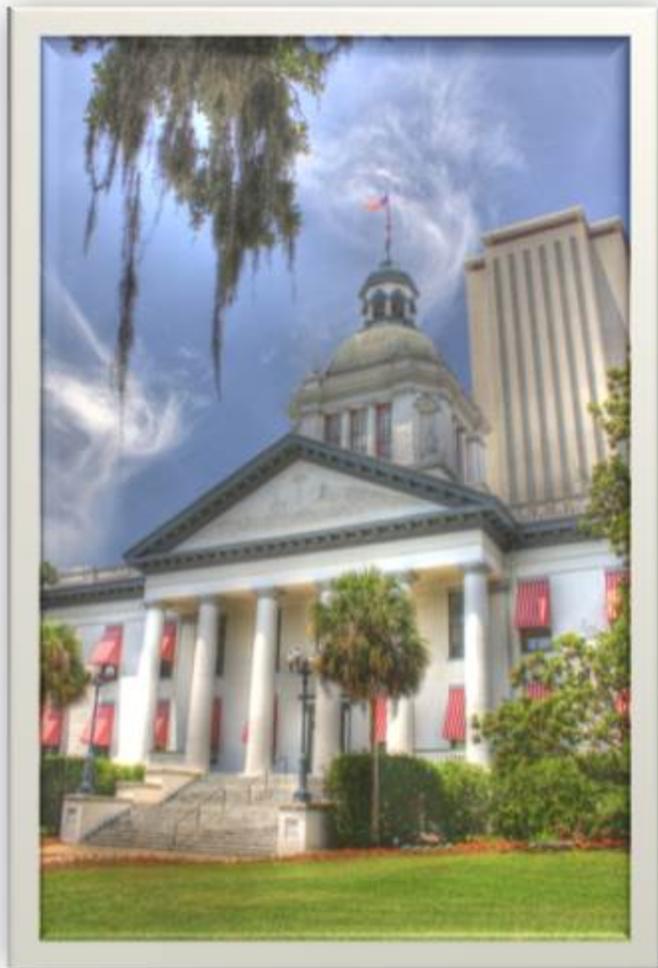


2017 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP



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1606 general bills were filed during the 2017 Session, only 203 passed both chambers.

Priority bills for Hopping Green & Sams and its clients enacted by the Florida Legislature during the 2017 Regular Session.

**This is an overview of legislation that may be of interest to you. Please review the bill itself or consult your HGS lawyer for specific details, exceptions and applicability.*

Bill Name	Bill Summary
BUDGET	
<p style="text-align: center;">Budget SB 2500</p>	<p>This year, the Legislature extended the session by three days to pass a roughly \$83 billion budget. In the final spending plan, lawmakers use \$31 billion in general revenue, an increase of more than \$1 billion compared to the current year budget. Legislative leaders were criticized for negotiating much of the budget behind closed doors and filling budget conforming bills with policy changes.</p> <p>Lawmakers rejected several of Governor Rick Scott's budget priorities, but stopped short of eliminating Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida. Ultimately, Visit Florida was funded at \$25 million (\$75 million less than requested by the Governor) and Enterprise Florida was funded at \$16 million. In mid-April, the Governor requested \$200 million to help repair the Herbert Hoover Dike. The Legislature did not entertain this request, but instead funded President Negron’s priority to build a reservoir using up to \$800 million in Florida Forever Bonds (See summary for SB 10).</p>
ENVIRONMENT	
<p style="text-align: center;">Water Resources, Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir CS/SB 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Sen. Bradley)</p>	<p>Goal is to create approximately 300,000 acre feet of storage south of Lake Okeechobee to remedy “an emergency [that] exists regarding the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries.” Key features and assumptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ~ 240,000 acre feet storage in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir • ~ 60,000 acre feet storage in the C-51 Reservoir • No use of eminent domain • Negotiations with willing sellers confidential • Funded through \$800 million in Florida Forever bonds <p>EAA Reservoir uses the A-1 and A-2 parcels, and “approximately 500 acres of [private] land” near A-1 and A-2 parcels. Key features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State owns A-1 and A-2 parcel • Restoration strategies already contemplate A-1 for storage <p>C-51 Reservoir uses of land immediately to the west of L-8 FEB.</p>

Bill Name**Bill Summary**

- Two phase project with Phase I providing 14,000 acre feet of storage and Phase II providing 46,000 acre feet of storage

Key Dates and Milestones implementing this legislation:

