

Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation Legislative Report 2020



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Delegation Chair, Representative Rick Roth's 2020 Legislative Session Summary

It is my pleasure to present the 2020 Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation wrap-up report.

Inside you will find highlights of legislation and appropriations that members of our delegation worked diligently on during the 2020 legislative session.

I want to thank the delegation staff for all their assistance during my time as Chairman. From the Bahamas to Belle Glade Housing Authority to appropriations bills, Vicky Nowlan, Todd Bonlarron, Asst. County Administrator and Rebecca DeLaRosa, Legislative Affairs Director, kept me informed and made this duty truly enjoyable. It has been my honor to serve as Chair of the delegation this past year. It is a privilege to be among those who advocate for Palm Beach County and I am very proud to work with my colleagues on behalf of Palm Beach County's residents.

In March, the Florida Legislature passed a balanced budget for our state. With the recent onset of the coronavirus pandemic, this seems like years ago. The original \$93.2 Billion budget was a 2.4% increase of \$2.2 billion, which includes funding for 113,414 authorized positions. The Governor finally vetoed \$1 billion of special appropriations to give us a \$92.2 Billion budget. All in all, the budget provides new funding in many areas.

We set aside reserves of \$3.9 billion, which is 10.6% of estimated general revenue, and \$60 million for the coronavirus response. The budget includes raises for full-time classroom teachers. We committed \$500 million to increase the pay for the teachers across the state. Getting and retaining quality educators is key to the success of our students, and we wanted to ensure that Florida is a strong competitor to obtain the best teachers in the nation. For the first time in many years, there was no sweep of funds from the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Ultimately, of the \$340 million in the trust, \$225 million was vetoed by the Governor. Beginning October 1, 2020, all State employees and Correctional Officers and APD/DCF specialists will receive a 3% salary increase on October 1, 2020.

Florida is home to stunning beaches, gorgeous natural springs, and the world renowned Florida Keys and Everglades. Florida is a top tourist destination for 120 million people annually, and the home of a \$115 billion Agriculture industry. Preserving our natural resources is vital to our lifestyle and a strong economy. The Agricultural and Natural Research budget increased by 12.5% to \$4.5 billion. It included \$690 million for water resource projects, of which Everglades Restoration was \$323.6 million, and \$100 million for the Florida Forever Program for land conservation. The project outlays include \$12.5 million for the Florida Resilient Coastline Initiative, \$50 million each for springs and beach restoration, \$50 million for Aquifer Storage and Recovery, (ASR) wells near Lake Okeechobee, \$40 million for alternative water supply, \$25 million for Wastewater and Storm Water Grants, \$25 million for Total Maximum Daily Load water quality projects, \$25 million for 3 rivers watershed water quality, and \$25 million for the Indian River Lagoon. It also includes \$27.6 million total for Blue- Green Algae and Red Tide research and projects, and coral reef protection.

This session several bills passed that put patients in control of their health care and also improved access and affordability. A new law, HB – 607, Direct Care Workers, will allow qualified advanced practice registered nurses to work autonomously in primary care and midwifery. Another law, HB -389, Practice of Pharmacy, allows pharmacists to work with physicians to manage chronic health conditions and provide some basic services like testing for flu and strep. The passage of HB – 763, Patient Safety Culture, means Floridians will

have an insider's view of the patient safety culture of hospitals and other facilities, so that it's easier to make informed decisions on where to get a procedure done.

Cancer has become the second leading cause of deaths to firefighters, due to inhalation and skin absorption of harmful chemicals. In SB 1092 – Fire Prevention and Control, it creates the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program to provide financial assistance to fire departments to better protect firefighters from exposure to cancer-causing agents.

To combat the high turnover rate among employees in state agencies, community based care agencies, and case management partners who help our most vulnerable kids in the child welfare system, we passed SB – 1326, the State of Hope Act. This legislation provides pay raises for child protective investigators and builds long-term career support for all staff. It will also help prevent and mitigate traumatic stress and burnout for our critical care workers. Another bill, Jordan's Law, HB 43, will ensure that law enforcement officers will have access to more information about families in the system, to help keep children safe. In HB 945 – Children's Mental Health, it provides standards for mobile response team services. It protects students by requiring a principal or designee to verify that de-escalation strategies have been used with a student, and a mobile response team has been contacted before law enforcement for an involuntary student examination.

In HB 1193 – Deregulation of Professions and Occupations, it reduced the regulatory burden on our state's business and professionals. Onerous licenses, fees, and tests that did not serve any apparent purpose have been eliminated.

This session there were eight significant education related bills passed into law. In HB 5101 – Education Funding, we increased the total funds per student in public schools by nearly \$200 each, bringing us to almost \$7900 per student this coming year. Public school classroom teachers will benefit from the \$500 million budget item for teacher salary increases. Additionally, school districts will use their % of these funds to move every full-time teacher as close to a \$47,500 minimum salary as possible. It also repealed Florida's Best and Brightest Teacher and Principal Allocation. In HB 7067 – Education, it expands the eligibility for the Family Empowerment Scholarship program and ensures that students who seek to renew their scholarships are prioritized.

Holocaust education has been part of required instruction for students in K-12 public schools since 1994. In HB 1213 – Educational Instruction of Historical Events, it adds to this required instruction the state's definition of and policy against anti-Semitism, current and historical examples of anti-Semitism, and the prevention of anti-Semitism. It also requires DOE to develop standards and offer curriculum for teaching the history of the Holocaust. It also requires DOE to define how we recognize the historical significance of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots.

In SB 72 – Postsecondary Education, it creates another option for Bright Futures Florida recipients to receive 100% of tuition and fees for an associate degree at a Florida College System institution. It establishes the Florida Institute of Politics at FSU to promote civic engagement and intellectual diversity. It also creates the Adam Smith Center for the Study of Economic Freedom at FIU. The Center will concentrate on the effects of free-market economics on individual freedom and human prosperity.

