



# Delegation Digest

# APRIL 26-30 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the final week of Session - Week 9. In this Week's edition of the Delegation Digest, we are highlighting legislation that was passed this week as well as member legislation that has passed this Session. In addition, we will highlight all member projects that made it into the budget.

Members in the House and Senate asked several questions and debated on the budget. The budget passed the House and Senate unanimously and it will now go to the Governor for approval. Once the Governor receives the budget he can use his veto pen to cut anything out before he approves it. This is called line-item veto, so what is in the budget now may not be there once approved by the Governor.

The House Sine Die at 2:40 pm on April 30, 2021.

Please look for our end-of-year report for a comprehensive look at the 2021 Legislative Session.

To get more information on bills featured this week, click on the bill title.



# JOINT MEMBER BUDGET PROJECTS

**Florida Caregiving Youth Expansion Project - \$250,000 - Senator Berman/Representative Caruso** - The initial goal is to determine the most efficacious way to achieve a successful methodology and implementation of caregiving youth support to increase high school graduation rates of caregiving youth such as has been demonstrated in Palm Beach County. The program wants caregiving youth throughout Florida to learn they are not alone and receive the recognition and support they need for academic and personal success.

**Jewish Family Service - Mental Health First Aid Coalition - \$100,000 - Senator Berman/Representative Silvers** - The Mental Health First Aid class is geared to adults of all ages and is geared to the general community. There are specific modules for higher education, older adults, veterans, public safety, and rural. A minimum of 28 classes, with 25 participants to be added with this funding.

**RESTORE Reentry Program - \$500,000 - Senator Berman/Representative Willhite** - Palm Beach County (PBC) in collaboration with the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) and community-based reentry partners facilitate the successful reintegration of reentry participants returning to PBC. The Regional and State Transitional Offender Reentry (RESTORE) Initiative, established in 2011, is a comprehensive model for reentry designed to reduce recidivism.

**ChildNet - Preventing Opioid/Substance Abuse Based Removals - \$360,000 - Senator Berman/Representative Silvers** - The goals of the requested funds are to provide Safety Management Services to 250 children (and their caregivers) impacted by opioid/general substance abuse and to prevent 220 children from entering foster care as a result of opioid/general substance abuse. The funding will also be used to reduce the costs associated with opioid/general substance abuse-based child removals by \$5.86 million.

**The City of Delray Beach Learning Loss Recovery Tutorial Program - \$80,000 - Senator Berman/Representative Hardy** - The funding will be used to hire certified teachers to facilitate small group tutorials to help school-aged children with learning loss recovery due to COVID-19. 4,000 students attend Palm Beach County public schools and 90% are on the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Low-income children are most at risk of academic failure resulting from a lack of access to remote learning, internet connections, and engagement.

**Central Palm Beach Historical Infrastructure Improvements - \$3,000,000 - Senator Berman/Representative Silvers** - The funds secured through this project will mitigate stormwater runoff and pollutant loading into local water systems through the enhancement of existing roadway infrastructure within the central historic region of Palm Beach County. Current roadways and water systems within the area have not been adapted to adjust to modern traffic patterns and increased commercial property use since being incorporated during the 1950s.

**Delray Beach Owens Baker Tank Improvements - \$250,000 - Senator Berman/Representative Caruso** - The Owens Baker finished water storage tank needs improvements to avoid water quality degradation and ensure immediate access to this water during high water demand periods. The project includes the addition of a mixer to avoid water stratification in the tank, as well as piping and control improvements that will result in energy savings, provide a way for proper dosing of chemicals, and accurate measurement of flow in and out of the tank.

**Boynton Beach Town Square Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing - \$75,000 - Senator Berman/Representative Casello** - The City is looking to install an enhanced ADA-accessible pedestrian crossing which includes LED lights, in-ground and signage, as well as audible warning devices across Ocean Avenue connecting safe, independent pedestrian circulation as part of the Town Square project. This project will use state-of-the-art accessible pedestrian crosswalk equipment that will promote pedestrian safety with an emphasis on disabled pedestrians.