- Upon passage, SFWMD negotiates with landowners of C-51 project site for acquisition of land necessary for Phase II of the project.
- By July 1, 2017 – SFWMD asks Corps to jointly develop “change report” under Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) for EAA Reservoir components on A-2 parcel.
- By July 31, 2017 – SFWMD contacts all relevant private landowners about its interest in acquiring ~500 acres of property.
- By August 1, 2017 – SFWMD and Corps begin work on “change report,” which must evaluate “optimal configuration” of EAA Reservoir to store 240,000 acre feet of water and any related increases in canal conveyance capacity.
- By January 9, 2018 – SFWMD to report on status of “change report” and whether an extension of the October 1, 2018 deadline for report is needed; and the status of land acquisition.
- By October 1, 2018 – SFWMD and Corps submit “change report” to Congress (unless Legislature authorizes extension).
- By December 31, 2019 – Congressional authorization of “change report” deadline. If not authorized, then SFWMD requests the Corps begin “project implementation report” for existing CEPP project components on A-2 parcel and seek Congressional approval.

Other

- US Sugar Option to buy 153,200 acres of US Sugar land terminated if (1) “change report” receives Congressional authorization, or (2) SFWMD “certifies to the [Governor and Cabinet], the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives that the acquisition of the land necessary for the EAA Reservoir project . . . has been completed.”
- Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule requested to be reevaluated.
- Preferential consideration of former EAA agricultural workers for construction of EAA Reservoir.
- Loan program for local governments to pursue water storage projects.

Effective Date: Upon becoming law

Bill Name	Bill Summary
<p>Resource Recovery & Management CS/HB 335</p> <p>(Rep. Clemons)</p>	<p>Addresses facilities that use gasification, pyrolysis, or other thermal conversion process on recovered materials that were not previously exempt from solid waste regulations by rule or statute. Provides new exemptions from solid waste regulations for such facilities, though the facilities may still require an FDEP recovered materials processing facility registration, air pollution permit, etc.</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>
<p>Underground Utilities HB 379</p> <p>(Rep. Leek)</p>	<p>Requires excavators to immediately call 911 if contact with or damage to an underground pipe or facility results in the escape of any natural gas or other hazardous liquid regulated by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. If damage occurs, the member operator must report to the Sunshine State One-Call system. Requires the Board of Sunshine State One-Call Florida, Inc. to report on damage and any analysis done.</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>
<p>Heartland Headwaters Protection & Sustainability Act CS/CS/HB 573</p> <p>(Rep. Burton)</p>	<p>Creates the Heartland Headwaters Protection & Sustainability Act. Makes a number of findings regarding the environmental and economic importance of the Floridan Aquifer as well as the Green Swamp in Polk and Lake Counties. Declares that funding consideration be given to regional collaborative solutions to manage the water resources of the state. Directs the Polk Regional Water Cooperative to prepare a comprehensive annual report to the Legislature and Governor for water resource projects identified for state funding consideration within its members' jurisdictions. Requires the submission of an annual project implementation update.</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>

Bill Name	Bill Summary
<p style="text-align: center;">Utilities CS/CS/HB 687</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Rep. La Rosa)</p>	<p>Creates the “Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act. Sets up a process to be used statewide for wireless providers to install certain wireless facilities in public rights of way. Defines “authority” as a county or municipality with jurisdiction and control of the rights-of-way of any public road. Excludes the Department of Transportation rights-of-way. Creates exemption for utility poles in certain specified retirement communities with certain deed restrictions and underground utilities. Creates exemption for certain municipalities on a coastal barrier island of less than 5 square miles and less than 10,000 residents which had has a referendum to issue bonds to pay for undergrounding of utilities. Defines “micro wireless facility” and “small wireless facility” by specified dimensions. Prohibits an authority from regulating, prohibiting or charging for the collocation of small wireless facilities in the public rights-of-way, unless otherwise authorized in the Act. Specifies requirements for permit application process by authorities, including time frames. Requires approval or denial of permits by electronic mail. Establishes conditions under which permits for collocation may be denied. Allows authority to adopt by ordinance provisions for insurance coverage, performance bonds, indemnification and other specified matters. Prohibits authorities from entering into exclusive arrangements for the right to attach equipment to authority utility poles. Sets rate to collocate small wireless facilities on an authority utility pole as a “not to exceed” \$150 per pole annually. Existing agreements relating to collocation of these facilities with an authority remain in effect. Historic preservation zoning regulations may continue to be enforced. Privately owned utility poles, those owned by an electric cooperative or municipal electric utility, or a privately owned wireless support structure are exempt. Persons are not authorized to collocate small wireless facilities or micro wireless facilities on an authority utility pole in a location subject to covenants, conditions, restriction, articles of incorporation, and bylaws of a homeowners’ association; however, installation of micro wireless facilities on an existing and authorized aerial communications facility is permitted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Unlawful Acquisition of Utility Services CS/HB 879</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Rep. Burgess)</p>	<p>Amends the definition of theft of utility services. Defines what constitutes prima facie evidence for these cases. Establishes criteria for court to consider in assessing damages or restitution to the utility. Sets criteria for methodology to be used to calculate the amount of electricity stolen. Identifies particular elements related to the methodology when theft of utility services involved growing cannabis.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective Date: October 1, 2017</p>

