

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE

May 30, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.
City Hall – Room 100

AGENDA

Members & Alternate: Chair Ed Montanari, Amy Foster, Brandi Gabbard, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman; Alternate – Darden Rice

Support Staff: Justin Andrews, Legislative Aide

A. Call to order

B. Approval of agenda

C. Approval of minutes – March 15, 2019

D. New/Deferred business

a. Discussion of 2019 legislative session

i. John Rodriguez - Update on Administration's legislative priorities

ii. Pinellas Legislative Delegation

1. Jennifer Webb, State Rep. District 69

2. Wengay Newton, State Rep. District 70

E. Upcoming meeting and agenda tentative issues

a. Discussion of 2020 Legislative issues, *TBD*

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Report

March 15, 2019

11:00 – City Hall – Room 100

Present: Chair Ed Montanari, Brandi Gabbard, Lisa Wheeler-Bowman, Darden Rice, Government Affairs Director John Rodriguez, Kevin King, Office Systems Specialist Paul Traci, Assistant City Attorneys Jane Wallace and Heather Judd, Legislative Aide Justin Andrews

Chair Montanari announced the agenda order and introduced Government Affairs Director John Rodriguez. Mr. Rodriguez gave a summary of the Administration's legislative priorities and welcomed Council members to submit more priorities to him during the session.

CM Gabbard asked if Administration had contacted a legislator to amend HB145 (Vegetable Garden preemption.) Mr. Rodriguez stated that he had not contacted anyone yet, but planned to work with State Representative Webb to do so. CM Gabbard gave a brief update on her efforts to get an amendment submitted for the bill with Forward Pinellas.

CM Rice expressed concern about the Administration's funding requests, stating that three out of four requests are small arts requests, and that the city should make requests surrounding a more critical issue. Kevin King stated that due to the number of lobbyists working on the critical issues, St. Petersburg can defer and focus on city-specific requests. CM Rice asked if the Administration had considered the legislative and funding requests from local partner organizations, to which Mr. Rodriguez stated that he had a list of USFSP's requests and would be reaching out to other organizations.

CM Gabbard asked Mr. Rodriguez to discuss the Growth Management bill, specifically about affordable housing and linkage fees, which Mr. Rodriguez did. CM Wheeler-Bowman discussed bills dealing with firearms and asked Mr. Rodriguez to keep track of them. CM Montanari asked Mr. Rodriguez to summarize the funding request list, which Mr. Rodriguez did. CM Gabbard asked Mr. King if HB90199's potential failure would affect Tampa Bay Watch's ability to open with the Pier on time. Mr. King felt comfortable with TBW's financial position and is not concerned.

CM Rice asked for the status of five transition committees and how their recommendations relate to the legislature. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he was not familiar with the relationship but is aware of funding requests from the Governor's committees being worked on in session. CM Montanari reiterated his hope that the City can go to Tallahassee with one voice to advocate for the needs of the city.

CM Montanari introduced Steven Cary and Gershom Faulkner from Representative Charlie Crist's office and opened the floor for Council to speak on Federal legislative priorities. CM Gabbard gave a summary of Coastal High Hazard and Repetitive Loss issues, mitigation resources, and flood insurance reform, asking if Rep. Crist could make these topics a priority. CM Gabbard also asked about legislation surrounding Housing and Urban Development, stating that HUD needs more stringent inspection requirements.

CM Montanari spoke about the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, among other priorities, and opened the floor for Mr. Cary and Mr. Faulkner to comment. Mr. Cary thanked Council for their comments and gave a brief overview of Rep. Crist's current committee assignments and work in Washington. Mr. Cary gave an overview of how Mr. Crist's work relates to the priorities brought forward by Council.

CM Gabbard asked the chair if the committee's Legislative Aide could maintain a Federal legislation priority list to track bills in Congress, and recommended Council make a visit to D.C. CM Gabbard asked if the City has a lobbyist in Washington, to which CM Rice gave information on who represents TBARTA, Forward Pinellas, PSTA, and the County.

Cheryl Stacks gave a presentation on motorized scooters, discussing the characteristics of the vehicles, companies, customer usage, and how the city intends to address the devices.

CM Rice gave a brief overview of the referral's intention, specifically discussing safety for all modes of transport. CM Rice asked if this mode of transportation was a fad that warrants city attention. Ms. Stacks stated that the scooters will likely remain, so the city should be proactive. Assistant City Attorney Heather Judd gave a synopsis of the legal issues surrounding these devices and their companies. CM Montanari suggested an ordinance be drafted to regulate the usage of scooters. CM Gabbard stated that the scooter issue would be brought to HLUT in May. CM Wheeler-Bowman discussed her experience with the scooter in San Diego, agreeing that safety needs to be considered.

CM Rice asked about DUI infractions relating to the scooters. Ms. Judd suggested that they would be considered a vehicle just as bicycles are.

Matt Lettelleir from the St. Pete Chamber gave a brief overview of St. Pete day taking place in Tallahassee March 20 and March 21. Mr. Lettelleir asked Legal about Councilmembers meeting with legislators and how it related to Sunshine Laws. Assistant City Attorney Jane Wallace gave an explanation of what would fall under Sunshine law requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Bills Passed by Both House and Senate

NUMBER	TITLE	FILED BY	LAST ACTION AND LOCATION	TRACK BILL
HB 5	Ballot Measures	Rep. DiCeglie	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1323	
HB 7	Direct Health Care Agreements	Rep. Duggan	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1157	
HB 9	Community Redevelopment Agencies	Rep. LaMarca	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1139	
HB 19	Prescription Drug Importation Programs	Rep. Leek	Last Action: 4/29/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1002	
HB 21	Hospital Licensure	Rep. Fitzenhagen	Last Action: 4/29/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 992	
HB 23	Telehealth	Rep. Yarborough	Last Action: 4/29/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 994	
HB 49	Incarcerated Women	Criminal Justice Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/29/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1011	
SB 82	Vegetable Gardens	Sen. Bradley	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 765	
HB 87	Registration and Titling of Vehicles and Vessels	State Affairs Committee	Last Action: 4/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 561	
HB 91	Judicial Process	Civil Justice Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/4/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 575	
HB 95	C-51 Reservoir Project	Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1109	
HB 127	Permit Fees	State Affairs Committee	Last Action: 4/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 561	
SB 168	Federal Immigration Enforcement	Sen. Gruters	Last Action: 5/2/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 875	
SB 190	Higher Education	Sen. Stargel	Last Action: 5/3/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 941	
HB 207	Impact Fees	Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/10/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 624	
HB 213	Immunization Registry	Rep. Massullo	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1126	
SB 262	Child Welfare	Sen. Albritton	Last Action: 4/30/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 648	
HB 301	Insurance	Insurance and Banking Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1324	

HB 311	Autonomous Vehicles	Rep. Fischer	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1129	
SB 322	Health Plans	Sen. Simpson	Last Action: 5/3/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 892	
HB 325	Coastal Management	Rep. LaMarca	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 848	
SR 340	Landscape Architecture Month	Sen. Perry	Last Action: 3/27/2019 S Adopted -SJ 275	
HB 341	Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains	Rep. LaMarca	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1129	
SB 366	Infectious Disease Elimination Programs	Sen. Braynon	Last Action: 5/2/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 866	
HB 369	Substance Abuse Services	Rep. Caruso	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1324	
HB 375	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Rep. Pigman	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1324	
HB 385	Transportation	Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1175	
HB 409	Electronic Legal Documents	Rep. Perez, Grant	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1157	
HB 411	Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services	Rep. Perez	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1127	
HB 427	Honor and Remember Flag	Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1097	
HB 431	Liens Against Motor Vehicles and Vessels	Rep. Fischer	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1097	
HB 437	Community Development Districts	Rep. Buchanan	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1097	
HB 441	E911 Systems	Rep. DuBose, Toledo	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1097	
HB 445	Trademark Classifications	Rep. Diamond	Last Action: 4/25/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 917	
HB 447	Construction	Rep. Diamond	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1267	
HB 449	Alzheimer's Disease	Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 938	
HB 451	Nonopioid Alternatives	Rep. Plakon	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1098	
HB 453	Micromobility Devices	Rep. Toledo	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1129	