In keeping with Governor DeSantis's focus on Everglades Restoration and protecting our natural resources from unnecessary nutrient pollution, three environmental bills were passed into law.

Two years in the making, SB 712 – Environmental Resource Management, otherwise known as the "Clean Waterways Act", improves and maintains our precious water resources for years to come by implementing key inspection and enforcement of both non-point and point source pollution requirements, to protect our state waters. It requires increased regulation of septic tanks, back-up plans for wastewater facilities during power

outages to minimize the discharge of untreated wastewater, and annual updates from those facilities to ensure funds are properly utilized for infrastructure upgrades, repairs, and maintenance. For non-point agriculture nutrient runoff, it requires inspections of all farms in certain BMAP areas enrolled in Best Management Practices every two years, and updates in stormwater maintenance and design requirements across Florida. It also creates grant programs to help fund certain water quality projects.

In HB – 1061, Aquatic Preserves, the Nature Coast Aquatic Preserve is created in the panhandle with specified boundaries, to protect and conserve these natural resources. Florida currently has 41 aquatic preserves that span 2.2 million acres. In HB 73 – Environmental Regulation, it requires counties and cities to address the issue of contamination in their contracts with private companies that operate their recycling programs. It also provides some exceptions to environmental resource permits for residential projects that do no harm to the environment.

Representative Rick Roth
Chairman, Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation

Executive Director Report



We have composed this report to give you a comprehensive overview of the priority issues the delegation has worked on during the 2020 Legislative Session. You will also find a detailed list of appropriations that the legislature allocated to Palm Beach County, as well as those vetoed by the Governor. Our delegation members worked countless hours to bring these appropriations home.

These hours consisted of individual meetings with constituents and groups, numerous public hearings throughout the County (including joint workshops with the Palm Beach County League of Cities, School Board and Board of County Commissioners), several weeks of committee hearings, and the annual 60-day Legislative Session in

Tallahassee.

I would like to thank the delegation members and especially the delegation staff for their tireless work this Session. They are the hardest working people I have met and their successes this session reflects all their efforts.

Upon returning from the 2020 legislative session, the delegation was met head on with the COVID-19 pandemic. From massive business closures and layoffs and rising numbers of cases in Palm Beach County and Florida, the delegation has been working tirelessly with Federal, State, County and Local officials in ensuring the safety and well-being of their constituents. This ongoing crisis has been a hardship for all and is still at the forefront of every members minds. The Delegation asks that everyone please be mindful of the risks of this virus and be diligent in social distancing and all the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control.

I want to take a moment to thank Representative Mary Lynn Magar, Speaker Pro Tempore and Chairman of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation in the 2015-2016 Session cycle. Her dedication and passion for the residents of her district and the state made her a true public servant and her election as Speaker Pro Tempore showed the respect she received from her peers in the legislature. Thank you again Speaker Pro Tempore Magar for all you have done for Palm Beach County and the State of Florida.

I also want to recognize Senator Kevin Rader for his many years of service in the Florida Legislature, he has made the decision to not seek reelection to his Senate office. Your advocacy for teachers, the environment and equality showed your passion for the people of Florida. Thank you for all your leadership and dedication to your House and Senate Districts and to all the bees in Florida.

Thanks to Teresa Hadjipetrou as our Delegation Aide, she does a great job of keeping the Delegation office running smoothly and supporting the Delegation and Legislative Affairs efforts.

Finally, I would like to thank our Delegation Chair, Representative Rick Roth, for his leadership over the past year and for his advocacy for Palm Beach County and its residents.

Palm Beach County Appropriations

Those projects marked with * indicate that it was a legislative delegation member sponsored project.
 Strike through indicates Governor veto.

EDUCATION

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Atlantic University – Operating	\$118,513,142
Florida Atlantic University – Education Enhancement	\$31,914,300
Florida Atlantic University – A.D. Henderson/FAU High Developmental Research School K-8 Replacement Facility	\$15,000,000
Florida Atlantic University – Medical School	\$27,286,330
Florida Atlantic University – Jupiter STEM/Life Sciences Bldg.	\$11,146,000
Florida Atlantic University – Autism Program	\$1,056,776
*Florida Atlantic University – Max Planck Scientific Fellows (HB 2205) (Senate Form 1016)	\$750,000
Florida Atlantic University – Max Planck Scientific Fellowship Program (Recurring)	\$889,101
Florida Atlantic University – Financial Assistance	\$399,658
Florida Atlantic University – Secondary Robotics Team Support	\$100,000
Florida Atlantic University – Tuition Authority	\$136,401,331
University Galleries	<u>\$18,906</u>
TOTAL:	\$343,475,544

Palm Beach State College

Florida College System Program Fund	\$55,213,723
Florida College System Lottery Funds	\$8,401,389
Palm Beach State College - Student Success Incentive Fund	\$1,762,393
Work Florida Student Success Incentive Fund	<u>\$493,500</u>
TOTAL:	\$65,871,005

Palm Beach County Schools K-12

Palm Beach County Public Schools K-12 FEFP Total Funds	\$1,699,092,574
Palm Beach County Workforce Education Programs	\$17,692,976
Palm Beach School Readiness Services Early Learning	\$40,845,982
Palm Beach County Voluntary Prekindergarten	<u>\$30,643,855</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,788,275,387

Other Education

*Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Pilot	\$150,000
*City of Riviera Beach Youth Empowerment Program	\$150,000
*Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Inc., Apprenticeship Training Academy & Employment Program	\$250,000
*Dedicated STEM Classroom for Marine Science at Loggerhead Marinelife Center	\$250,000
TOTAL:	\$800,000

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Behavioral Health Services

*The Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service – Mental Health First Aid	\$100,000
*211 Palm Beach Treasure Coast So Fl Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention	\$250,000
Chrysalis Center Children's Community Action (CAT) Treatment Team	<u>\$750,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,100,000

