



Delegation Digest

Message from Delegation Chairman, Representative David Silvers

It has been my honor to serve as Chairman of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation during this past year's Session. I am pleased to present the 2021 Legislative Report. You will find detailed highlights of legislation and appropriations that members of the delegation worked on during the 2021 Legislative Session.

It is my privilege to be one of the thirteen who serve Palm Beach County in the Legislature, and I am very proud to serve with my colleagues on behalf of all of Palm Beach County's residents.

Executive Directors Report

We have composed this report to give you a comprehensive overview of the priority issues the delegation has worked on during the 2021 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.

Although this Session proved unconventional with the COVID-19 protocols in place, limited access to the Capitol and the members, 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. Kudos on a job well done!

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge Teresa Hadjipetrou for all her service over the past two years as the Legislative Delegation Aide. There are not enough thanks for all her hard work and dedication, along with her tireless patience and problem solving that had to happen over the past years with Hurricanes and COVID-19. She kept me moving forward, and she will be missed. Although she has decided to move on to enhance her career, she will always be a part of the Legislative Delegation family. Thank you, Teresa.

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

2021 Legislative Session Summary

After passing next fiscal year's \$100 billion-plus state budget, lawmakers adjourned Friday, April 30th at 2:40 p.m., and gathered for the traditional hanky drop signaling the end of Session. The \$101.5 billion budget includes \$1,000 bonuses for educators, police officers, and firefighters, raises the minimum starting pay for teachers to \$47,500 and bumps the minimum wage to \$13 an hour for the lowest-paid state employees. The budget also includes more money for Everglades restoration and \$500 million to combat sea-level rise.

Lawmakers filed more than 3,000 bills for the 2021 legislative session, and 270 passed both Legislative chambers before adjourning.

Here are a few highlights from this years Session:

"Anti-riot" law

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed what has become known as the "anti-rioting" bill into law on April 19th.

The "Combating Violence, Disorder, and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act," or HB 1, expands who can be charged as a felon during protests and gives law enforcement broader arresting powers. It also makes it harder for local governing bodies to "defund" the police.

Transgender athlete ban

Florida Republican lawmakers approved a controversial ban on transgender girls participating in school sports. This language was added in as an amendment to SB 1028, a broader charter schools bill approved in the House by a 77-38 vote. It wasn't before long that senators approved the bill by a 23-16 vote.

Voting restrictions

Lawmakers passed SB 90, a piece of legislation that placed new limits on ballot drop boxes, among other things.

Now that the Governor has signed this legislation into law, the bill changes the state's vote-by-mail system. Some of those changes include restricting drop box

use to a county's early voting hours rather than allowing ballots to be dropped off 24/7, making in-person monitoring of all drop box locations mandatory as well as a whole host of other security measures for vote-by-mail. Voters would also be required to submit vote-by-mail requests every election cycle instead of every two cycles.

COVID-19 vaccination "passport" ban

As the pandemic persists, there remained debate about whether so-called vaccine passports will be needed to travel, enter a business, or enroll in school.

Gov. Ron DeSantis took a strong stance on the issue when he signed an executive order to ban anything that forces people to prove they have been immunized.

The Governor signed SB 2006 which does not allow businesses, schools, or government entities to require proof of the COVID-19 vaccinations.

Alcohol-to-go

SB 148 authorizes "certain food service establishments to sell or deliver certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances." This bill will allow restaurants to sell alcoholic drinks with meal-to-go and delivery orders.

Firearms in churches that share space with schools

HB 259 - Safety of Religious Institutions. The bill authorizes a person with a valid concealed weapons license to carry a concealed firearm for any lawful purpose, including safety, security, and personal protection, on any property owned, rented, leased, borrowed, or lawfully used by a church, synagogue, or other religious institution. The bill does not limit the private property rights of a church, synagogue, or other religious institution to exercise control over property that the church, synagogue, or other religious institution owns, rents, leases, borrows, or lawfully uses. Religious institutions and owners of property borrowed or used by a religious institution may continue to prohibit firearms as they choose.

Current Florida law allows concealed weapons to be carried at churches, synagogues and other religious institutions, but not on school property. This bill will make that exception.

Expunging juvenile arrest records

SB 274, this bill would expand a juvenile's ability to expunge their arrest record and allows minors who've completed a diversion program for any offense to have their arrest removed from their public record.