HB 475	Certificates of Title for Vessels	Rep. Williamson	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1129	
HB 487	Carrying of Firearms by Tactical Medical Professionals	Rep. Smith, Gottlieb	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1126	
HB 501	Alternative Treatment Options for Veterans	Health Market Reform Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1157	
HB 521	Wetland Mitigation	Rep. McClure, Overdorf	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 938	
HB 525	Renaming Of Florida College System Institutions	Rep. Raschein	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1157	
HB 547	Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program	Rep. Clemons	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1098	
HB 549	Continuing Education for Dentists	Rep. Sirois	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 791	
HB 563	Unemployment Compensation	Rep. Joseph	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1098	
HB 593	Postsecondary Fee Waivers	Rep. Trumbull	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1098	
HB 595	Alcohol or Drug Overdose Prosecutions	Rep. Silvers	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 848	
HB 611	Motor Vehicle Racing	Rep. Mercado, Plakon	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 938	
HB 617	Homeowners' Insurance Policy Disclosures	Rep. Newton	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1129	
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SB 620	Military-friendly Initiatives	Sen. Broxson	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 766	
HB 629	Lottery Games	Gaming Control Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1161	
SR 632	Tampa Theatre	Sen. Rouson	Last Action: 3/14/2019 S Adopted -SJ 234	
HB 673	Insurer Guaranty Associations	Rep. Fischer	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1157	
SR 678	Marion County Day	Sen. Perry	Last Action: 3/14/2019 S Adopted -SJ 235	
SR 682	Venezuela/Juan Guaidó	Sen. Diaz	Last Action: 3/14/2019 S Adopted -SJ 236	
HB 725	Commercial Motor Vehicles	Rep. Payne	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1259	

SB 732	Office Surgery	Sen. Flores	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 766	
HB 741	Anti-Semitism	Rep. Fine, Caruso	Last Action: 4/29/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1011	
HB 763	Registered Contractor Licensing	Rep. Watson	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1129	
HB 767	Right of Entry	Rep. Robinson	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1324	
SB 796	Public Utility Storm Protection Plans	Sen. Gruters	Last Action: 5/2/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 867	
HB 807	Civics Education	Rep. Aloupis	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1324	
HB 827	Engineering	Rep. Toledo	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1130	
HB 829	Attorney Fees and Costs	Rep. Sabatini	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1156	
HB 831	Electronic Prescribing	Rep. Mariano	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1143	
HB 843	Health Care	Rep. Rodriguez	Last Action: 4/29/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1008	
HB 851	Human Trafficking	Rep. Fitzenhagen	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1324	
SB 862	Lessor Liability Under Special Mobile Equipment Leases	Sen. Stargel	Last Action: 4/30/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 648	
HB 905	Department of Transportation	Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1157	
SB 910	Court-ordered Treatment Programs	Sen. Gainer	Last Action: 5/3/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 892	
HB 925	Warranty Associations	Rep. Webb	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1324	
SR 930	Autism Soccer Awareness Week	Sen. Taddeo	Last Action: 4/3/2019 S Adopted -SJ 305	
HB 975	Aircraft Liens	Rep. Altman	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1130	
HB 977	Public Accountancy	Rep. Stevenson	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled - HJ 1324	
HB 983	Ratification of Rules of the Department of Financial Services	Rep. Casello, Willhite	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 938	
SB 1000	Communications Services	Sen. Hutson	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 766	

HB 1009	Business Organizations	Rep. Byrd	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1098	
SB 1020	State Hemp Program	Sen. Bradley	Last Action: 5/3/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 895	
HB 1021	DNA Database	Rep. Latvala	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 848	
HB 1027	Office of Early Learning	Rep. Aloupis	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1130	
HB 1033	Continuing Care Contracts	Rep. Yarborough, Stevenson	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1324	
HB 1045	Closing the Gap Grant Proposals	Rep. Brown	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1242	
HB 1057	Motor Vehicles	Rep. McClure	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1125	
SB 1080	Hazing	Sen. Book	Last Action: 5/2/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 868	
HB 1113	Health Insurance	Rep. Renner	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1324	
HB 1121	Support Organizations	Rep. Altman	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1135	
HB 1159	Private Property Rights	Rep. La Rosa	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1011	
HB 1209	Caregivers for Children in Out-of-Home Care	Rep. Buchanan	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1098	
HB 1247	Construction Bonds	Rep. Perez	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1157	
HB 1253	Prescription Drug Monitoring Program	Health Quality Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1324	
SB 1306	Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission	Sen. Book	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Ordered enrolled -SJ 766	
SR 1336	Nicholas J. "Nick" Bollettieri	Sen. Benacquisto	Last Action: 3/27/2019 S Adopted -SJ 275	
HR 1379	Gulf of Mexico Range Complex	Rep. Rodrigues, Ponder	Last Action: 4/17/2019 H Adopted -HJ 697	
HB 1393	Department of Financial Services	Rep. Clemons	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1123	
SB 1418	Mental Health	Sen. Powell	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Ordered enrolled -SJ 766	
SR 1438	Taiwan	Sen. Torres	Last Action: 4/30/2019 S Adopted -SJ 629	

SB 1460	Stroke Centers	Sen. Book	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 766	
SB 1552	Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative	Sen. Gruters	Last Action: 4/30/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 648	
SB 1656	Criminal Statutes	Sen. Lee	Last Action: 4/30/2019 S Ordered enrolled - SJ 648	
NUMBER	TITLE	FILED BY	LAST ACTION AND LOCATION	TRACK BILL
SR 1808	Film and Television Production	Sen. Taddeo	Last Action: 4/30/2019 S Adopted -SJ 630	
SR 1810	Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month	Sen. Berman	Last Action: 3/14/2019 S Adopted -SJ 235	
SR 1812	FSU Day	Sen. Montford	Last Action: 4/4/2019 S Adopted -SJ 324	
SR 1814	Health Information Technology Week	Sen. Harrell	Last Action: 4/24/2019 S Adopted -SJ 422	
SR 1816	Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week	Sen. Harrell	Last Action: 4/4/2019 S Adopted -SJ 324	
SR 1818	Osteopathic Medicine and Health Awareness Day	Sen. Montford	Last Action: 4/3/2019 S Adopted -SJ 306	
SR 1820	Moratorium on Drilling in the Gulf of Mexico	Sen. Hooper	Last Action: 4/30/2019 S Adopted -SJ 630	
SR 1822	Gator Day	Sen. Perry	Last Action: 4/10/2019 S Adopted -SJ 338	
SR 1824	Springs Protection Awareness Month	Sen. Bradley	Last Action: 4/4/2019 S Adopted -SJ 324	
SR 1826	Apollo 11 Week	Sen. Wright	Last Action: 4/10/2019 S Adopted -SJ 338	
SR 1830	Delta Days at the Capitol	Sen. Gibson	Last Action: 4/3/2019 S Adopted -SJ 306	
SR 1834	Hidden Heroes	Sen. Broxson	Last Action: 4/3/2019 S Adopted -SJ 307	
SR 1838	Florida State University Soccer Team	Sen. Farmer	Last Action: 4/10/2019 S Adopted -SJ 338	
SR 1840	Florida State University Seminoles 2018 Softball Team	Sen. Farmer	Last Action: 4/10/2019 S Adopted -SJ 339	
SR 1844	Federal Disaster Relief and Recovery	Sen. Montford	Last Action: 4/10/2019 S Adopted -SJ 339	
SR 1848	Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month	Sen. Wright	Last Action: 4/24/2019 S Adopted -SJ 422	