Elder Affairs

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) funding for 50 client increase	\$1,806,182
*Alzheimer's Community Care Association - Critical Support Initiative	\$650,000
Alzheimer's Community Care Association	\$1,500,000
Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program - Boca Raton Jewish Federation	<u>\$92,946</u>
TOTAL:	\$4,409,128

Vocational Rehabilitation

Palm Beach Habilitation Center (Recurring)	\$225,000
*Boca Raton Habilitation Center - Adults with Disabilities	<u>\$200,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$425,000

Other

*American Association of Caregiving Youth's Florida Caregiving Youth Expansion Family Support and Child Welfare	\$250,000
*Scripps Research Molecular Imaging Center Health	\$500,000
*JARC Community Works Workforce Services	\$300,000
Exchange Club – Child Abuse Prevention Services in Palm Beach/Broward Counties	\$150,000
*Place of Hope – Child Welfare Foster Care Regionalization	\$650,000
Community Action Treatment for Mental Health/Substance Abuse – Chrysalis	\$750,000
Palm Beach County Rape Crisis Center	\$282,039
Homeless Housing Assistance Grants	\$4,611,000
Feeding South Florida Community Kitchen	<u>\$1,035,480</u>
TOTAL:	\$8,528,519

PUBLIC SAFETY

Criminal & Civil Justice

Sago Palm Facility – PILT	\$142,900
South Bay Correctional Facility – PILT	\$275,560
*Oak Street Home II – Female Delinquency Prevention	\$250,000
Justice Administrative Commission for PIP Fraud (Palm Beach and other counties)	\$1,865,200
Legal Center of Florida P.A.	\$1,385,000
*RESTORE Ex-Offender Reentry Program	\$250,000
TOTAL:	\$7,569,872

Emergency Management Critical Facility Needs

City of South Bay Emergency Shelter and Care Center – Phase 2	\$550,000
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Local Government Fire Services Grant – DFS

*Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Bunker Gear Contamination	\$400,000
*Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Diesel Exhaust System Installation Project	\$400,000
*Palm Beach County New Fire Station on Flavor Pict Road	\$120,000
*Riviera Beach Firefighter Cancer Reduction Plan	\$250,000
TOTAL:	\$1,170,000

TRANSPORTATION & GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Transportation Economic Development

*Rides Rides – Senior Transportation	\$159,520
*Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC) Community Works	\$300,000
Transportation Disadvantaged (Statewide)	\$55,900,000
TOTAL:	\$56,359,520

Arterial Highway Construction

Australian Ave from 1st St to Blue Heron Blvd	\$2,510,061
George Bush Boulevard from NE 2nd Avenue to SR A1A	\$2,798,856
Homewood Boulevard from Old Germantown Road to Lawson Boulevard	\$2,076,650
TOTAL:	\$7,385,567

Aviation Development Grants

Belle Glade State Municipal Airport Taxiway Charlie Construction	\$1,400,000
LNA Southside Redevelopment Project - Phases 3 & 4	\$1,800,000
North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport Construct Hangars	\$1,200,000
Palm Beach Glades Airport Site Dev & Infrastructure Improvements	\$1,600,000
Palm Beach International Airport	\$1,000,000
Palm Beach International Airport Concourse B Expansion	\$4,531,938
TOTAL:	\$11,531,938

Bridge Construction

Brant Dr Bridge Replacement from Oregon Ln to Avocet Rd Bridge Construction	\$1,738,690
SR 5/US 1 Federal Highway from CR A1A to Beach Road Bridge Construction	\$139,331,811
SR 786/PGA Blvd over Intracoastal Water (ICWW) Bridge Construction	\$2,266,081
SR 800/Spanish River Blvd over ICWW Bridge Construction	<u>\$1,090,935</u>
TOTAL:	\$144,427,517

Construct/Inspect/Consult

SR 25/US 27 from Hendry/Palm Beach Countyline to SR 80	\$2,527,141
SR 5/US 1 from CR A1A to Beach Road Construction Inspection Consultants	<u>\$15,738,110</u>
TOTAL:	\$18,265,251

County Transportation Programs

SR 809/Military Trail at Forest Hill Blvd	\$5,480,674
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Highway Maintenance

I-95 Asset Maintenance Palm Beach County	\$3,500,000
Palm Bch Co ITS Maintenance	\$1,800,000
Palm Bch Co JPA's for Maintenance Lighting Maintenance	\$3,383,514
Palm Beach County Road Ranger Service Patrol	\$1,830,720
SR 25/US 27 Asset Management Contract US 27 & Belle Glade Area	<u>\$1,900,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$12,414,234

Highway Safety Construction/Grants

SR 25/US 27 at CR 827 & Okeelanta Rd Intersections	\$3,087,322
SR 25/US 27 from 5.5 Miles South of South Bay to Mp 25.661	\$5,838,098
SR 25/US 27 from Hendry/Palm Beach Countyline to SR 80	\$2,999,072
SR 25/US 27 from Milepost 16.000 to Milepost 20.150	\$5,054,179
SR 25/US 27 from Mp 12.599 to South of South Bay Mp 25.854	\$2,633,540
SR 25/US 27 from Mp 12.900 to 16.000	<u>\$6,135,233</u>
TOTAL:	\$25,747,444

Intrastate Highway Construction

Hurricane Irma: SR 700 at Hatton Hwy & Triangle Park Washout	\$3,617,990
Palm Beach County Push-Button Contract for Signalization	\$1,026,000
SR 5/US 1/Dixie Hwy from Albemarle Rd to SR 704/Okeechobee Blvd	\$4,886,447
SR 710/Beeline Hwy from Northlake Blvd to SR 708/Blue Heron Blvd	\$2,400,000
SR 9/I-95 from South of Glades Rd to South of Linton Blvd	<u>\$2,950,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$14,880,437