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**Place of Hope Child Welfare Services - \$250,000 - Senator Harrell/Representative Snyder** - These funds would allow Place of Hope, Inc. to continue to meet the unprecedented increases in regional placement needs for Florida's abused and neglected children, victims of human trafficking, and otherwise homeless young adults. Place of Hope, Inc. would continue to provide human trafficking prevention and education to youth-at-risk and the public in general. Place of Hope, Inc. will also continue providing human trafficking recovery services for victims.

**Foster Family Recruitment and Stability Project - \$750,000 - Senator Harrell/Representative Caruso** - Funding for this project will support recruitment & licensing of foster families in FY 2022, resulting in up to 56 new families and help to reduce group care placements in circuits 15, 17, & 19 and will positively affect the stability of existing foster care placements resulting in a stability rate of 3.09 or fewer moves per 1,000 days in care (25% reduction vs current State goal). Children and families who are a part of the foster and adoptive family unit who are under or uninsured will receive therapeutic services.

**Loggerhead Marinelife Center Improving Water Quality and Coastline Cleanliness- \$249,779 - Senator Harrell/Representative Snyder** - The specific purpose for these requested funds is to improve upon the health and cleanliness of Florida's beaches and waterways through the rigorous beach and underwater cleanups and evaluation of the health of Florida's charismatic wildlife in regards to plastic pollution, harmful algal blooms, disease, and foraging location.

**Pahokee King Memorial Park Improvements - \$250,000- Senator Harrell/Representative Skidmore** - This park serves as a cornerstone for community gatherings and events in the city. Funding will be used to construct additional parking and fix decaying paving, install age-appropriate playground and fitness equipment, restore and replace recreational shelter lost during recent natural storms, install LED lighting for safety and security, install a walking path, and remodel baseball and soccer fields including adding seats.

**Boca Raton Habilitation Center for the Handicap - Adults with Disabilities - \$200,000 - Senator Polsky/Representative Caruso** - Funding for this program would support individuals with disabilities; enhance their self-advocacy, adaptive, vocational, work preparation, and/or social skills through instruction and/or hands-on training. Funds would be used to maintain or expand a degreed, credentialed, and professional staff with skill-sets required to provide services listed above; with decreasing/limited funding, the opportunity for people with disabilities to learn life skills and become vocationally/economically independent will not occur.

**Jewish Transportation - Rides - \$100,000 - Senator Polsky/Representative Slosberg** - The purpose of JTRR senior transportation is to enable seniors to age in their homes by providing access to meaningful social, cultural, educational, health and wellness programs to improve their physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being.

**Belle Glade Lake Okeechobee Watershed Area Stormwater Conveyance Improvements - \$350,000 - Senator Polsky/Representative Skidmore** - The funding will go towards the design & construction of stormwater conveyance in the NW/SW 3rd SW Ave. B Extension Corridor to prevent flooding, protect life, health, the safety of residents, visitors, businesses, property & State waters. Keep citizens employed, businesses open & operating, maintaining revenues in financially disadvantaged communities located in a Rural Area of Economic Opportunity within the Lake Okeechobee Watershed. Includes water quality/quantity regulations of FDEP/SFWMD. Flooding occurred due to Hurricane Irma.

# JOINT MEMBER BUDGET PROJECTS

**Everglades Restoration Workforce Training Program - \$750,000- Senator Polsky/Representative Skidmore -** Funding received will allow for continued technical and skills training, outside of agriculture, for individuals in the agriculture community.

**Faulk Center Behind the Mask Mental Health Services - \$75,000 - Senator Polsky/Representative Skidmore -** Since 1973, the Faulk Center has provided low-cost, no-cost psychological and mental health services to low-income individuals and families who otherwise would be unable to afford services. The center's ability to effectively provide these services without interruption has allowed them to establish a reputation that is beyond reproach.

**West-Technical Education Center - Adult Education and Workforce Development Training - \$426,857 - Senator Polsky/Representative Skidmore -** The specific purpose of this request is to upgrade the technological infrastructure of the facility, purchase needed programmatic equipment, and fund qualified instructional personnel for West Tech that will allow for training or retraining of adult students in a commercial vehicle driving program. Students will receive theory and behind-the-wheel training leading towards the acquisition of a CDL Class A license which can lead to immediate employment.

**Jordan Avi Ogman Foundation Research and Development of TECPR2 Disease Cure -\$50,000 - Senator Polsky/Representative Slosberg -** These funds will be used for the research and development of gene therapy for the TECPR2 genetic condition.