SR 1850	American Stroke Month	Sen. Wright	Last Action: 4/24/2019 S Adopted -SJ 422	
SR 1852	Bladder Cancer Awareness Month	Sen. Passidomo	Last Action: 4/23/2019 S Adopted -SJ 404	
SR 1854	Indian River State College/Aspen Prize	Sen. Harrell	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Adopted -SJ 651	
SR 1860	Days of Remembrance and Holocaust Memorial Day	Sen. Berman	Last Action: 5/2/2019 S Adopted -SJ 768	
SR 1862	Colombia Day	Sen. Taddeo	Last Action: 4/25/2019 S Adopted -SJ 470	
SR 1864	Eucario Bermúdez	Sen. Taddeo	Last Action: 4/25/2019 S Adopted -SJ 471	
SR 1866	Walter Loebenberg	Sen. Hooper	Last Action: 4/23/2019 S Adopted -SJ 404	
SR 1868	Miami Dade College	Sen. Braynon	Last Action: 5/1/2019 S Adopted -SJ 651	
SR 1872	Lupus Awareness Month	Sen. Stargel	Last Action: 5/3/2019 S Adopted -SJ 877	
SR 1874	George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park/Amelia Island State Park	Sen. Bean	Last Action: 5/3/2019 S Adopted -SJ 878	
SB 2500	Appropriations	Appropriations	Last Action: 5/4/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 1176	
SB 2502	Implementing the 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act	Appropriations	Last Action: 5/4/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 1176	
SB 2504	Collective Bargaining	Appropriations	Last Action: 5/4/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 1176	
HB 5011	Courts	Appropriations Committee	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1155	
HB 5301	Information Technology Reorganization	Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1324	
HB 5303	Child Support Enforcement	Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 791	
HB 5401	Department of Environmental Protection	Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 791	
HB 6017	Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments	Rep. Duggan	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1324	
HB 6047	Florida ABLE Program	Rep. Roach	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1324	
HB 7021	Financial Disclosure	Public Integrity and Ethics Committee	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 848	

HB 7057	Corrections	Criminal Justice Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 938	
SB 7066	Election Administration	Ethics and Elections	Last Action: 5/3/2019 S Ordered engrossed, then enrolled	
HB 7067	Registration Fees	Health Quality Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/29/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1011	
HB 7071	Workforce Education	Higher Education and Career Readiness Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1154	
HB 7073	Permit and Inspection Fees	Health Quality Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 938	
HB 7081	State Court System Administration	Civil Justice Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1324	
HB 7099	Child Welfare	Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee	Last Action: 5/1/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1124	
HB 7103	Community Development and Housing	Commerce Committee	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1289	
HB 7107	Controlled Substances	Criminal Justice Subcommittee	Last Action: 4/30/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1098	
HB 7125	Administration of Justice	Judiciary Committee	Last Action: 5/3/2019 H Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -HJ 1241	
HB 7127	Corporate Income Tax	Ways and Means Committee	Last Action: 5/2/2019 H Ordered enrolled -HJ 1157	
HR 8001	Dupuytren Disease Awareness Month	Rep. Silvers	Last Action: 4/10/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 634	
HR 8003	Marion County Day	Rep. McClain	Last Action: 3/20/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 489	
HR 8005	Holocaust Remembrance Day and Week	Rep. Stark	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 945	
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HR 8007	Springs Protection Awareness Month	Rep. Clemons	Last Action: 3/13/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 401	
HR 8009	Women's History Month	Rep. Fitzenhagen	Last Action: 3/27/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 518	
HR 8011	Taiwan	Rep. Antone	Last Action: 4/3/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 565	
HR 8013	Florida Gulf Coast University Day	Rep. Fitzenhagen	Last Action: 3/27/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 519	
HR 8019	Florida State University Seminoles 2018 Soccer Team	Rep. Ponder	Last Action: 4/10/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 634	

HR 8021	Florida Storytelling Week	Rep. Watson	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 793	
HR 8023	Pulse Remembrance Day	Rep. Smith	Last Action: 4/25/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 919	
HR 8025	Florida State University Seminoles 2018 Softball Team	Rep. Ponder	Last Action: 4/10/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 635	
HR 8027	Chandra Cheeseborough Day	Rep. Daniels	Last Action: 4/4/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 583	
HR 8029	Disability History and Awareness Day	Rep. Grant	Last Action: 4/11/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 672	
HR 8031	Hidden Heroes	Rep. Ponder	Last Action: 4/3/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 566	
HR 8033	Persian New Year Day	Rep. Eskamani	Last Action: 4/4/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 583	
HR 8035	Gator Day	Rep. Eagle	Last Action: 4/10/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 635	
HR 8037	Haitian Heritage Month	Rep. Watson	Last Action: 4/25/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 919	
HR 8039	Peruvian Heritage Month	Rep. Smith	Last Action: 4/26/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 946	
HR 8041	Caribbean Heritage Month	Rep. Omphroy	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 850	
HR 8043	FSU Day	Rep. Raschein	Last Action: 4/10/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 636	
HR 8045	The 50th Anniversary of the Florida Commission on Human Relations	Rep. Antone	Last Action: 4/11/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 673	
HR 8047	Violence Prevention and Awareness Month	Rep. Watson	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 850	
HR 8049	Indian River State College	Rep. Overdorf	Last Action: 4/17/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 743	
HR 8051	Apollo 11 Week	Rep. Sirois	Last Action: 4/25/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 919	
HR 8053	Bladder Cancer Awareness Month	Rep. Grant	Last Action: 4/17/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 743	
HR 8055	First Responders Mental Health Awareness Day	Rep. Newton	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 850	
HR 8057	FAMU Day	Rep. Alexander	Last Action: 4/17/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 744	
HR 8059	Adams-Onis Treaty	Rep. Gregory	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 793	

HR 8061	Sexual Assault Awareness Month	Rep. Eskamani, Mercado	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 850	
HR 8063	Delta Days at the Capitol	Rep. Williams	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 851	
HR 8065	Men's Cancer Awareness Month	Rep. Pigman	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 793	
HR 8067	Dr. Judy Genshaft	Rep. Toledo	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 794	
HR 8069	Major General Michael A. Calhoun, the Adjutant General of Florida	Rep. Stevenson	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 794	
HR 8071	Colombian-American Heritage Day	Rep. Polo	Last Action: 4/25/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 919	
HR 8073	Venezuelan Heritage Day	Rep. Smith	Last Action: 4/24/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 851	
HR 8075	Hillsborough Community College	Rep. Toledo	Last Action: 4/23/2019 H Adopted by Publication -HJ 794	

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I. 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

On Saturday, the 61st Day of Session, Legislators in the House and Senate voted on the 2019-20 spending plan, bringing the 2019 Legislative Session to a close in overtime. Next year's budget will total **\$91.1 billion**.

Legislators are boasting increases in environmental and education spending this year, along with an emphasis on Hurricane Michael recovery. In K-12 schools, per-pupil spending increased by almost **\$243**. The environmental portion of the budget this year prioritizes water quality and the Everglades. More than **\$1.8 billion** will be used toward the storm-battered Panhandle.

The Legislature had originally planned to adjourn for the last time — or Sine Die — Friday. But an untimely budget that went public Wednesday pushed that adjournment to Saturday because lawmakers are required to undergo a 72-hour “cooling off” period once the two chambers reach a spending deal.

In total, the 2019 regular session included:

3,571 Bills and PCBs filed
2,997 Amendments filed
3,765 Votes Taken
40 Floor Sessions

Only 196 Bills passed both chambers

The **CAG team** is privileged and honored to represent the vibrant City of St. Petersburg before the Legislature and fight for the betterment of the City At-Large.

II. PRIORITY ISSUES FOR ST PETE

A. CITY BUDGET PRIORITIES

Despite a tough budget year, The **CAG Team** worked hard to advance and strengthen the funding of our priority project in play during the final days of budget conferencing.

- **Carter G. Woodson African American Museum – \$250,000**
- **40th Ave N Bridge - on FDOT work program for 2023**

B. COMMUNITY PARTNER BUDGET REQUESTS

CAG assisted when requested to lobby for these budget request for community partner projects.