Local Transportation Projects

*Boynton Beach Town Square Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing	\$75,000
*Glades Communities Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction	\$500,000
*Highland Beach Crosswalks	\$201,523
*Loxahatchee Groves North Road Equestrian/Multi-Use Trail	\$47,500
*Rales Rides - Senior Transportation Program	\$159,520
*Town of Loxahatchee Groves Southern D Road Improvements	\$768,863
TOTAL:	\$1,752,406

Grants and Aids – Major Disasters – Department of Transportation Work Program

Hurricane Irma: SR 700 at Hatton Hwy & Triangle Park Washout \$8,411,266

Preliminary Engineering Consult

36th Street from Australian Avenue to North Flagler Avenue	\$1,315,972
Resurface Turnpike (SR 91) in Palm Beach County (Mp 112.212-117.843)	\$1,082,224
SR 5/US 1 Federal Highway from CR A1A to Beach Road	\$2,058,477
SR 5/US 1 from 59th St to SR 850/Northlake Blvd	\$1,500,000
SR 700/Conners Hwy from North of 1st St to West of SR 80	\$1,045,627
SR 710/Beeline Hwy from Northlake Blvd to SR 708/Blue Heron Blvd	\$1,010,000
SR 9/I-95 at 10th Ave North	\$1,769,530
SR 9/I-95 at Hypoluxo Road	\$2,100,000
SR 9/I-95 at Lantana Road	\$2,000,000
SR 9/I-95 from Broward/Palm Beach County Line to North of Linton Blvd	\$1,000,000
SR 9/I-95 from S of 45th Street to N of 45th St	\$2,205,000
SR 9/I-95 from South of Woolbright Road to North of Woolbright Road	\$1,020,000
Turnpike (SR 91) Aux Lanes from Sawgrass PBC to Glades Rd (Mp 73-75)	\$2,686,664
Widen Turnpike (SR 91) Okeechobee Blvd to SR 710 (4 to 8 Lns) W/Exp Lns	\$10,000,000
Widen Turnpike from SR 710 (Mp 106.1) to Mp 117 (4 to 8 Lns)	<u>\$1,650,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$32,443,494

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Projects

*Belle Glade NW/SW 3rd Avenue, SW Avenue B Extension Corridor Stormwater Conveyance Improvements	\$100,000
*Boca Raton 20-inch Critical Wastewater Force Main Resiliency Project Replacement/Redundancy	\$200,000
*Greenacres Swain Blvd Sewer Extension	\$225,000
*Hypoluxo Septic to Sewer Conversion	\$200,000
*Indian Trail Improvement District M-0 Outfall Canal Gate	\$200,000
*Jupiter Pennock Industrial Park Stormwater Improvements	\$150,000
*Jupiter Seminole Avenue Stormwater Basin Improvements	\$250,000
*Jupiter Sims Creek Preserve Hydrologic Restoration	\$150,000
*Lake Clarke Shores – Septic to Sewer Design Project	\$236,177
*Loxahatchee Groves Canal System Rehabilitation	\$150,000
*Palm Beach County Lake Worth Lagoon Monitoring Program	\$500,000
*Palm Beach County Singer Island Submerged Lands Acquisition	\$150,000
*Riviera Beach Utilities Special District Intracoastal Critical Water Main Replacement	\$200,000
*South Bay Stormwater Flood Control and Waterway Management Phase 2	\$150,000
*South Indian River Water Control District Section 7 Drainage Improvement Project	\$150,000
*Wellington Wetlands Reuse Project	\$220,000
*West Palm Beach SCADA Cybersecurity Technology Upgrades	\$250,000
TOTAL:	\$3,581,177

Beach Projects

Delray Beach Shore Protection Project	\$3,211,945
Ft. Pierce Segment – Palm Beach County Shore Protection Project	\$280,000
Jupiter/Carlin Shore Protection Project	\$130,000
Mid-Town Beach Nourishment	\$4,378,456
North Boca Raton Shore Protection Project	\$144,400
Ocean Ridge Beach Nourishment Project	\$100,000
Singer Island Dune Nourishment	\$120,000
TOTAL:	\$8,364,401

Inlet Management Projects

Boca Raton Implementation	\$23,200
Ft. Pierce Implementation	\$55,000
Lake Worth Implementation	\$619,000
South Lake Worth Implementation	\$150,000
TOTAL:	\$847,200

Environmental Project

Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center Improving Water Quality & Coastline Cleanliness	\$250,000
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Local Parks

*Mangonia Park Addie L. Green Park Improvements	\$250,000
*Pahokee King Memorial Park Improvements	\$235,000
*Royal Palm Beach Commons Park All-Access Playground	\$250,000
TOTAL:	\$735,000

Agricultural Promotion & Education

*South Florida Fairgrounds Multi-Purpose Exhibition Building	\$250,000
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Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP)

Acreage Community Park	\$200,000
Bob Marcello Park	\$200,000
Canyon District Park Development Project	\$200,000
Commons Park	\$200,000
Constitution Park	\$50,000
Dune Walkover Phase I	\$50,000
Dune Walkover Phase II	\$50,000
Greenbriar Park	\$50,000
Lone Pine Park	\$50,000
Remembrance Park	\$50,000
Sabal Palm Park	\$50,000
Sago Palm Park	\$50,000
Sycamore Park	\$50,000
Tennis Court Improvements	\$50,000
TOTAL:	\$1,300,000

Other Recreational

Palm Beach County Public Recreational Shooting Park	\$3,845,000
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CULTURE & FINE ARTS

Historic Preservation Grants

Town of Juno Beach Juno Beach Landmarks Trail Map/Brochure, Interpretive Signs, Website and Mobile App	\$20,000
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Cultural and Museum Grants

Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$42,750
Aequalis, Inc.	\$12,341
*African American History Museum and Library at Roosevelt High School	\$200,000
Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens	\$7,581
Boca Ballet Theatre Company	\$36,023
Boca Raton Historical Society, Inc.	\$27,280
Boca Raton Museum of Art, Inc.	\$48,172
Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia, Inc.	\$28,448