Bill Name

Bill Summary

**Pollution Notice / Site Clean Up
CS/CS/SB 1018**

(Sen. Grimsley)

Part I. Creates the Public Notice of Pollution Act. Defines a “reportable pollution release” as any discovered, unauthorized release of a substance that must be reported to the State Watch Office pursuant to an FDEP rule, order, or permit. Requires an operator of an installation at which a reportable pollution release occurred to provide and share the report provided to the State Watch Office with FDEP within 24 hours after its discovery. Authorizes multiple parties to submit one notification of a single event. Requires an owner or operator to make additional notice to FDEP upon discovery of the release migrating outside of installation boundaries. Requires FDEP to post any such report on its agency website. Requires FDEP to establish an electronic mailing list. Provides liability protection for reporting entities by making clear that providing a notice does not constitute an admission of liability or harm. Specifies penalties for violations. Clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the Division of Emergency Management and the State Watch Office.

Part II. Addresses contaminated site clean-up; provides for the advancement ahead of priority ranking for the rehabilitation of individual petroleum contaminated sites proposed for redevelopment. Eliminates the 25% cost-share requirement for the advanced cleanup of such sites. Provides that the contractor may remit payment to the subcontractor within 30 working days after the contractor receives payment from FDEP and that if the payments are made within this timeframe, penalties do not apply. Clarifies requirements for eligibility of advanced site cleanup applicants. Directs FDEP to review funding options for the program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

Bill Name

Bill Summary

**Vessels
CS/CS/HB 7043**

(Rep. Raschein)

Implements many of the findings and recommendations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in its report on the pilot program relating to the anchoring or mooring of vessels outside public mooring fields.

Addresses issues relating to derelict vessels by: (1) providing that a vessel is at risk of becoming derelict if an owner or operator of a vessel cannot demonstrate within 72 hours after notification by a law enforcement officer that the vessel has an effective means of propulsion or provide documentation of having ordered the necessary parts for vessel repair; (2) elevating the civil penalties for having an expired vessel registration longer than six months; (3) prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from issuing a certificate of title to any applicant for any vessel that has been deemed derelict by a law enforcement officer until such vessel is no longer deemed a derelict vessel; and (4) exempting law enforcement officers who post a notice on a derelict vessel which he or she ascertains as lost or abandoned property from the additional requirement that such notice be sent by certified mail to the owner of the property when the law enforcement officer has given such owner notice of a violation of derelict vessels and issued him or her a citation for such violation.

Prohibits vessels or floating structures from anchoring or mooring within: 150 feet of any vessel launching or loading facility; 100 feet of public mooring field boundaries; or 300 feet of a superyacht repair facility. Addresses marine sanitation issues by authorizing local governments to enact and enforce regulations that require owners or operators of vessels or floating structures subject to marine sanitation requirements to provide proof of proper sewage disposal if such vessel has been anchored or moored for 10 consecutive days within the marked boundaries of permitted mooring fields or federally designated no discharge zones, provided the FWC has determined that adequate pumpout services are provided by such local government.