- **\$ 1,500,000 - TBARTA** operations and the 41-mile Regional Premium Transit Project. The CAG Team worked hard on this funding with other stakeholders. **FINAL FUNDING for \$2.5 Million;**
- **Police Athletic League Building Renovation – St. Petersburg = FINAL FUNDING for \$500,000**
- **\$678,173 Medical Social Partnerships Pilot Project through the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco – Pinellas.** Funds will be used to create a public-private partnership of medical and social safety net providers in Pinellas to positively impact the physical health of older adults at risk for costly nursing home placement through complex care social service coordination. 32.2% of Pinellas residents are 60+, compared to 26.1% statewide, making it an ideal location for this pilot project. Specifically, the money will be used for operating expenses and to hire Community Health Coordinators. **FINAL FUNDING for \$1,046,00**
- **\$3,500,000 University of South Florida St. Petersburg Joint institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies –** Funds will be used for staff and operating expenses. Recognizing its vital importance to the State of Florida, the Joint Institute preserves and promotes the Gulf of Mexico via cost-effective collaboration and rapid response among academia, government, and industry in the areas of marine and life sciences. **FINAL FUNDING for \$2,074,459**

C. CITY POLICY PRIORITY ISSUES

1. Vessel Mooring Legislation (SB 1530 and HB 1319) – Did Not Pass

CAG worked closely with City attorney Heather Judd on the development of legislation to resolve continuing problems related to identifying and removing Vessels at Risk of Becoming Derelict that have been repeatedly in violation of multiple notifications and citations of s. 327.73(1) (aa) F.S.

Senator Rouson and **Representative Diamond** agreed to sponsor the stand-alone vessel mooring legislation (**SB 1530 and HB 1319**) to address this problem. The legislation included authorization to move vessels in continuous violation of the statute to safe locations after 3 notifications and citations within a 120-day period. In addition, it included new statutory language relating to *Special Hazard Requiring Slow Speeds*, which required vessel operators to reduce to slow speed, minimum wake upon approaching within 300 feet of any emergency vessel with its emergency lights activated or a construction vessel or barge. CAG was able to secure support for the language from the 3 major marine industry and boating advocacy groups.

The bills were heard and passed unanimously in every House and Senate committee. Problems arose when the bills were to be heard on the floor of the chambers when, after having 2 weeks to review the language, FWC stated on the day before the bill language was to be heard and amended to a similar bill, they stated they were uncomfortable with the language that allowed marine patrol to move vessels that were issued repeated citations. Rep Diamond and CAG spent hours discussing with FWC, who clearly understood the problem but was unable or unwilling to provide alternative relocation language. Based on their concerns, the bill language did not move forward.

Resolution - However, FWC admitted their failure to review the language in a timely fashion and recognizing that a solution for St Pete and other communities was needed, agreed to meet in St Pete with city and marine patrol officials in early summer to fashion a legislative solution for next legislative session. That meeting date is being coordinated with city and FWC officials currently.

Another, somewhat similar, vessel mooring bill focusing on different issues was filed CS/HB 1221 (Polsky) and CS/CS/CS/SB 1666 (Flores) and **passed**. Those bills directed the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to conduct a two-year study on the impacts of long-term stored vessels on local communities and the state and to submit a report to the governor and Legislature within six months of completing the study. The bills defined “long-term stored vessel” as a vessel not under the control of a person capable of moving it and that has remained anchored outside of a public mooring field for at least 30 days or more over a 60-day period. The bills also prohibited persons from residing or dwelling on certain derelict vessels until specified conditions are met. The final version of the bill authorizes a county designated as a rural area of opportunity to create a no-discharge zone for freshwater bodies within its jurisdiction in which sewage discharges are prohibited. The language in the original version of these bills was also revised in the House. CAG planned to amend the Diamond/Rouson language to these bills on the House and Senate floors but were stymied by the FWC.

2. Micromobility Legislation - Passed

Another key issue for St Pete was the “scooter” legislation or micromobility device legislation. HB 453 by Representative Toledo and SB 542 by Senator Brandes were filed that establishes a regulatory framework for authorizing the operation of micromobility devices and motorized scooters. The bill:

- Defines “micromobility device” and revises the definition of “motorized scooter.”
- Grants certain rights and applies certain duties to the operator of a micromobility device or motorized scooter that are the same as those of a bicycle rider.
- Specifies that a local government is not prevented from exercising its regulatory authority with respect to the operation of micromobility devices or motorized scooters on streets, highways, and sidewalks under its jurisdiction.

- Allows operation of a micromobility device or motorized scooter without a valid driver license.
- Excludes micromobility devices and motorized scooters from compliance with vehicle registration, licensing, and insurance requirements; equipment requirements for slow-moving vehicles; and motor vehicle provisions related to licensing and license-plate display.
- Requires a person who offers motorized scooters or micromobility devices for hire to secure all such devices located in any area of the state where an active tropical storm or hurricane warning has been issued

III. HOME RULE PRE-EMPTION LEGISLATION

The 2019 legislative session was inundated with legislation filed to pre-empt local government home rule authority. Many were a priority of House and Senate Republican Leadership and were debated and voted along strict party lines. CAG worked closely with the League of Cities and Florida Association of Counties to fight these bills. Here is a list of the bills filed and their status.

Bills	Issue/Title	Description	Preferred Outcome	Final Action
CS/HB 3	Preemption of Local Regulations	Prohibits local governments from imposing or adopting new regulations on businesses & business entities.	defeat	DEFEATED
SB 1748	Preemption of Local Regulations	Prohibiting local governments from imposing or adopting certain regulations on businesses and business entities	defeat	DEFEATED
HB 9	Community Redevelopment Agencies	Specifies ethics training requirements for community redevelopment agency commissioners; establishes procedures for appointing board of community redevelopment agency board members; requires referendum to create community redevelopment agency	defeat	PASSED
SB 1054	Community Redevelopment Agencies	Prohibiting a person from lobbying a community redevelopment agency until he or she has registered as a		REFER TO HB 9

		lobbyist with that agency; requiring ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners;		
HB 169	Public Financing of Construction Projects	Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study		DEFEATED
SB 78	Public Financing of Construction Projects	Prohibiting state-financed constructors from commencing construction in coastal areas without first conducting a sea level impact projection study		DEFEATED
HB 171	Infectious Disease Elimination Programs	Authorizes certain eligible entities to establish sterile needle and syringe exchange programs.	passage	PASSED via SB 366
SB 366	Safe Needles	authorizing certain eligible entities to establish sterile needle and syringe exchange programs	passage	PASSED
HB 287	Drug Safety	Prohibits dispensing specified opioids unless prescription bottle or container has warning sticker; requires pharmacies to offer for sale prescription lock boxes; authorizes DOH to develop & distribute pamphlet concerning controlled substances.	passage	Withdrawn from consideration
SB 488	Drug Safety	Prohibiting a pharmacist or practitioner from dispensing specified opioids unless the prescription bottle or container has a warning sticker meeting certain requirements; requiring pharmacies to offer for sale prescription lock boxes, etc.	passage	Withdrawn from consideration
HB 447	Open and Expired Building Permits	Provides requirements related to open & expired permits, amendment of Florida Building Code,		Passed

		powers of local governmental entities, applicability, & notice requirements.		
SB 902	Open and Expired Building Permits	Specifying conditions under which a building permit is considered an open permit, expired permit, or closed permit;		Passed via HB 447
HB 453	Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters	Authorizes county or municipality to regulate operation of micro mobility devices & for-hire motorized scooters	Defeat or amend	Passed allows local ordinances
SB 542	Micromobility Devices and Motorized Scooters	Defining the term “micro mobility device”; revising the definition of the term “motorized scooter”; authorizing a county or municipality to regulate the operation of micro mobility devices and for-hire motorized scooters, to require that a person offering micro mobility devices or for-hire motorized scooters be licensed; exempting a micro mobility device or motorized scooter from certain registration, insurance, and licensing requirements, etc.	Defeat or amend	Passed via HB 453
HB 497	Sanitary Sewer Laterals	requires districts to notify homeowners if they discover leaky sanitary sewer lateral on homeowner's property	passage	Withdrawn from consideration
SB 1172	Sanitary Sewer Laterals	Encouraging counties and municipalities to establish a sanitary sewer lateral inspection program; requiring a seller to disclose any known defects of the property’s sanitary sewer lateral, etc.		Withdrawn from consideration
HB 771	Plastic Straw Preemption	Prohibits local government from banning plastic straws until July 1, 2014 while		PASSED