Boynton Cultural Centre, Inc.	\$16,828
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.	\$7,308
Center for Creative Education, Inc.	\$43,998
City of Riviera Beach - Parks and Recreation	\$6,990
Creative City Collaborative of Delray Beach, Inc.	\$36,342
Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$47,737
Expanding and Preserving Our Cultural Heritage, Inc.	\$15,757
Florida Atlantic University - University Galleries	\$18,906
Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc.	\$37,501
Historical Society of Palm Beach County	\$33,879
Lighthouse ArtCenter, Inc.	\$43,355
Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Inc.	\$7,923
Lynn University, Inc.	\$42,214
Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Inc.	\$48,510
Norton Museum of Art, Inc.	\$48,679
Old School Square Center for the Arts, Inc.	\$44,405
Palm Beach Dramaworks, Inc.	\$47,580
Palm Beach Opera, Inc.	\$48,172
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival, Inc.	\$3,945
Palm Beach State College	\$47,158
Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.	\$48,932
School of the Arts Foundation, Inc.	\$47,447
South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, Inc.	\$45,383
Sunfest of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$46,144
The Armory Art Center, Inc.	\$46,448
The Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, Inc.	\$7,384
The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum	\$47,447
The Lake Worth Playhouse, Inc.	\$26,765
The Morikami, Inc.	\$47,013
The Palm Beach Symphony Society, Inc.	\$43,355
The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc	\$47,230
Village of Royal Palm Beach - Parks and Recreation/Cultural Center	\$41,363
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	<u>\$28,750</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,573,443

Cultural Facilities

The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. Hamm Everglades Conservation	\$500,000
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Culture Builds Florida

Lake Worth Cultural Renaissance Foundation, Inc. - Dia De Los Muertos 2020	\$15,980
Palm Beach Poetry Festival, Inc. - 17th Annual Palm Beach Poetry Festival	\$25,000
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Arts at St. Andrew's 20-21 Season	\$9,500
The Children's Museum, Inc. - Art Attack	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$75,480

Library Grants

State Library State Aid	\$17,000,000
Palm Beach County Library State Aid	\$750,000

Library Cooperatives	\$2,000,000
Library Construction Grants (Canyon Branch)	<u>\$500,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$20,250,000

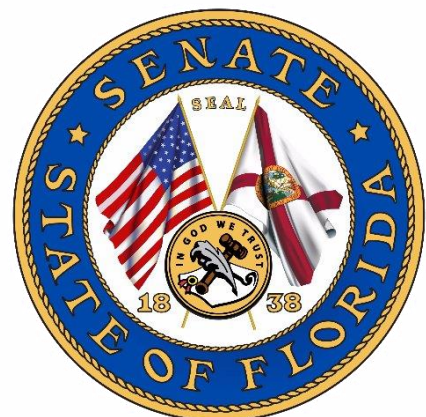
2020 Local Bills

The Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation members had three local bills this legislative session:

HB 975 - Indian Trail Improvement District, Palm Beach County by Representative Roth, This bill would have revised boundaries of district; required execution of interlocal agreements; authorized district to study feasibility of elector-initiated conversion of district to municipality; provided procedure for such study; provides for referendum. This bill died in the Local Administration Subcommittee.

HB 753 - Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Palm Beach County by Representative Silvers This bill would have extended corporate limits of town to include portions of Edgewater Park and adjoining canals. This bill died in the Local Administration Subcommittee.

HB 673 - Port of Palm Beach District, Palm Beach County by Representative Willhite. This bill would have revised salary of Board of Commissioners; provided for annual adjustment of such salary. This bill died in the Local Administration Subcommittee.



LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

SENATOR BERMAN

HB 783/SB 660: Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act

This bill will provide consistency, uniformity and guidance to the courts throughout the state with respect to when a receiver should be appointed over commercial real estate. The legislation ensures that the value and condition of the property is preserved or realized for the benefit of the interested parties while a foreclosure or other action affecting the commercial property is pending.

HB 783 was approved by the Governor on June 27, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-106

HB 1461/SB 1296: Health Access Dental Licenses

This bill reinstates the health access dental license to continue to allow out-of-state licensed dentists to provide dental care to thousands of people located in under-served and rural communities. In 2008, the Legislature created this program and it sunsetted without renewal in 2019. Once signed by the Governor, new out of state dentists will be able to participate and obtain health access dental licenses.

HB 1461 was approved by the Governor on June 18, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-047

SB 1198: Purple Alert

A legislative priority of mine for two consecutive sessions, SB 1198 would create the state's first-ever public advisory for missing intellectually or developmentally disabled adults whose disappearance poses an imminent threat to their safety. Close to two years ago, a 30 year-old man from Port St. Lucie named Joshua Marshall, who was non-verbal and autistic, wandered from his home and went missing from his caregivers. Tragically, he was later found in a retention pond by authorities. A woman at a nearby gas station saw him alive and well but did not know he was missing or in need of help. Had an alert like this existed at that time, Joshua may still be here with us today.

SB 1198 died in Rules Committee

SENATOR HARRELL

The following 3 bills were top priorities of Senator Harrell that did pass. They are specifically important now during the COVID19 pandemic.