Authorizes local governments to enact and enforce regulations that allow the local government to remove a vessel affixed to a public dock within its jurisdiction that has been deemed abandoned or lost property. Includes other minor provisions related to seagrass mitigation and sovereign submerged land leases.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

Bill Name**Bill Summary****PROPERTY & LAND USE****Estoppel Certificates
CS/CS/CS/SB 398**

(Sen. Passidomo)

Revises requirements relating to the issuance of an estoppel certificate to specified persons. Requires a condominium, cooperative, or homeowners' association to designate a street or e-mail address on its website for estoppel certificate requests. Specifies delivery requirements for an estoppel certificate. Authorizes an estoppel certificate to be completed by specified persons. Requires an estoppel certificate to contain certain information. Provides an effected period for an estoppel certificate based upon the date of issuance and form of delivery. Prohibits an association from charging a preparation and delivery fee or making certain claims if it fails to deliver an estoppel certificate within certain timeframes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017**Community Associations
CS/CS/CS/HB 653**

(Rep. Moraitis)

Prohibits board members or management companies from purchasing units on foreclosure of assessment liens. Provides obligation to disclose estimated assessment when an association meeting will include a vote on assessments. Deletes the exemption allowing associations with fewer than 50 units to prepare a cash receipts report rather than a financial statement. Prohibits use of debit cards to pay association expenses. Allows cooperative and condominium associations to waive financial reporting requirements by a vote of the membership. Permits notification of meeting notices on association websites. Clarifies that board members of condominium and cooperative associations may use email to communicate. Revises rights and obligations of cooperative and condominium associations relating to fire safety sprinkler requirements or votes to be exempt from same. Clarifies that timeshare condominiums are governed by the fire-safety requirements of s.721.24, F.S. Specifies signage requirements for facilities that have not retrofitted with a sprinkler system. Extends the provisions in law governing bulk buyers of distressed condominium units. Revises provisions governing votes to terminate a condominium and reduces to 5% the threshold to object and prevent termination and makes such revisions retroactive in application.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017**Timeshares
CS/SB 818**

(Sen. Hutson)

Provides clarification that ownership interest in a single component timeshare plan does not equate to a voting interest in a multi-site timeshare plan in which an interest in a single-site plan is a part. Provides provisions for associations to vote to extend a timeshare plan. Specifies standards for management of a timeshare association's affairs and property after termination of a timeshare plan.

Effective Date: Upon becoming law

Bill Name	Bill Summary
<p align="center">Construction CS/CS/HB 1021</p> <p align="center">(Rep. Avila)</p>	<p>Clarifies authority of building official powers in jurisdictions below 50,000 in population. Adds additional criteria to become a certified building inspector including standards to provide reciprocity for qualified inspectors from other states. Provides cost offsets for engaging private licensed building inspectors. Preempts local signage regulation of signage designed to meet certain federal programs. Revises standards by which the mandated 3 year update to the Florida Building Code incorporates changes to the International Building Code and the retention of certain Florida specific requirements. Imposes a two-thirds voting requirement of commission members present to adopt the Florida Building Code. Prohibits local fees for one or two family dwelling water connection for servicing fire sprinkler systems. Prohibits local permits to paint a residential structure.</p> <p align="right">Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>
<p align="center">Condominiums CS/CS/HB 1237</p> <p align="center">(Rep. J. Diaz)</p>	<p>Provides for criminal penalties for certain officer and director fiduciary violations relating to association duties. Prohibits associations from hiring attorneys who represent the association management entity. Precludes Board members and managing entities from purchasing units foreclosed upon by the association. Creates standards governing mandatory websites for 150 unit or larger associations and the materials required to be posted thereon. Creates standards for association use of debit cards for expenses. Establishes board term limits unless securing 2/3rd majority to exceed 8 years on a board. Prohibits associations from contracting with service providers owned or affiliated with a board member. Creates criteria for who may serve as arbitrators in mediation of association/resident disputes. Provides conflict of interest disclosure obligations for officers and directors. Requires a financial institution disclosure annually to the Division.</p> <p align="right">Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>
<p align="center">Financial Reporting of Associations HB 6027</p> <p align="center">(Rep. Williamson)</p>	<p>Removes ability of condominium, cooperative and homeowner associations of less than 50 units to prepare cash receipts report in lieu of a financial statement. Removes limitation on associations from waiving financial reporting by vote of membership for more than 3 consecutive years.</p> <p align="right">Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>

Bill Name**Bill Summary****BUSINESS REGULATION****Public Accommodation
CS/CS/CS/HB 727**

(Rep. Leek)

Establishes a certification process for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act by private owners of places of public accommodation. Defines "place of public accommodation" as a facility operated by a private entity whose operations affect commerce and is a private entity as described in 42 U.S.C. s. 12181(7). Allows such private owners to request an inspection by specified "qualified experts". Allows owner to submit to the Department of Business & Professional Regulation a certificate of conformity or a remediation plan after expert inspection. Requires both certificates of conformity and remediation plans to be posted by the Department on a website for the public to access. Requires courts to consider the existence of certificates or remediation plans when evaluating good faith by a plaintiff or entitlement to attorneys' fees in suits under Title III of the ADA.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017**Motor Vehicle Warranty Repairs
and Recall Repairs
CS/CS/HB 775**