		OPPAGA does statewide study of local ordinances		
HB 729	Affordable Housing Discretionary Surtax	Authorizes certain counties to levy discretionary surtax to finance affordable housing trust fund;		Withdrawn from consideration
SB 842	County Funding for Affordable Housing	Authorizing county government to levy a discretionary surtax on documents for the purpose of establishing an Affordable Housing Trust Fund		Withdrawn
HB 801	Tiny Homes	Requires Florida Building Commission to adopt certain regulations & standards; provides for incorporation of certain codes into Florida Building Code.	support	Withdrawn from consideration
SB 1268	Tiny Homes	Requiring the Florida Building Commission to adopt certain regulations and standards; providing for the incorporation of certain codes into the Florida Building Code, etc.	support	Withdrawn from consideration
HB 1299	Governmental Powers	provides that food service establishment may distribute single-use plastic straw to customer only if requested to do so by customer; preempts to state: regulation of single-use plastic straws,	passage	Withdrawn from consideration
SB 502	Prohibition of Plastic Carryout Bags and Straws	Prohibiting a store or food service business from providing a carryout bag made of plastic or from providing a single-use plastic straw to a customer.	passage	Indefinitely postponed
HB 1103	State Funds	Exempts State Housing Trust Fund & Local Government Housing Trust Fund from provision authorizing Legislature, in General Appropriations Act, to transfer unappropriated	passage	Indefinitely postponed; Withdrawn from consideration

		cash balances from specified trust funds to Budget Stabilization Fund & General Revenue Fund.		
SB 70	State Funds	To transfer unappropriated cash balances from specified trust funds to the Budget Stabilization Fund and General Revenue Funds	passage	Indefinitely postponed; Withdrawn from consideration
SB 812	Vacation Rentals	Requiring persons engaged in certain public lodging-related transactions to display a valid certificate of registration number in rental listings revising the classification of “vacation rental”, etc.		Defeated; Withdrawn from consideration
HB 1129	Public Lodging Establishments	requires certain public lodging establishments to display license number in all advertising for rentals; develop & maintain report listing specified information about rentals; provides civil penalties; requires Division of Hotels & Restaurants of DBPR to adopt rules.		Indefinitely postponed; Withdrawn from consideration
HB 987	Vacation Rentals	Preempts to state regulation of vacation rentals, with exception; revises application requirements for vacation rental licensure; requires Division of Hotels & Restaurants of DBPR to make certain vacation rental license information available on its website.	defeat	DEFEATED
SB 824	Private Property Rights of Homeowners	Preempting the regulation of vacation rentals to the state	defeat	DEFEATED
HB 1319	Vessels	revising criteria for determining that a vessel is at risk of becoming derelict; providing criminal penalties for failure to present a certificate of title showing	passage	Indefinitely postponed & withdrawn due to deal made with FWC

		proper transfer of vessel ownership; revising civil penalties relating to certain at-risk vessels and prohibited anchoring or mooring, etc.		
SB 1530	Abandoned Marine Vessels	revising criteria for determining that a vessel is at risk of becoming derelict; providing criminal penalties for failure to present a certificate of title showing proper transfer of vessel ownership; revising civil penalties relating to certain at-risk vessels and prohibited anchoring or mooring, etc.	passage	Indefinitely postponed & withdrawn due to deal made with FWC
HB 6037	Individual Wine Containers	Repealing provisions relating to limitation of size of individual wine containers.		Indefinitely Postponed
SB 894	Individual Wine Containers	Repealing provisions relating to the limitation of size of individual wine containers, etc.		Indefinitely Postponed
SPB 7030	School Safety and Security	Requiring a sheriff to establish a school guardian program under a certain condition; requiring school districts to promote a mobile suspicious activity reporting tool; Commissioner of Education to review recommendations of the School Hardening and Harm Mitigation Workgroup; duties of the commissioner to include oversight of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.		PASSED
	Urban Agriculture	Modifies FL Right to Farm Act to permit local control	Amend onto a bill	No bill amendment
	Affordable Housing land acquisition	Clarifies Housing Authorities statute	Amend onto a bill	No bill amendment

Bills that were the subject of City Council Resolutions:

	2018-532	Customer assistance programs for water & sewer	Passed by City Council	See HB 497	
	2019-44	To Safeguard the Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Passed by City Council	Prevent sweep of funds	

LIST OF PREEMPTION BILLS

The 2019 Session bared many similarities of past sessions with the GOP legislature flexing their full-on assault on local governments and municipalities.

- **Sanctuary cities (APPROVED):** The so-called "sanctuary cities" bill not only takes away local discretion of how to respond to requests from the federal government to help detain immigrants, it gives the governor power to file contempt charges of elected officials and municipal administrators for not enforcing the request.
- **Plastic Straws (APPROVED):** Ten years ago, the Florida Legislature barred cities and counties from banning plastic grocery bags. This year, lawmakers turned their attention to plastic straws. The Legislature approved a five-year moratorium on counties and cities from passing ordinances prohibiting plastic straws while the state studies the ordinances already approved by 10 cities that have already done so, including Fort Myers Beach.

Many restaurants around the state have voluntarily switched from plastic to either paper or glass straws. Many cruise lines have also switched to paper straws.

- **Growth management (APPROVED):** House Bill 7103, approved during the waning hours of session Friday night, would make it harder to challenge a developer's plans for a new neighborhood or changes in local comprehensive plans. For one thing, anyone who challenges a plan amendment and loses has to pay the prevailing party's attorney fees. Also, local governments cannot require affordable housing in new developments.
- **Vegetable gardens (APPROVED):** This victory for gardeners cripples the ability of local governments to tell people where they can plant a garden in their yard. The bill places personal property rights over the authority of counties and cities to dictate where people can grow vegetables in their yard. Any existing ordinance restricting vegetable gardens is void and unenforceable under the law. However, local governments may still adopt a local ordinance or regulation of a

general nature that deal with water use during droughts, fertilizer use or control of invasive species.

- **Tobacco 21 (DIED):** The measure would have done much more than raise the legal age for buying and smoking tobacco and e-cigarettes. It would have stripped cities and counties of their authority to regulate the sales and marketing of those products. Similar preemption language was in another bill, HB 1299, which also didn't get through the legislature. Public health advocates and the League of Cities are glad this measure did not pass.
- **Puppy mills (DIED):** Measures floated in both the House and Senate died that would have preempted cities and counties from banning retail pet sales and void existing bans like the one Brevard County has in place.
- **Vacation rentals (DIED):** Another measure that put the rights of property owners against local regulation of neighborhoods failed to make it. The regulation of vacation homes was usurped by the state in 2011, except for about 75 existing local ordinances that were grandfathered in. In 2014, the Legislature narrowed the scope of the preemption by preventing local governments from prohibiting or regulating the duration or frequency of vacation rentals but let stand ordinances that were in effect before 2011. The bill before the Legislature this session would have eliminated those remaining ordinances.

III. OTHER MAJOR 2019 LEGISLATION

➤ **Amendment 4 Implemented in Final Hours**

Toward the final hours of the Legislative Session, legislators sent to Governor DeSantis a controversial bill to implement a ballot initiative that restored voting rights to certain felons who've completed their sentences.

Amendment 4, passed by voters last year, automatically restored voting rights to former inmates. The language regarding the ballot initiative had been tacked onto a broader elections reform package. It defines what it takes for felons to meet the Amendment 4 standard of completing their felony sentences. And those standards would include all financial obligations ordered as part of sentencing. The bill also clarifies the two exceptions that would still prohibit voting rights: convictions of murder or felony sexual offenses.