CS/CS/HB 767 — Assisted Living Facilities

The bill amends various statutes related to the regulation of an assisted living facility (ALF). The bill:

- Allows the use of certain physical restraints in ALFs, including any device the resident chooses to use and is able to remove or avoid independently.
- Requires ALFs to submit a preliminary adverse incident report and final report through the Agency for Health Care Administration's (AHCA) online portal or by electronic mail if the portal is offline.
- Revises adverse incident reporting notifications for the AHCA and requirements for ALFs.
- Authorizes unlicensed ALF staff to change the bandages of residents for minor cuts and abrasions.
- Authorizes a resident or his or her representative, designee, surrogate, guardian, or attorney, as applicable, to contract for services with a third party and provides requirements for third-party communication with the facility and for an ALF to document that it received such communication.
- Removes the preexisting requirement for ALF staff assisting with the self-administration of medication to read the label of the medication to the resident. Instead, the bill requires staff to, in the presence of the resident, confirm the medication is correct and advise the resident of the medication name and dosage. The bill also allows the resident to sign a waiver to opt-out of being orally advised and provides that the waiver must be immediately updated each time the resident's medications and dosage change.
- Allows ALFs to admit residents that require 24-hour nursing care, residents that are receiving hospice services, or residents who are bedridden that meet specific criteria.
- Clarifies the requirements for a resident to be admitted to and retained in an ALF.
- Requires each resident to have a medical examination performed no longer than 60 days prior to or up to 30 days after admission to the ALF and requires the AHCA to adopt a form in rule that may be used by the health care practitioner performing the medical examination.
- Amends the Resident Bill of Rights to allow the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to provide assistance to a resident who needs to be relocated due to the closure of a facility and requires the notice of relocation to include a statement that the resident may contact the ombudsman.
- Requires an ALF to notify a resident's representative or designee of the need for health care services and assist in making appointments if an underlying condition of dementia or cognitive impairment is determined to exist. If the resident does not have a representative or designee or the ALF cannot reach their representative or designee, the ALF must arrange for the necessary care and services to treat the condition with an appropriate health care provider.

HB 767 was approved by the Governor on June 20,2020; Chapter No. 2020-068

CS/CS/HB 763 — Patient Safety Culture Surveys

The bill amends several sections of law to require each hospital and ambulatory surgical center (ASC) to conduct a patient safety culture survey at least biennially. The bill specifies that facilities must use the appropriate hospital or ASC Survey on Patient Safety Culture developed by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and requires the survey to be anonymous. The bill allows facilities to contract for the administration of the survey and requires each facility to submit survey data to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA).

The bill requires the Florida Center for Health Information and Transparency within the AHCA to customize the survey with additional questions and to collect, compile, and publish aggregated survey data submitted by hospitals and ASCs. The bill also requires the AHCA to customize the hospital survey to allow respondents to identify themselves as working in certain areas of a facility that are not currently identifiable in the survey, including, a pediatric cardiology patient care unit and a pediatric cardiology surgical services unit.

The bill appropriates funds from the AHCA's Health Care Trust Fund for the AHCA to hire one full-time equivalent position in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for the purpose of implementing the bill.

HB 763 was approved by the Governor on June 29,2020; Chapter No. 2020-134

CS/SB 1344 — Intermediate Care Facilities

The bill establishes a new certificate of need (CON) exemption for an intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled (ICFDD) for use by clients exhibiting severe maladaptive behaviors and co-occurring psychiatric diagnoses, requiring increased levels of behavioral, medical, and therapeutic oversight. The bill specifies requirements that an ICFDD must meet in order to obtain the CON exemption, including bed requirements and the types of clients the ICFDD must serve, and establishes additional licensure criteria for an ICFDD that has been granted the CON exemption.

The bill prohibits the Agency for Health Care Administration from granting more than three CON exemptions under the bill and requires any such CON exemptions to terminate 18 months after being issued, unless construction on the project has begun. The CON exemption provided under the bill sunsets on July 1, 2022, unless saved from repeal by the Legislature.

SB 1344 was approved by the Governor on June 20, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-060

SENATOR POWELL

SB 1590 - Juror Sanctions

Modifies Florida's standard for sanctions imposed on jurors who missed jury duty without an adequate excuse. This bill aimed to mirror the federal standard imposing a fine to not exceed \$1000, community service and imprisonment not to exceed 3 days with right to counsel. This bill passed favorably through all 3 committees on the senate side.

SB 1590 died in House messages

HB 945/SB 1440 - Children's Mental Health

Requires DCF & AHCA to identify children & adolescents who use crisis stabilization services & to meet behavioral health needs of such children & adolescents; requires development of plans promoting coordinated system of care for certain services; requires testing of provider network databases maintained by Medicaid managed care plans; requires verification of use of certain strategies & outreach before student is removed from school, school transportation, or school-sponsored activity under specified circumstances; provides exception; requires DCF & AHCA to assess quality of care provided in crisis stabilization units. Passed favorably

in all three committees and we took up the House version sponsored by fellow PBC delegation member Representative Silvers.

HB 946 was approved by the Governor on June 27, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-107

SB 618 - Detention of Children

Prohibited the holding of a child awaiting trial who is treated as an adult for purposes of criminal prosecution in a jail or other facility intended or used for the detention of adults. It also encouraged DJJ to be on par with federal standards by July 2021.

SB 618 died in Senate Judiciary Committee

SENATOR RADER

SB 108/110 Specialty License Plates

This bill would direct the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create a Florida State Beekeepers Association license plate. The funds raised will go to the Florida State Beekeepers Association, and be used to raise awareness about the importance of beekeeping to Florida agriculture by funding honeybee research, education, outreach, and husbandry.

SB 108/110 died in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. It was added to HB 1135 – License Plate Fees which passed the House and Senate.

HB 89/SB 302 – Adoption Records

Current law requires adult adoptees not only to acquire the permission of their birth parent but also that of their adoptive parents to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate. To address this issue, SB 302 will help bring clarity to a provision in statute so that adoptees who are themselves adults will no longer be required to obtain their adoptive parent's signature to get a copy of their birth records.

HB 89 was approved by the Governor on June 18, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-042

SB 364 – Independent Living Task Force

This bill creates the 26 member Independent Living Task Force within the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC). The Task Force would develop and evaluate policy proposals that incentivize developers or contractors to create units within mixed-use developments that may be used as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals with a developmental disability or a mental illness. The developer would get some form of incentive (to be determined by the Task Force) for creating a “live, work, play” environment in the development. The bill specifies membership of the Task Force and requires it to begin meeting by August 1, 2020. It must submit a report of its recommendations and findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 17, 2022.