**Community-Based Post - COVID Acceleration Initiative - \$200,000 - Senator Powell/Representative Hardy -** The Community Based post-COVID Acceleration Initiative is a partnership between the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) and the Urban League of Palm Beach County (ULPBC) to re-engage 90 middle school students following the devastating year of the pandemic and its academic stagnation/regression consequences. The ULPBC will administer this model program in Riviera Beach and work with community partners to ensure maximum student engagement.

**Oak Street Home - Delinquency Prevention Program - \$630,000 - Senator Powell/Representative Caruso -** Funds will be used to provide a stable, supportive home-like placement. Reduce negative behaviors such as delinquency, substance use, running away, truancy, defiance. This will result in fewer arrests and fewer Baker Acts and increase academic performance and work experiences.

**Royal Palm Beach FPL Pathway Dry Detention Ponds Phase 2 - \$450,000 - Senator Powell/Representative Willhite -** The funds will be used to improve water quality and flood protection.

**Village of Royal Palm Beach - La Mancha Extension - \$450,000 - Senator Powell/Representative Willhite -** Funds would provide a signalized pedestrian and bicycle crossing that will connect the northern and southern pedestrian pathway systems across one of the Village's busiest roads, Okeechobee Boulevard.

**Transportation Disadvantage Discounted Bus Passes - \$994,550 - Senator Powell/Representative Casello -** The goal of securing funds is to improve transportation options for the low-income, elderly, and disabled residents of Palm Beach County. Through reliable transportation, residents are given the opportunity for economic mobility and to access important services in the community. The transportation disadvantaged bus pass program also provides an affordable alternative to vehicle ownership which has become more important due to the current economic downturn.

# JOINT MEMBER BUDGET PROJECTS

## **West Palm Beach Flood Mitigation Tidal Valve Project - \$105,000 - Senator Powell/Representative Roth -**

The purpose of the project is to minimize reduce tidal flooding and adapt to sea-level rise and to provide safe travel to the public by installing tidal valves. Reduction of tidal flooding creates more sustainable and resilient communities and pro-actively maintains stormwater infrastructure as well as helping maintain the roadways and private property from water damage.

## **Riviera Beach Public Safety Complex - \$1,000,000 - Senator Powell/Representative Hardy -**

Fund will be used to design and permitting of a new public safety complex to increase capacity and impact quality of life for residents and guests of the City of Riviera.

## **Palm Beach County Lake Worth Lagoon Monitoring Program - \$250,000 - Senator**

**Berman/Representative Caruso** - Funding for this project will result in the continuation of long-term (10+ year) data sets associated with biological monitoring of indicator species (fisheries, seagrass, oysters, sea turtles) for the overall health of the Lake Worth Lagoon Estuary. These biological monitoring efforts are consistent with the Lake Worth Lagoon Management Plan and drive decisions on the management, stewardship, and restoration of the Lake Worth Lagoon.

## **Loxahatchee River Restoration (LRPI) - \$353,650 - Senator Harrell/Representative Roth -**

This project proposes to continue Jupiter Inlet District (JID) and Jonathan Dickinson State Park efforts to restore the historic flow and improve water quality within the Loxahatchee River by closing gaps and shortcircuits — often created or exacerbated by human activities — within the river's Northwest Fork.

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## **Senator Harrell**

Alzheimer's Community Care - Critical Support Initiative - \$250,000 - Alzheimer's Community Care is dedicated to promoting and providing community-based, family-centered care for patients and their caregivers living with neurocognitive disorders, through the belief, where there is help, there is hope.

## **Senator Polsky**

JAFCO Children's Ability Center - \$850,000 - The JAFCO Children's Ability Center provides quality respite, family enrichment, and resources to families raising children with autism and other developmental disabilities. The center is open 24/7/365 to provide overnight out-of-home extended respite care and intensive case management to improve the functioning of the entire family, lower stress levels, increase daily living and social skills of the children, preserve the family unit and avoid costly out of home placement for the state.

Stay KidSafe! Elementary Safety Education and Human Trafficking Prevention - \$184,760 - These funds will be used for the completion of the child trafficking/exploitation prevention program delivered to students throughout Florida, grades K through 5. Lessons will include animated shorts, suggested activities, and a lesson plan for teachers. This education fulfills the FLDOE trafficking education mandate, and will empower children with safety skills, teach them how to get help, and prepare them for advanced trafficking and safety/mental health education they will be receiving in middle/high school.