➤ **Texting and Driving Ban**

Law enforcement officers could pull over motorists they see texting and driving on Florida roads, under a bill HB 107. The House passed a compromise that blends a ban on texting and driving with a requirement that motorists travel hands-free of wireless devices in school zones and work zones. **Senator Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby** behind the Senate effort, had sought to make the hands-free requirement statewide. Simpson is slated to take over as Senate president following the 2020 elections.

If signed into law, texting while driving would be a “primary” traffic offense. Currently, police can only cite motorists for texting behind the wheel if they are pulled over for other reasons. By making it a primary offense, police could pull over motorists solely for texting while driving.

➤ **Bill to Promote Career Training in School Passes**

A major priority of **Governor DeSantis** - a wide-ranging education bill passed on the 59th day of session that would require schools to place a stronger emphasis on vocational and technical training and apprenticeships, beginning with required courses for middle school students on career and education training. The idea is to get students to begin thinking about their career options once they graduate from high school and how to achieve those goals. The state will track high-skilled, well-paying jobs that are in high demand and help train students who are interested in those careers.

It will also allow students to utilize vocational and technical education as a pathway to meeting high school graduation requirements. The bill also requires that every high school teach a financial literacy class. It’s a requirement that was long-sought by Republican **Sen. Dorothy Hukill**, who died last year. Each chamber paid recognition to her before passing the bill. Among other provisions, high school students would be able to take computer science courses to help meet math and science graduation requirements.

➤ **Visit Florida, Jobs Fund Get Money**

Florida’s tourism-marketing arm will get an extra nine months --- and a **\$50 million** budget --- to prove itself to the governor. Legislative budget chiefs agreed to fund the beleaguered Visit Florida through **June 30, 2020**, keeping the agency in business beyond an **Oct. 1** date when it otherwise would have been eliminated.

The House, which has long been critical of Visit Florida, wanted to let the agency sunset. But House and Senate negotiators reached agreement on the extension until the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year amid final budget talks.

Additionally, Senate Appropriations Chairman Rob Bradley and House Appropriations Chairman Travis Cummings, both Fleming Island Republicans, agreed Monday to

continue funding for an economic-development effort, known as the Job Growth Grant Fund, that was created under Governor Scott.

➤ **Sanctuary Cities Ban Passes**

Legislation that would give Florida one of the strictest laws in the nation against so-called sanctuary cities passed and will be signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis, giving him a chance to fulfill a key campaign promise.

The bill would require local law-enforcement agencies to share information with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement about undocumented immigrants who are in their custody. That would include campus police agencies and the Department of Children and Families, whose exclusion from a Senate version of the bill this week drew opposition from the House. The exclusion was eliminated Thursday.

➤ **Potential Law Permits Arming Teachers**

Governor DeSantis signed legislation that would allow trained and willing educators to participate in the armed “guardian” program. These teachers would also be volunteer guardians and would receive 144 hours of training, including precision pistol instruction and active shooter training.

The bill implemented the findings of the *Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission*, a fact-finding panel created by the Legislature in 2018 to examine flaws in school security following the Parkland shooting. School districts have control over whether they implement the school “guardian” expansion.

The bill was staunchly opposed by Democrats and groups like the Florida Education Association.

➤ **Legislators Revamp College Construction Funding**

In the last hours of the legislative session, legislators on Friday unanimously passed a highly negotiated higher education package that changes how public universities and colleges will fund construction projects --- one of Speaker Oliva’s top priorities.

The legislation was crafted partly in response to a financial scandal at the University of Central Florida, where House investigators this year found employees misused tens of millions of state dollars for a construction project.

The bill will restructure how universities and colleges pay for the maintenance and construction of buildings, including adding a requirement that institutions set aside money in preparation for future maintenance costs.

➤ **Insurance Changes for State Workers**

HB 1113 would require the state Department of Management Services to analyze its current contracts with health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, and prescription drug programs and develop a plan to procure new contracts for benefits beginning in 2023.

The bill would authorize the state to limit the number of HMOs in the state program and allow for the plans to be competitively procured on a regional basis. The change is significant because more than half of the people enrolled in the program --- or 53 percent --- chose to enroll in an HMO.

The bill also would wipe out a two-decade prohibition on the state establishing a prior-authorization or formulary program for employees. Generally, a formulary is a list of prescription drugs covered by insurance plans.

If the change is signed into law, the state must put in a formulary that would allow the program to stop paying for certain drugs, although the plan would allow physicians to order drugs if medically necessary.

➤ **Tax Package Approved After Charter School Fight**

After a battle about the issue, a proposal to distribute voter-approved local money to charter schools landed back in a tax package that the House and Senate passed late Friday. The package (**HB 7123**), would provide **\$121 million** in tax breaks. It would offer some tax relief for farmers hammered by Hurricane Michael, provide popular sales-tax “holidays” on back-to-school items and hurricane supplies and reduce a sales-tax rate on commercial leases. The issue involves the use of property tax dollars that some county voters have approved in referendums for schools — and whether that money should be shared with charter schools.

The House pushed to require providing portions of the money to charter schools. But in a compromise, the final version of the bill made such a requirement apply to future referendums, rather than money that has already been approved by voters.

➤ **Gambling Deal Dies**

With just days left in the annual legislative session, House Speaker Jose Oliva put to rest the possibility of passing a gambling deal. Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, also said he would prefer not to hold a special legislative session to try to pass a gambling bill, likely pushing the issue back to next year.

IV. 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION'S MOST NOTABLE BILLS

Abortion

FETAL HEARTBEAT ABORTION (FAILED): Blocks physicians from performing abortions if fetal heartbeats have been detected. Would lead to third-degree felony charges for any “person who knowingly or purposefully performs or induces an abortion on a pregnant woman with the specific intent of causing or abetting the termination of the life of an unborn human being whose fetal heartbeat has been detected.’ (HB 235 / SB 792)

PARENTAL CONSENT (FAILED): Requires minors to obtain parental consent or judicial order waiving consent before getting an abortion. (HB 1335 / SB 1774)

Agriculture

HEMP (PASSED): Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to administer a state hemp program and sets up rulemaking and a board of experts to develop the system. (SB 1020)

Budget

BUDGET (PASSED): Sets aside \$91.1 billion for spending on education, health care, transportation, corrections, safety-net programs and other expenses. Includes an increase of \$243 in per-pupil education spending. Keeps the state-funded tourism agency Visit Florida running through 2020 with \$50 million for the next fiscal year. Shifts reimbursement funding to hospitals for Medicaid cases, but without dramatic reductions to hospitals that take the most uninsured and under-insured patients. Sets aside \$500,000 for a permanent memorial in honor of the 49 victims of the 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting in Orlando. (SB 2500)

Corrections

DRONES, GUARD AGES (PASSED): Prohibits flying drones near detention centers while lowering the minimum ages of guards from 19 to 18. (HB 7057)

WOMEN INMATES (PASSED): Requires correctional facilities to provide incarcerated women with certain health care products, subject to certain requirements; providing requirements for male correctional facility employees in certain circumstances; requiring documentation of certain incidents involving male correctional facility employees. (HB 49)

Criminal justice

CHILD-LIKE SEX DOLLS (PASSED): Criminalizes the possession and/or sale of sex dolls that resemble children. (B 160)

FELONY THEFT THRESHOLD (PASSED): Increases the amount of a theft that it would take to be charged with a felony from \$300 to \$750, the first time it has been

raised since 1986. It also eliminates or reduces driver's license suspensions as a criminal penalty (HB 7125)

POLICE DOGS, HORSES: (SIGNED): Increases penalties for people who injure or kill dogs or horses that work with first responders, upping potential prison time from five to 15 years. (SB 96)

Education

ANTI-SEMITISM (PASSED): Requires schools and colleges to address allegations of anti-Semitism in the same way they address racism. (HB 741)