(Rep. M. Diaz)

Establishes conditions under which same line make manufacturers must compensate their dealers for vehicles for which parts are unavailable to repair recalls on used motor vehicles. Payments are not owed when the subject recall is not a basis to prevent sell or delivery of a used vehicle.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017**Motor Vehicle Manufacturers
and Dealers
CS/CS/HB 1175**

(Rep. M. Diaz)

Modifies Florida's auto dealer franchise law to establish provisions governing manufacturer incentive programs governing dealer facility improvements. Establishes a 10 year vesting period in which dealers may not be required to participate in additional programs relating to previously completed facility improvements. Obligates manufacturers to allow dealer the benefits of new programs for the same facility components even when dealers elect not to participate in the new program. Modifies standards governing dealer performance metrics such that local considerations must be taken into account.

Effective Date: Upon becoming law

Bill Name	Bill Summary
FINANCE & TAX	
<p>Limitations on Property Tax Assessments CS/HJR 21</p> <p>(Rep. Burton)</p>	<p>Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently extend the 10% limitation on annual increases in property tax assessments for nonhomestead real property. This limitation does not apply to school district levies. This amendment will be considered on the November 2018 general election ballot.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective Date: January 1, 2019</p>
<p>Renewable Energy Source Devices CS/SB 90</p> <p>(Sen. Brandes)</p>	<p>Implements Amendment 4 by prohibiting the consideration of eighty percent of the just value of property attributable to a renewable energy source device in determining the assessed value of any nonresidential real property. Creates an exemption equal to eighty percent of the value of a renewable energy source device from the tangible personal property tax. The prohibition and exemption only apply to devices installed after January 1, 2018, unless the devices are affixed to property owned or leased by the US Department of Defense, the devices supply JEA, or the devices were installed after August 30, 2016 as part of a 2-5 megawatt project on municipal land to supply a municipal electric utility. If a project in a fiscally constrained county files an application for a comprehensive plan amendment or PUD zoning before December 31, 2017, all devices installed as part of that project will be subject to tax. Creates Part II of Chapter 520 related to consumer protections regarding distributed energy generation system sales and leases for residential purposes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>
<p>Tax Exemptions for First Responders and Surviving Spouses CS/CS/HB 455</p> <p>(Rep. Metz)</p>	<p>Provides exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain first responders under specified conditions & surviving spouses of first responders who have died. Specifies documentation required to receive exemption. Provides criminal penalty for knowingly or willingly giving false information. Specifies deadlines for applying for exemption for 2017 tax year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective Date: Upon becoming law</p>

Bill Name	Bill Summary
<p>Corporate Income Tax HB 7099</p> <p>(Rep. B. Cortes)</p>	<p>Adopts the annual revisions to the Internal Revenue Code. Requires taxpayers with a taxable year that coincides with the calendar year to file returns shall be the seventh month, which will be retroactive to January 1, 2016. Provides that estimated tax payments due on Saturday, June 30, 2018, will be due on Friday, June 29, 2018.</p> <p>Effective Date: Upon becoming law this act will apply retroactively to January 1, 2017</p>
<p>Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption HJR 7105 HB 7107</p> <p>(Rep. La Rosa)</p>	<p>Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. This amendment will be considered on the November 2018 general election ballot, and if approved, will take effect January 1, 2019.</p> <p>HB 7107 provides for the implementation of House Joint Resolution 7105, if approved by the voters. Prohibits local governments from considering the reduced taxable values due to passage of the Constitutional amendment when calculating the rolled-back rate or maximum millage. Appropriates funds to offset reductions in tax revenues in fiscally constrained counties.</p> <p>Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 7105 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose</p>

Bill Name**Bill Summary****Taxation
HB 7109**

(Rep. Boyd)