## **Representative Caruso**

Security Funding in Jewish Day Schools - \$3,500,000 - Funding will be used to make full-time Jewish schools and preschools secure with professional security guards and security hardening as needed.

JARC - \$335,000 - Funding would provide community-based employment training and opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities and Autism.

Learning for Life - \$500,000 - The purpose of the Learning for Life funding is to enhance and improve student performance of low-performing, at-risk students by providing additional learning opportunities through our local Learning for Life programs. The program objectives are to increase the knowledge of character and leadership traits of the target population and provide character education to 63,000 students.

Alzheimer Association Brain Bus - \$319,000 - The primary goal of the Brain Bus is to support health concerns for people at higher risk for developing Alzheimer's disease and to support the ability of Alzheimer's caregivers to provide the highest quality of care. The funds being requested will support this goal by directly providing Brain Bus services to communities, but we will also conduct a promotional campaign within rural and diverse communities to raise awareness of brain health.

Wayne Barton Study Center - \$300,000 - There is a growing concern that schools, as currently structured, are not meeting the educational needs of the youth. A large number of children are simply slipping between the cracks at school, failing to consolidate basic skills, developing negative self-perceptions of their competence as students, and eventually withdrawing from academic challenges. The Wayne Barton Study Center believes that low-income children deserve the same opportunity as their more advantaged peers.

## **Representative Snyder**

Floridians Active Duty Assistance Program (FADA) \$250,000 - Expansion of citizen MWR support to deployed and stationed active duty military personnel and families. Support Our Troops, Inc. is a vetted, well-established organization through which Floridians fulfill and implement their desire to help strengthen the morale and well-being of currently serving soldiers, spouses, and their children.

# LEGISLATION PASSED THIS WEEK

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**SB 262/HB 29 - Dispensing Medicinal Drugs - Senator Harrell/Representative Willhite** - SB 262 amends s. 465.019, Florida Statutes, to authorize medicinal drugs to be dispensed by a hospital that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy to a patient of the hospital's emergency department or a hospital inpatient upon discharge if a prescriber treating the patient in the hospital determines that:

- The medicinal drug is warranted
- Community pharmacy services are not readily accessible to the patient, geographically or otherwise.
- If prescribing and dispensing occurs, the bill requires that a supply of the drug must be dispensed that will last for the greater of up to 48 hours or through the end of the next business day and that during a declared state of emergency, a 72-hour supply may be dispensed by a hospital located in an area affected by the emergency.

**SB 590 - School Safety - Senator Harrell** - SB 590 requires public and charter schools to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parents of a minor student before the student is removed from school, school transportation, or a school-sponsored activity for an involuntary mental health examination. The bill provides that a school principal or designee may delay notification if they believe it is necessary to avoid jeopardizing the health and safety of the student. The bill requires all school safety officers to undergo crisis intervention training. The bill also requires schools to contact a health care practitioner capable of initiating a Baker Act in person or via telehealth prior to a Baker Act being initiated.

**SB 354 - Restitution - Senator Harrell** - The bill amends ss. 775.089 and 985.437, F.S., providing that while the primary purpose of restitution is to compensate the victim, it also serves the rehabilitative and deterrent goals of the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Additionally, the bill provides that restitution must be determined on a fair market value basis unless the state, victim, or defendant or child, shows that using another basis, including, but not limited to, replacement cost, purchase price less depreciation, or actual cost of repair, is equitable and better furthers the purposes of restitution. The court may consider hearsay evidence for the purpose of determining restitution, provided that the hearsay evidence has a minimal indicia of reliability.