BRIGHT FUTURES (PASSED): Raises the requirements for the merit-based Bright Futures scholarships. For students an "Academic" scholarship, which covers full tuition and fees at state universities and colleges, the required SAT score would rise from 1290 to around 1330. For the second-tier "Medallion" award which covers 75 percent of tuition and fees, the benchmark would climb from 1170 to about 1200. (SB 190)

CAREER-TECHNICAL EDUCATION (PASSED): Expands apprenticeship programs, adds career planning support for students, offers to replace a science graduation credit with a computer science course. (HB 7071)

CHARTER AUTHORIZERS (FAILED): Allows charter school authorizers other than school districts, which currently hold the sole right to approve charters. (HB 1197/ SB 1668)

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION (FAILED): Makes the Commissioner of Education an elected position, returning it to the Florida Cabinet. (HJR 1309 / SJR 422)

DISQUALIFIED TEACHERS (FAILED): Creates lists of people disqualified from working in the state's public, private and charter schools. (HB 1127 / SB 1444)

FINANCIAL LITERACY (PASSED): Requires all school districts to offer a financial literacy course consisting of at least one-half credit as an elective. (HB 7071)

GUARDIANS (PASSED): Expands the school guardian program to allow trained teachers in certain school districts to volunteer to carry weapons. (SB 7030)

MILITARY UNIFORMS (PASSED): Requires school districts to allow authorized students to wear military dress uniforms at high school graduations. (SB 292)

PARENTAL RIGHTS (FAILED): Creates a new section of Florida law that would create a parental "bill of rights," establishing parents' authority to direct "the education and care" of their child as well as their "moral and religious training." (HB 1171 / SB 1726)

REFERENDUM MONEY (PASSED): Requires school districts to share future local referendum money with charter schools. (HB 7123)

SCHOOL BOARD TERM LIMITS (FAILED): Limits the terms of school board members to eight years. Would require voter approval. (HJR 229 / SJR 274)

SCHOOLS OF HOPE (PASSED): Expands the “Schools of Hope” program that lets charter schools open near consistently low-performing public schools. Allows charter school operators to open schools “opportunity zones,” a term from President Trump’s 2017 tax bill designed to boost investment in economically poor areas. (SB 7070)

SCHOOL STRUCTURES (FAILED): Requires certain new school facilities be constructed in compliance with public shelter design criteria. (HB 1233 / SB 586)

SPANKING (FAILED): Bans corporal punishment as a disciplinary option for teachers and principals. (HB 1361 / SB 1120)

SPENDING (FAILED): Requires 80 percent of state education funding to be spent on teachers’ salaries and bonuses, classroom supplies, technology for students and tutoring, in lieu of administration. (HB 1434)

TEACHER TESTING (PASSED): Eases the testing requirements attached to teacher certification. (SB 7070)

TUITION SURCHARGE (FAILED): Changes the rules when universities may add a tuition surcharge to Florida resident students (HB 257 / SB 280)

UNIVERSITY SURVEYS (FAILED): Requires universities to conduct “intellectual freedom” surveys that measure "the extent to which competing ideas, perspectives, and claims of truth are presented" on campus and whether the university community feels "safe and supported in exploring and articulating their beliefs and viewpoints" in the classroom. (HB 839 / SB 1296)

VOUCHERS (PASSED): Creates a scholarship program for private schools for families of four who make roughly \$77,000 a year or less, using public money. (SB 7070)

WATER FILTERS (FAILED): Requires schools built before 1986 to install water filters at all drinking fountains to reduce lead. (SB 66 / HB 545)

WORKFORCE EDUCATION (PASSED): Requires middle school students to take a course in career education planning, allows certain course substitutions for high school graduation requirements, requires high schools to offer a financial literacy elective course, create a career and technical education high school graduation pathway, establishes degree articulation agreements between colleges and universities. (HB 7071)

Elections and campaigns

AMENDMENT 4 (PASSED): Requires felons to pay restitution, fine and fees before they can register to vote after the passage of last year’s Amendment 4 ballot measure. (HB 7089 / SB 7086)

BUNDLING (FAILED): Prohibits the Constitutional Revision Commission from bundling multiple topics onto a constitutional amendment proposal. (SJR 74 / HB 53)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE (FAILED): Prohibits Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or member of Cabinet from soliciting or accepting contributions during regular, extended, or special legislative session; provides penalties. (HB 55 / SB 396)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (FAILED): Increases the number of votes required to approve a constitutional amendment from 60 percent to 66 and two-thirds percent. (HJR 57 / SJR 232)

PETITION DRIVES (PASSED): Requires citizen-led attempts to change the constitution to use only Florida residents on petition drives and to register with the Florida Secretary of State, which would prevent the involvement of out-of-state firms in petition drives. (SB 7096 / HB 7111)

PUBLIC FINANCING (FAILED): Repeals public campaign financing in Florida. (HJR 613 / SJR 270)

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS (FAILED): Requires that each county supervisor of elections enters into an agreement with the clerk of the circuit court to receive, on a monthly basis, a list of potential jurors who have identified themselves as undocumented immigrants. (HB 131 / SB 230)

Environment

FRACKING (FAILED): Bans fracking, a process where water, sand and chemicals are injected underground to loosen, or fracture, rock layers in the crust to release trapped natural gas and oil. (HB 239 / SB 146)

PLASTIC BAGS (FAILED): Authorizes coastal municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; collect data and complete a report by April 1, 2022 about the effectiveness of the ban. (SB 694)

PLASTIC STRAWS (PASSED): Prohibits local government entities from adopting or enforcing ordinances and regulations relating to single-use plastic straws. (HB 771)

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS (PASSED): Require municipalities to address contamination of recyclable materials. (HB 771)

RED TIDE (PASSED): Investments of \$3 million per year for six years in red tide mitigation. (SB 1552)

SUNSCREEN (FAILED): Prohibits local governments from banning the sale of certain sunscreens. Government entities that violate the moratorium would face fines. (HB 1299 / SB 588)

WASTEWATER (FAILED): Prohibiting the construction of new deep injection wells for domestic wastewater discharge or the expansion of existing wells. (SB 1568)

WELLS (FAILED): Allow anyone fearing contamination to request the health department test their water source, requires samples be analyzed no more than three business days later. (SB 1100)

Ethics

BLIND TRUST (PASSED): Prohibits public officials from placing their assets in blind trusts. (SB 702)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST (FAILED): Prohibiting a state public officer from voting in an official capacity on any measure that he or she knows would inure to the special private gain or loss of certain principles, parent organizations or subsidiaries of a corporate principal, relatives, or business associates of the officer; revising disclosure requirements applicable to state public officers in the event of a voting conflict, etc. (SB 1008)

Gambling

LOTTERY (PASSED): Requires vendors of lottery tickets to prominently display a warning that the lottery is addictive on all tickets and that the Lottery Department put the same warning on ads and promotions. (HB 629)

Governance

AFFORDABLE HOUSING (PASSED): Limit the ability of local governments to set ceilings for rents or home sale price. (HB 7103)

CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION (FAILED): Eliminates Florida's Constitution Revision Commission, a panel that meets every 20 years to place constitutional amendments on the ballot. (HJR 249 / HB 251 / SJR 362)

SCOOTERS (PASSED): Limits how local jurisdictions can regulate motorized scooter sharing services by establishing instead a statewide framework that would regulate the system. (HB 453)

TOBACCO (FAILED): Prohibits local governments to regulate tobacco or its use, such as the raising of the age limit from 18 to 21. (HB 1299 / SB 588)

VEGETABLE GARDENS (PASSED): Prevents local governments from regulating residential vegetable gardens. (SB 82)

Guns

ASSAULT WEAPON BAN (FAILED): Prohibits sale, transfers, or possession of assault weapon or large-capacity ammunition magazine. (HB 455 / SB 466)

CHURCHES ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (FAILED): Allows concealed weapons permit holders to carry guns at churches or other religious entities that are on the campuses of schools. (SB 1238 / HB 403)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (FAILED): Revises prohibition on sale or transfer of firearms to persons convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence offenses; prohibits persons convicted of misdemeanor offense of domestic violence from possessing firearm or ammunition; requires persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses of domestic violence to surrender all firearms & ammunition. (HB 941 / SB 1206)