SB 364 died in House messaging

REPRESENTATIVE CARUSO

HB 1213 - Educational Instruction of Historical Events

HB 1213 requires the Florida Department of Education to develop standards and curriculum for teaching the history of the Holocaust. As a part of required classroom instruction for public school students in grades K-12, Florida law requires Holocaust education to include encouraging tolerance of diversity and understanding the ramifications of prejudice and racism as well as the Holocaust's historical significance. The bill adds the state's definition of and policy against anti-Semitism, current and historical examples of anti-Semitism, and the prevention of anti-Semitism to required instruction. The bill requires DOE to create a process for each school district to annually certify compliance with required Holocaust instruction and authorizes the DOE to seek input from the Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education or from any state or nationally recognized Holocaust educational organization when promulgating the standards and curriculum for Holocaust instruction. For the development of teacher training materials and grade-appropriate classroom resources, the bill authorizes the DOE to contract with any state or nationally recognized Holocaust educational organization.

The bill designates the second week in November as "Holocaust Education Week."

Additionally, the bill requires the Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force to make recommendations on what will be included about the history of the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots in required classroom instruction. A report is due to the Commissioner of Education and the State Board of Education by March 1, 2021.

The bill requires the Secretary of State to provide direction to state museums on exhibits and educational programs about the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots, and to work with the Smithsonian Institution to have the riot history included in that museum's exhibits as well. The Department of Environmental Protection is required to determine which parks or facilities will be named after riot victims. The bill encourages district school boards to identify school facility naming opportunities in recognition of the victims of the riots.

HB 1213 was approved by the Governor on July 24, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-088

HB 649 – Substance Abuse Services

(Senator Harrell Passed as SB 1120)

HB 649 was a continuation of work on sober homes from the year before with Senator Harrell, as well as our expansion on Peer Support Specialists in the Substance Use industry. Peer Specialists have lived experience with substance use, and for those fighting addiction it is proven to be helpful to have someone working alongside them that knows the battle and has experienced it firsthand. They fought addiction and can show you that you are not alone in the fight and that there is hope. But statistics were showing that because of past arrests for crimes that were extremely common during substance abuse, hardly any peer specialists were being licensed by DCF. This legislation exempts certain criminal events provided that the person applying to be a Peer Specialist has had no arrests within 3 years of their application to DCF, rather than having them automatically disqualified.

Additionally, the bill creates a new misdemeanor to our former work on sober homes for treatment centers that refer to sober homes that are not registered. Prior to this bill, treatment centers were not allowed to refer to non-registered sober homes, but there was no penalty if they did.

SB 1120 was approved by the Governor on June 19, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-038

HB 1089 – Trusts

The bill modernizes Florida’s trust code by allowing, but not requiring, an independent trustee of a grantor trust to reimburse the grantor for all or part of the income tax paid by the grantor and attributable to trust income or to pay such taxes directly on the grantor’s behalf, provided the trust instrument does not explicitly prohibit such tax reimbursements or payments, unless:

- The trustee provides written notice to the grantor and any person who can remove and replace the trustee that he or she elects out of the tax reimbursement and payment provisions at least 60 days before the election takes effect; or
- Applying such provisions would prevent a contribution to a trust from qualifying for, or would reduce, a federal tax benefit under specified circumstances.

Further, the bill provides that if a trust’s terms require the trustee to act at the direction or with the consent of a trust advisor or any other person, or that tax reimbursements or payments be made directly by a trust advisor or any other person, the trustee’s powers granted by the bill must instead or also be granted to such person. Additionally, the bill specifies that a person may not be considered a grantor trust beneficiary due solely to implementation of the tax reimbursement or payment provision.

HB 1089 was approved by the Governor on June 20, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-070

REPRESENTATIVE CASELLO

HB 573 - First Responders and Correctional Officers

HB 573 would prohibit certain persons who participate in peer support communication with a first responder from testifying or divulging specified information under certain circumstances; specifying that an allegation or complaint of misconduct against a law enforcement officer or a correctional officer may originate from any source; authorizing law enforcement and correctional agencies to request a separate agency to conduct an investigation of a complaint under certain circumstances, etc.

HB 573 was approved by the Governor on June 27, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-104

HB 93 Sales Tax Exemption

Exempts from sales & use tax specified items that assist in independent living.

HB 93 died in Ways and Means Committee

HB 109 Prescription Insulin Drugs

Requires individual & group health insurance policies to cap insured's monthly cost-sharing obligation for covered prescription insulin drugs at specified amount; requires health maintenance contracts to cap subscriber's monthly cost-sharing obligation for covered prescription insulin drugs at specified amount.

HB 109 died in Health Market Reform Subcommittee

REPRESENTATIVE JACQUET

HB 1125 – Jury Duty

Prohibits court from imposing prison term as sanction for contempt of court for person who fails to attend court in response to summons.

HB 1125 died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

HB 379 – Judicial Nominating Commissions

Revises composition of JNCs; establishes restrictions regarding commission members; terminates terms of commission members as of specified date; provides for appointments & staggered terms for reconstituted commissions; provides term limits; requires diversity considerations in appointments; requires appointing authorities to collect & release certain demographic data from commission applicants & members; provides voting restrictions & conflict disclosure; requires commission member to complete an educational course after appointment.

HB 379 died in Civil Justice Subcommittee

HB 691 – Minimum Wage

Revises formula for adjusted state minimum wage

HB 691 died in Workforce Development & Tourism Subcommittee

REPRESENTATIVE MAGAR

As Representative Magar was the Speaker Pro Tempore and had many leadership duties she did not file any legislation but she did file appropriation requests for her district and was successful in bringing back dollars for her district.