- Reduces the sales tax on commercial leases (Business Rent Tax) from 6.0% to 5.8%, effective January 1, 2018.
- Provides a three-day (Aug. 4 – 6) back-to-school sales tax holiday for clothing items up to \$60 and personal computers or related accessories up to \$750.
- Provides a three-day (Jun. 2-4) disaster preparedness sales tax holiday.
- Exempts feminine hygiene products from sales tax.
- Increases the corporate income tax research and development tax credit amount to \$16.5M in 2018.
- Creates a sales tax exemption for admissions resold to exempt entities.
- Exempts fingerprint services from sales tax.
- Creates a sales tax exemption for qualifying data center property.
- Increases the brownfield tax credit by \$5M annually.
- Creates an exemption for livestock or poultry health products (retroactive).
- Amends the definition of beer and malt beverages in order to create parity with hard seltzers.
- Permanently extends the Community Contribution Tax Credit program.
- Creates a sales tax exemption for certain municipally owned golf courses.
- Creates a sales tax exemption for building materials, rental of tangible personal property, and pest control for certain new construction in a Rural Area of Opportunity.
- Clarifies the definition of “inventory” for ad valorem purposes to include certain construction and agricultural equipment under a rent-to-purchase option.
- Authorizes the use of tourist development revenues for publically owned auditoriums operated by a 501(c)(3) organization.
- Amends the CIT return filing deadline for calendar year taxpayers to 6-months.
- Creates a partial property tax exemption for certain affordable housing projects.
- Provides property tax exemptions for charter schools.
- Reduces the registration fee for marine boat trailers for 501(c)(3) organizations.
- Removes annual license fees related to motor fuel and dry cleaning.
- Removes registrations fees for sales tax.
- Amends the notice and penalty provisions related to vending machines.
- Adjusts the timing of payments of reemployment tax contributions that fall on a weekend or holiday.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

Bill Name	Bill Summary
GOVERNMENT	
<p>Public Records CS/CS/SB 80</p> <p>(Sen. Steube)</p>	<p>Changes when attorneys' fees can be awarded against an agency/government when public records are not provided. Requires court to find that agency unlawfully refused to provide the public record, and that plaintiff provided written notice identifying the public record request to the agency's custodian of public records at least 5 business days before filing the civil action before fees can be awarded. Agency must prominently post contact information for the public record custodian in the agency's primary administrative building in which public records are routinely created, sent, received, maintained, and requested and on the agency's website. Court must determine whether plaintiff/complainant made the request for an improper purpose, and may award attorneys' fees to the agency. Defines improper purpose. Provisions apply to public records requests after the effective date of the law.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective Date: Upon becoming law</p>
<p>Central Florida Expressway Authority HB 299</p> <p>(Rep. Goodson)</p>	<p>Increases membership of Central Florida Expressway Authority to include member appointed by chair of Brevard County Commission. Authorizes Governor to appoint citizen member from Brevard County. Adds area within geographical boundary of Brevard County to area to be served by authority.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>
<p>Public Works Projects CS/CS/HB 599</p> <p>(Rep. Williamson)</p>	<p>Limits conditions placed on public works construction projects by local government where 50% or more of the project is to be funded with state-appropriated money. Exempts project contracts executed under Chapter 337. Prohibits local governments undertaking these projects from required a specific wage rate, employee benefit, source of staffing, etc., unless otherwise required by federal or state law. Limits local governments from conditioning who can bid on these projects.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Effective Date: July 1, 2017</p>

Bill Name**Bill Summary****HEALTH CARE AND PHARMACEUTICALS****Prescription Drug Price
Transparency
HB 589**

(Rep. Yarborough)

Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to publish on its website (www.myfloridarx.com) the usual and customary prices of the 300 most commonly prescribed brand name drugs as well as the generic equivalents. The legislation is an expansion of the current requirements for AHCA to publish the usual and customary prices of the 100 most commonly prescribed brand name drugs.

Effective Date: Upon becoming law**Medication Synchronization
CS/CS/SB 800**

(Sen. Broxson)

Requires all insurers and HMOs to provide medication synchronization services at least once per plan year through alignment of refill dates and partial refills of prescriptions. Prohibits partial fills of controlled substances.

Effective Date: January 1, 2018**Newborn Screenings
CS/CS/SB 1124**

(Sen. Book)

Requires the Genetics and Newborn Screening Council within the Department of Health to consider whether a condition should be included as part of Florida's newborn screening program within one year of the condition being listed on the federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel. If the Council recommends inclusion of the condition in Florida's newborn screening program and there is an approved FDA test for the condition, the legislation requires the Department to engage in necessary rulemaking and budget requests to commence screening for the condition within 18 months of the Council's recommendation. If there is no approved FDA test for the condition, the Department shall act to commence testing as soon as practical after the FDA makes such a test available.

Effective Date: July 1, 2017



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