Healthcare

AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTERS (PASSED): Allows patients to stay up to 24 hours in ambulatory surgery centers. (HB 843)

CERTIFICATE OF NEED (PASSED): Removes a requirement that general hospitals apply and obtain approval from the state to build or expand (HB 21)

CONVERSION THERAPY (FAILED): Prohibits the practice of trying to change a person's sexual orientation, for an individual who is younger than 18. (SB 84 / HB 109)

CULTURE SURVEYS (FAILED): Requires the state to develop surveys that assess patient safety culture in hospitals; requires health care facilities to complete the surveys and submit the data. (HB 319 / SB 1194)

DRUG IMPORTS (PASSED): Allows drugs approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to be imported into Florida by Canada and other countries. (HB 19)

FIREFIGHTERS (SIGNED): Provides certain benefits to firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer and benefits to the families of firefighters who die as a result of cancer or cancer treatment. (SB 426)

HEART SURGERIES (PASSED): Increases oversight of pediatric heart surgeries by letting team of doctors make unannounced visits to struggling programs and review death records. (HB 843)

HPV SHOT (FAILED): Expands school immunization requirements to include a vaccine for human papillomavirus. (SB 356 / HB 245)

MEDICAID CLAIMS (FAILED): Would permanently shorten how long patients can have Medicaid cover past healthcare bills. (SB 192)

OPIOID LAWSUIT (PASSED): Would allow state lawyers to access a Florida Department of Health database of patients' opioid prescriptions. State Attorney General Ashley Moody needs the database for a lawsuit alleging Walgreens and CVS "raced to sell as many opioids as possible" in Florida while failing to stop suspicious shipments of drugs. (HB 1253)

NEEDLE EXCHANGE (PASSED): Expands the pilot needle exchange established in Miami-Dade County by allowing other counties to create their own programs with the approval of their county commissions. (SB 366)

PLASTIC SURGERY (PASSED): Tightens regulations for offices and clinics performing plastic surgeries. Requires those that are not completely owned by a licensed doctor to show financial responsibility for claims against them (SB 732)

TELEHEALTH (PASSED): Establishes a regulatory framework for telehealth. (HB 23)

Human rights

DISCRIMINATION (FAILED): Provides that sexual orientation and gender identity are impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; revises provisions of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 and Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity; provides exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion. (HB 485 / SB 430)

HUMAN TRAFFICKING (PASSED): Requires police, hotel employees and massage parlor workers to get training in how to look for signs of human trafficking. (HB 851)

SEXUAL HARASSMENT (FAILED): Requires Florida Commission on Human Relations to create & publish model sexual harassment prevention policy & model sexual harassment prevention training program; requires employers to use model policy & program. (HB 417 / SB 1580)

Hurricanes

AID AND TASK FORCE (FAILED): Pumps \$315 million into helping the Panhandle after Hurricane Michael. Establishes a task force to consider changes to local, state and federal response policy. (SB 1610)

PETS (FAILED): Imposes a year in jail or up to a \$5,000 fine for people who leave their pets restrained outside or unattended during a hurricane or another natural or manmade disaster. (HB 379 / SB 1738)

Immigration

SANCTUARY CITIES (PASSED): Prohibits local governments from not cooperating with federal officials, which would require local law enforcement to hold undocumented workers at least 48 hours past their detainer sentences while awaiting federal authorities to pick them up for deportation. Gives the Florida attorney general the power to pursue civil action against governments that don't cooperate. (SB 168)

Insurance

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS (PASSED): Limits attorney's fees in disputes over assignment of benefits between insurance companies and contractors and authorizes policies that aren't subject to assignment of benefits. (HB 7065)

GENETIC TESTING (FAILED): Restricts insurance companies from using genetic testing information in selling policies or setting rates. (HB 879 / SB 258)

PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION (FAILED): Eliminates Florida’s no-fault auto insurance system, where drivers are required to carry personal injury protection coverage to help pay medical bills after accidents. (HB 733 / SB 1052).

Marijuana

LOW THC (FAILED): Caps at 10 percent the amount of tetrahydrocannabinol, the naturally occurring element in marijuana that produces a high. (HB 7117)

RECREATIONAL POT (FAILED): Makes recreational marijuana legal (HB 1117 / SB 1780)

SMOKING (SIGNED): Repeals a ban on smokable medical marijuana. (HB 7015/ SB 182)

Public records

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (SIGNED): Expands exemption for employees who work for law enforcement, which previously only kept private the addresses of officers. Expansion includes exempting the addresses of civilians who work at law enforcement agencies, too. (SB 248)

MASS SHOOTINGS (PASSED): Would prohibit the disclosure of photos, video or recordings that capture a mass shooting. (SB 186)

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS (FAILED): Exempts the names of candidates applying to be college or university presidents from public records requirements. The names of finalists would be made public at least 30 days before a final vote, but names of those not chosen would never be revealed. (HB 7115)

Smoking and vaping

NICOTINE (FAILED): Requires businesses that sell nicotine products to obtain licenses as tobacco dealers. (HB 1125 / SB 1046)

SMOKING AGE (FAILED): Raises the minimum age to smoke tobacco or any electronic device in Florida from 18 to 21. Also prohibits local governments from dealing with the age to purchase tobacco or vaping products. (HB 1041 / SB 1618)

VAPING (SIGNED): Implements constitutional amendment that banned vaping in indoor workplaces. (SPB 7012)

Taxes

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES TAX (PASSED): Exempts sales taxes on clothes costing \$60 or less, school supplies costing \$15 or less, and personal computers costing \$1,000 or less from Aug. 2 to Aug. 6. (HB 7123)

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (PASSED): Offers seven-day sales tax breaks, from May 31 through June 6, for items related to hurricane preparation. (HB 7123)

COMMERCIAL LEASES (PASSED): Reduces the sales tax on commercial leases from 5.7 percent to 5.5 percent. (HB 7123)

HURRICANE MICHAEL EXPENSES (PASSED): Refund for taxes paid on fuel for agricultural shipments and debris removal between Oct. 10, 2018 and June 30, 2019 in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Wakulla, Walton and, Washington counties. Farmers could get refunds for repairs to buildings damaged by the storm. (HB 7123)

LOCAL TAX REFERENDUM (PASSED): Makes it harder for local governments to pass increases of sales tax via local referendum by requiring a two-thirds vote and approval only in a general election and not a primary. (HB 5)

ONLINE RETAILERS (FAILED): Requires nearly all online retailers start collecting Florida sales taxes. Much of the money would be given away through tax cuts. (SB 1112)

Transportation

RED LIGHT CAMERAS (FAILED): Prohibits red light cameras from being used to ticket drivers. (HB 6003 / SB 306)

RIDE SHARES (PASSED): Allows Uber, Lyft and other ride share services to provide non-emergency trips to the hospital for Medicaid patients. (HB 411)

ROAD MEMORIAL (FAILED): Names stretches of highways, roads and bridges after police officers killed in the line of duty and a former state senator and Florida Power & light lobbyist Chris Smith. (HB 295 / SB 100)

TEXTING (PASSED): Makes driving while texting a primary offense, meaning law enforcement can stop motorists for just that offense. (HB 107)

TOLL ROADS (PASSED): Extends the SunCoast Parkway from Tampa Bay to the Georgia border, a new corridor from Polk to Collier counties, and extend the Florida Turnpike west to connect to the SunCoast. (SB 7068)

Utilities

RENEWABLE ENERGY (FAILED): Directs state to develop unified statewide plan to generate state's energy from renewable sources by specified dates; requires state & public entities to cooperate as requested; provides plan requirements; requires office to submit plan & updates to Governor & Legislature. (HB 1291 / SB 1762)

UNDERGROUND POWER LINES (PASSED): Creates a new process for utilities to pass along costs to customers for storm protection projects, such as installing underground power lines. (SB 796)

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