REPRESENTATIVE POLSKY

HB 595 - Medical Marijuana Employee Protection

Prohibits employers from taking adverse personnel action against employees or applicants who are qualified patients using medical marijuana; requires employers to provide certain written notice to employees or applicants who test positive for marijuana; provides procedures for if employee or applicant tests positive for marijuana; provides cause of action & damages.

HB 595 died in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management

HB 631 - Sale, Transfer, or Storage of Firearms

This bill would make several changes to the states safe storage laws. This would require that guns be stored safely in any home that has a minor under the age of 18 as well as requiring that anyone who purchases a weapon to receive a gun safety manual.

HB 631 died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

HB 1167, School Safety Funding

HB 1167 specifies distribution requirements for safe schools allocation funds for 2020-2021 fiscal year; requires district school superintendent to remit specified unused funds from 2019-2020 fiscal year to DOE; authorizes department, upon request, to redistribute such funds to certain school districts for specified purpose. This bill would allow monies allocated the Guardian Program to be used for school hardening and other safety measures.

HB 1167 died in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

REPRESENTATIVE ROTH

HB 61 - Adoption Benefits

Provides eligibility to certain veterans and service members for specified adoption benefits.

HB 61 was approved by the governor on June 9, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-022

HJR 369 & HJR 371 - Limitation on Homestead Assessments

Proposes amendments to the State Constitution to increase the period of time during which accrued benefit from specified limitation on homestead property tax assessment may be transferred from two to three years.

The Resolution will be on the November 2020 ballot and requires 60 percent voter approval for passage.

HB 193 - Child Care Subsidies for Foster Parents

Provides early education or child care subsidy for certain foster parents.

HB 193 died in Children, Families and Seniors Subcommittee

REPRESENTATIVE SILVERS

HB 945 - Children's Mental Health

HB 945 seeks to limit the use of crisis inpatient services by children and enhance the effectiveness of our current community services for children. It focuses on three areas: mobile response teams, the coordination of children's system of care, and crisis stabilization services. The bill addresses some recommendations from DCF and the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission. Specifically the bill seeks to de-escalate situations so children are less likely to be sent for a traumatic Baker Act evaluation.

HB 945 was approved by the Governor on June 27, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-107

HB 1459 – Affordable Housing (amended into HB 1339 in Commerce Committee)

This bill allows for housing provided by a not-for-profit organization that derives at least 75% of its annual revenues from contracts or services provided to a state or federal agency for low-income individuals and low-income households; that provides supportive housing for persons who suffer from mental health issues, substance abuse, or domestic violence; and that provides on premise social and community support services relating to job training, life skills training, alcohol and substance abuse disorder, child care, and client case management. Specifically, this bill assists in affordable housing development.

HB 1339 was approved by the Governor on June 09, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-027

HB 241/SB 1082 – Domestic Violence Injunctions

Domestic violence perpetrators commonly threaten to harm or kill a family or household pet to exert control over their victims, and research shows that pet abuse is one of four significant domestic violence predictors. This bill serves to help prevent victims from staying in abusive relationships out of fear of their family pet.

SB 1082 was approved by the Governor on June 18, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-037

HB 813 – Protection of Vulnerable Investors

Requires securities dealers, investment advisers, & associated persons to report knowledge or suspicion of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults to Department of Children & Families; authorizes dealers & investment advisers to delay certain disbursements or transactions based on reasonable belief of financial exploitation of a specified adult; requires dealer or investment adviser to notify certain persons & OFR of such delays within specified timeframe.

HB 813 was approved by the Governor on June 30, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-157

REPRESENTATIVE SLOSBERG

HB 939 - Insurance Coverage Parity for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

Requires health insurance plans to cover mental health and substance use treatments the same way they would cover medical or surgical treatments.

HB 939 died in Health Market Reform Subcommittee

HB 249 - Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving

Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle while holding or touching a wireless communications device except under specific circumstances.

HB 249 died in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

HB 37 - School Bus Safety

Doubles the fines for illegally passing a stopped school bus when it is loading or unloading students.

HB 37 was approved by the Governor on June 20, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-064

REPRESENTATIVE WILLHITE

HB 59 - Automated Pharmacy Systems

Expands the jurisdiction of automated pharmacy machines by allowing community pharmacies to own and operate a machine, and also allowing a patient to use this technology. The dispensing machine must: 1) Allow the patient to see on a video screen and speak directly with a Florida licensed pharmacist, 2) be controlled at all times by a Florida licensed pharmacist who must be able to verify prescriptions prior to the machine dispensing the medication, 3) be owned by a Florida licensed community pharmacy which is also responsible for the formularies available in the machine, and 4) not dispense any controlled substances. The bill also mandates that the Board of Pharmacy must be notified of every machine location or change in location and directs the Board of Pharmacy to adopt the rules governing the use of the machines.

HB 59 was approved by the Governor on June 29, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-124

HB 835 - Alzheimer's Disease

Creates the position of Dementia Director within the Department of Elders Affairs. This position will collaborate with other state entities to support those living with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. The

Dementia Director will facilitate coordination and support policies and programs in the Legislature and Executive Branch, support memory disorder clinics in meeting performance goals, coordinate services, and activities between groups interested in research relating to Alzheimer's Disease and related disease, and collect and monitor data related to the impact of Alzheimer's Disease on the state.

HB 835 was approved by the Governor on June 18, 2020; Chapter No. 2020-045

HB 57 - Dispensing Medicinal Drugs

This legislation will allow for 24 hours or next business day supply of a medicinal drug to be dispensed to an ER patient. This bill means patients will have a better continuation of care, helping patients stay pain-free until they can get their prescriptions from the pharmacy. The physician treating the patient and the discharged patient will determine that the medicinal drug is warranted based on if community pharmacy services are readily accessible or not to the patient. Allowing a patient to be discharged from the hospital with a 48 hour supply of medication allows the patient enough time to get to a neighborhood pharmacy without a lapse in their treatment.

HB 57 died awaiting final passage in the House.