**SB 804/HB 319 - Substance Abuse Services - Senator Harrell/Representative Caruso** - SB 804 makes several changes to provisions governing the licensure and regulation of substance abuse treatment programs, including recovery residences. The bill makes it a third-degree felony to falsify information, or to withhold material facts, on an application for licensure as a substance abuse service provider. The bill authorizes the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to suspend a service provider's license for failing to pay, within 60 days of a date set by the DCF, administrative fines and accrued interest related to disciplinary action taken against the service provider. The bill also mandates that a service provider pay fines and accrued interest resulting from violations of patient referral prohibitions within 60 days of a date specified by the DCF. If a service provider fails to remit payment within 60 days, the bill requires the DCF to immediately suspend the service provider's license. The bill also broadens the eligibility for exemption from employment disqualification for certain prior criminal offenses to specified employees of an applicant recovery residence and to applicant recovery residence administrators. The bill prohibits certain classes of dwellings that are used as recovery residences from having their occupancy category changed or being reclassified for the purpose of enforcement of the Florida Building Code and for the Florida Fire Prevention Code's requirement for installation of fire sprinklers.

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**SB 100 - Highway Projects - Senator Harrell** - SB 100 repeals M-CORES and builds on a task force recommendations by strategically redirecting transportation funding and offering statewide policy directives to FDOT with the goal of enhancing the economic prosperity and preserving the character of communities paramount to these new projects.

**SB 1946 - Anchoring Limitations - Senator Polsky** - SB 1946 provides that, notwithstanding the existing prohibition on local regulation of anchoring of vessels outside of the marked boundaries of mooring fields, a county may establish an anchoring limitation area adjacent to urban areas that have residential docking facilities and significant recreational boating traffic, which meets certain requirements imposed under the bill. The bill provides that the aggregate total of anchoring limitation areas in a county may not exceed 10 percent of the county's delineated navigable-in-fact waterways.

**SB 1070 - Estates and Trusts - Senator Berman** - The bill amends laws on the transfer of property through wills, probate, and trusts. The bill creates a comprehensive statutory framework for the creation and operation of a directed trust. Directed trusts are authorized by current law. The bill creates a comprehensive statutory framework for the creation and operation of a community property trust. Community property trusts are not addressed in current law. The bill amends probate law to provide that, absent specific intent in the divorce judgment, an ex-spouse is not a beneficiary of the former spouse's will, regardless of when the will was signed. The bill also requires a probate court to allow a surety bond in lieu of a depository account requirement; provides that the limitations periods for an action against a trust's trustee apply to directors, officers, and employees of the trustee; and applies homestead property law applicable to wills to homestead property held in a decedent's revocable trust.

**SB 184/HB 79 - Purple Alert - Senator Berman/Representative Casello/Representative Willhite** - The bill would require the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to establish the Purple Alert to aid in the search for a missing adult.

**HB 365/SB 566 - Motor Vehicle Rentals - Representative Caruso** - The bill establishes statutory requirements for peer-to-peer car-sharing, including surcharge and tax payments, and liabilities and insurance obligations among participants.

**HB 805 - Volunteer Ambulance Services - Representative Caruso** - The bill exempts certain faith-based volunteer first responder agencies that have operated for at least 10 consecutive years from the certificate of public convenience and necessity requirements. The bill prohibits a county or municipal government from limiting, prohibiting, or preventing a volunteer ambulance service from responding to an emergency or providing emergency medical services or transport within its jurisdiction. The bill also prohibits a county or municipal government from requiring a volunteer ambulance service to obtain a license or certificate or pay a fee to provide ambulance or air ambulance services within its jurisdiction.

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**HB 317/SB 616 - Public Accountancy - Representative Caruso** - The bill clarifies the licensure by endorsement provision for applicants that have passed an examination but do not hold a license in “another” state or territory, to instead not require a license in “any” state or territory. Allows nonresidents seeking CPA license renewal to satisfy the CPE requirements, except for the ethics component, with either the applicable CPE requirements in the state in which the applicant’s office is located or Florida CPE requirements if the other state has no CPE license renewal requirements. Specifies that a “majority” of the total CPE hours required for ethics training must include a review of certain provisions and related administrative rules.

**HB 539 - Renewable Energy - Representative Roth** - The bill defines "renewable natural gas" as anaerobically-generated biogas, landfill gas, or waste-water treatment gas refined to a methane content of 90 percent or greater which is capable of being used as transportation fuel, for electric power generation, or is of a quality capable of being injected into a natural gas pipeline. The bill defines “biogas” as a mixture of carbon dioxide and hydrocarbons, primarily methane gas, which is released from the biological decomposition of organic materials. The bill authorizes the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve cost recovery by a gas public utility for contracts for the purchase of renewable natural gas in which the pricing provisions exceed the current market price of natural gas, but are otherwise deemed reasonable and prudent by the PSC.

