: Cites act as "Haile Brockington Act"; requires vehicles used by child care facilities & large family child care homes to be equipped with alarm system that prompts driver to inspect vehicle for children before exiting vehicle; requires DCFS to adopt rules & maintain list of approved alarm systems	Berman	10/19/11 Filed 10/28/11 Referred to Health & Human Services Access Subcommittee; Rulemaking & Regulation Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Healthy & Human Services Committee 10/28/11 Now in Health & Human Services Access Subcommittee 01/10/12 First reading

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<p>HB 493 (Identical SB 264)</p>	<p>Student Discipline in Public Schools: Revises provisions relating to rights of parents & public school students; prohibits use of corporal punishment as form of discipline; deletes provisions relating to authority of teachers & principals to administer corporal punishment; revises duties of district school boards & code of student conduct relating to control & discipline of students.</p>	<p>Porth</p>	<p>10/26/11 Filed 11/04/11 Referred to K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee; Education Committee 11/04/11 Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee 1/10/12 First Reading</p>
<p>HB 543 (identical to SB 944)</p>	<p>Parental Involvement and Accountability in Public Schools: Specifies purpose to provide information & tools to parents of preK-5 students & to set minimum standards for parental involvement; specifies causes for student underachievement; requires prek-5 teachers to evaluate parental involvement & send evaluation to parents under certain circumstances; requires dispute process; requires certain reporting. Effective Date: July 1, 2012</p>	<p>Stargel</p>	<p>11/01/11 Filed 11/15/11 Referred to K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee 11/15/11 Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee 01/10/12 First Reading</p>
<p>HB 545 (Identical SB 596)</p>	<p>Compensation of Employees of Nongovernmental Organizations, Quasi-governmental Organizations, and Not-for-profit Organizations: Provides limitations on salaries of employees of certain nongovernmental organizations, quasi-governmental entities, or not-for-profit organizations; provides means for approval of salaries in excess of such limitation</p>	<p>Mayfield</p>	<p>11/02/11 Filed 11/15/11 Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee</p>
<p>HB 793 (Identical SB 856)</p>	<p>Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program: Requiring that prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private providers and public schools meet new professional credentialing requirements beginning July 1, 2015; deleting provisions relating to repealing provisions relating to aspirational goals for the professional credentials of prekindergarten instructors, etc.</p>	<p>Jenne</p>	<p>11/28/11 Filed 12/12/11 Referred to K-20 Innovation Subcommittee; Business & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee 12/12/11 Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee 01/10/12 First reading</p>
<p>HB 1141</p>	<p>Public School System: Revises statewide student assessment program beginning with 2014-2015 school year; discontinues use of FCAT; provides for subject area assessments, end-of-course assessments, & diagnostic assessments; revises graduation requirements to include measure of overall academic performance; requires task force to recommend graduation standards for career-track students; revises basis for school grades & school improvement ratings; revises program for student progression; revises Florida School Recognition Program; revises provisions relating</p>	<p>Bullard</p>	<p>12/27/11 Filed 1/10/12 First reading</p>

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	to contracts with instructional personnel & provides for award of professional performance contract; requires school district to implement professional development program; provides for assessment & accountability alignment committee to develop standards & procedures for assessment & school		
HB 1229	Reorganization of Department of Children and Families: Changes name of Department of Children & Family Services to Department of Children & Families; authorizes department to restructure its organizational units to establish circuits, aligned geographically with judicial circuits, & regions, which include multiple circuits in geographical proximity to each other; deletes provisions relating to service districts, prototype region, procurement of health services, & mission & purpose of department; revises provisions relating to structure of & services provided by department; revises provisions aligning boundaries of service areas for Department of Health to those of service districts of department to conform to changes made by this act; deletes authority of Governor to appoint executive director of State Office on Homelessness; provides for legislation to conform Florida Statutes to changes made by act.	Drake	01/05/12 Filed 01/10/12 First reading 1/12/12 Now in Health and Human Services Access Committee
HB 1263	Department of Health: Revises purpose of DOH; revises duties of State Surgeon General; eliminates Officer of Women's Health Strategy; redesignates Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund as Health Care Regulation Trust Fund; eliminates Florida Drug, Device, & Cosmetic Trust Fund & Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Trust Fund as DOH funds; redesignates Bureau of HIV & AIDS as Bureau of Communicable Diseases; authorizes Bureau Chief for Environmental Health to assign staff to resolve disputes regarding interpretation of rules on onsite sewage treatment & disposal systems; provides for bureau chief to serve on variance review & advisory committee & environmental health professionals advisory board; provides for bureau representative to serve on research review & advisory committee; repeals provisions which established Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease, standards for compressed air used for recreational diving, Health Information Systems Council, Arthritis Prevention and Education Act, & Statewide Children's Medical Services Network Advisory Council; provides for persons with active tuberculosis to be hospitalized in any hospital licensed under ch. 395, F.S.; revises provisions	Hudson	01/05/12 Filed 01/10/12 First reading 1/12/12 Now in Health and Human Services Quality Committee

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	relating to legislative appropriations for care & maintenance of patients hospitalized pursuant to court order for tuberculosis; repeals Public Sector Physician Advisory Committee; requires Florida Building Code to contain provisions relating to sanitation; revises requirements relating to Florida Building Code; reassigns responsibility for Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program & nursing scholarship program from DOH to DOE.		
HB 1345 (Similar SB 76)	Job Creation: Revises payment & distribution of funds in Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund for specified purposes; authorizes moneys transferred to Board of Directors of H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute to be used to secure financing to pay costs for specified purposes at certain facilities & other properties; authorizes tax credits against sales tax for qualified businesses located in enterprise program zones; provides for transfer of certain sales tax increment revenues from General Revenue Fund to Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities; provides for distribution from Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities relating to increase in sales tax collections over preceding year to governing body of area that receives tax increment revenues pursuant to designation as sales tax increment district; authorizes tax credits against corporate income taxes & insurance premium taxes for startup costs of child care facilities for employees of corporation or insurer & for payments to child care facility for benefit of employees of corporation or insurer; authorizes tax credits against corporate income tax for qualified businesses located in enterprise program zones; authorizes sales tax credit for job creation; provides for eligibility, application, certification, carryforward, & expiration of various tax credits; revises provisions relating to unemployment compensation, barbering, cosmetology, & contracting for purposes of job creation	Gonzalez	01/06/12 Filed 01/10/12 Introduced 01/12/12 Now in Finance and Tax
HB 7041	Government Reorganization: Establishes Division of Information Technology within DEO; corrects references to agency names & divisions & corrects cross-references to conform to governmental reorganization resulting from enactment of ch. 2011-142, L.O.F.; makes technical & grammatical changes; deletes provisions that encourage local governments to adopt countywide marina siting plans & use uniform criteria & standards for marina siting; corrects reference to number of members of Acquisition & Restoration Council; authorizes EFI to contract with Visit Florida for	Nehr	1/19/12 Filed 1/19/12 First reading in Economic Affairs

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	<p>management & operation of welcome centers; limits requirement that members of EFI's board of directors be confirmed by Senate to those members who are appointed by Governor; replaces obsolete reference to former OTTED; corrects number of grant programs relating to Florida Economic Reinvestment Initiative; revises membership of board of directors of Space Florida; provides for designation of chair of board of directors; deletes provisions establishing Space Florida advisory council; repeals provisions relating to powers & duties of Secretary of Community Affairs & functions of DCA with respect to federal grant-in-aid programs; repeals provisions relating to designation of enterprise zones in communities suffering adverse impacts from adoption of constitutional amendment limiting use of nets to harvest marine</p>		
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