**HB 921 - Electronic Crimes - Representative Snyder** - HB 921 modernizes the crime of written threats to reflect the manner in which many people currently communicate. The bill amends s. 836.10, F.S., to prohibit a person from sending, posting, or transmitting, or procuring the sending, posting, or transmission of, a writing or other record, including an electronic record, in any manner by which it may be viewed by another person, when in such writing or record the person makes a threat to:

- Kill or do bodily harm to another person; or
- Conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism.

The bill expands the scope of current law to also criminalize publicly posting a threat online, even if it is not specifically sent to or received by the person who is the subject of the threat. The bill defines an “electronic record” as any record created, modified, archived, received, or distributed electronically which contains any combination of text, graphics, video, audio, or pictorially represented in digital form, but does not include a telephone call.

# PALM BEACH COUNTY LOCAL BILLS - PASSED

HB 979 - Village of Wellington - Palm Beach County - Sponsored by Representative Willhite - The bill provides an exemption from ss. 791.001 and 791.08, F.S., and prohibits the sale and use of fireworks located within the Equestrian Preserve of the Village of Wellington on all days of the year except for public displays supervised and conducted by a competent operator. The displays must be approved by the chiefs of the police and fire departments of Wellington and must not be hazardous to property or endanger any person. Written applications for permits must be made at least 15 days in advance of the date of the display. After permit approval, the sales, possession, use, and distribution of fireworks for the display must be lawful for the permitted purpose only. Permits are non-transferrable.

HB 1035 - Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District - Sponsored by Representative Roth - The Loxahatchee River Environmental Control District (District) is an independent special district created in 1971 by a special act. The charter of the District was most recently codified in 2002. The District operates a sewer and wastewater system serving the Towns of Jupiter and Juno Beach, the Village of Tequesta, and unincorporated portions of southern Martin County and northern Palm Beach County. The bill provides for the codification of existing special acts concerning the District, makes conforming changes, and repeals the existing special acts governing the District.

HB 915 - Port of Palm Beach - Sponsored by Representative Willhite - The bill provides that newly elected commissioners take office in the January following the general election at which they are elected; Repeals the requirement that each commissioner must execute a \$25,000 surety bond upon taking office and the additional \$25,000 surety bond required of the commissioner selected as secretary-treasurer of the Board; Authorizes the Board by majority vote to adjust the compensation of commissioners annually, and Revises the term "port manager" to "port director" and makes conforming changes throughout the charter.

HB 1185 - Indian Trails Improvement District - Sponsored by Representative Roth - The Indian Trails Improvement District (District) is an independent special district in Palm Beach County that provides water control, water supply, and drainage using the construction and maintenance of canals, ditches, levees, dikes, pumping plants, and other works and improvements. The District was created by a special act in 1957 and its charter was re-codified in 2002. The District maintains 164 miles of canals and 458 miles of roads, providing service to over 40,000 residents. The bill authorizes the District to expend funds for the purposes of:

- Determining the feasibility of converting the District into a municipality pursuant to statute;
- Creating an incorporation committee with public membership to conduct hearings seeking community input on the review of the feasibility study and development of a draft municipal charter; and
- Developing a draft municipal charter.

**The above bills have been passed by both the House and Senate and will now be sent to the Governor.**

# IN AND AROUND THE CAPITOL



Representative Snyder speaking with Americans for Prosperity on legislative issues and his legislative priorities.

Representative Willhite speaking on SB 388 - Injured Police Canines. The bill would authorize an emergency service transport vehicle permit holder to transport a police canine injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic, hospital emergency department, or similar facility if no person requires medical attention or transport when the canine needs it. The bill authorizes emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics to provide emergency medical care to an injured police canine at the scene of an emergency or while the canine is being transported. The bill provides civil and criminal immunity for EMTs and paramedics providing emergency care to an injured police canine and exempts them from the application of the veterinary practice act for providing medical care to a police canine injured in the line of duty.

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ICYMI: Week 8 Recap! Here is a brief review of last week's events and controversial bills that were heard in Tallahassee

# IN AND AROUND THE CAPITOL



# Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation

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