At the moment, Florida law only allows minors to expunge first-time misdemeanors if they've completed a diversion program. The new law, once signed, would broaden that to include felonies and other arrests – not just a first offense.

Car insurance coverage

SB54 looks to expand the insurance coverage you're required to carry in Florida.

Currently, Florida is considered a "no-fault" state and only mandates that drivers must show proof of personal injury protection and property damage liability.

Beginning January 2022, the no-fault law would be repealed and anyone behind the wheel of a car will need to start showing proof of bodily injury liability coverage. The bill also creates a new framework to govern motor vehicle claim handling and third-party bad faith failure to settle actions against motor vehicle insurance carriers.

Moments of silence in public schools

HB 529 mandates that every Florida public school would be required to have a moment of silence of up to two minutes during the first period under a bill passed by the Legislature. HB 529 amended the current law that allows school districts to have a moment of silence for prayer or meditation but doesn't require it. The bill also says teachers cannot "make suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence."

High school students required to learn CPR

HB 157 requires school districts to provide basic training in first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction, for public school students in grades 9 and 11. The bill provides that the CPR training must be based on a one hour nationally recognized program that uses the most current evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines. The bill encourages school districts to provide basic first aid training, including CPR instruction, to students in grades 6

and 8. Florida State lawmakers unanimously officially passed a bill to require students to take CPR training to graduate from high school.

Cardiac arrest is the leading cause of deaths on campus and is also the leading cause of death to student-athletes, according to the Senate version of the bill. The American Heart Associates says one in five victims of fatal cardiac arrests could be saved had bystanders given CPR, the bill states.

Repealing Florida toll road projects

SB 100 placed plans for the Heartland Parkway and an extension of Florida's Turnpike back on the shelf after the initial project was approved back in 2019.

Lawmakers previously allowed for an extension of the Suncoast Parkway to the Georgia border and an additional route that would connect Polk and Collier Counties, dubbed the Heartland Parkway. An extension connecting Florida's Turnpike to the Suncoast was also part of the initial plans.

Wildlife corridors expansion

SB 976 - Protection of Ecological Systems is a bill that would help the state expand its wildlife corridors, providing protective migratory routes for animals like the Florida Panther.

Lawmakers passed the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act, which would incentivize "conservation and sustainable development while sustaining and conserving the green infrastructure."

\$300 million will be set aside to protect wildlife corridors under the Florida Forever land conservation program. The purpose of these wildlife corridors is to create a network of undeveloped public and private patches of land so that animals can safely traverse the state.

Broad-based Tax Relief package

HB 7061 is an omnibus tax bill that will provide tax relief to Florida families and businesses.

The bill provides the following:

- Expands the tax credit for affordable housing

- Adds a permanent sales tax exemption for independent living items
- Establishes tax holidays for 2021 back-to-school, disaster preparedness and "freedom week."

Law enforcement changes

HB 7051 will require the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to develop instruction and basic training standards for law enforcement officers.

This includes developing policies regarding the use of force -- such as proportional use of force, alternatives to the use of force, de-escalation techniques, and limiting the use of chokeholds.

Training will also cover an officer's duty to intervene if they see another officer using or attempting to use excessive force.

It uniformly requires independent reviews of deadly use of force incidents and officer-involved shootings resulting in death or injuries across the state. This means a law enforcement agency cannot conduct a review involving one of its employees but must hand the review and/or investigation to another agency.

State University Free Seat Program

HB 845 creates a program to encourage veterans, active-duty military and National Guard members and "nontraditional" students to enroll in online bachelor's degree program at state universities.

Under this bill, state universities would waive tuition and fees for one online course for up to 1,000 students across the state that meet certain requirements.

Education funding

In HB 5101, a somewhat sweeping bill on education funding, Florida lawmakers revised funding and requirements for virtual school operations.

Also included in HB 5101, lawmakers revised provisions relating to minimum base salaries of certain employees. They removed provisions related to certain funding related to reading scholarship accounts, as well as requires school districts to use specified federal funding allocations for specified purposes.

These are just a few of the many bills that were heard and passed during the 2021 Legislative Session. All the bills mentioned in this report can be found in the Florida House of Representatives 2021 Session Summary at: [End of 2021 Session Summary](#)



LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY DELEGATION MEMBERS

Below are the three top priorities for each Senator and Representative that was given for this report.

Senator Lori Berman

1. SB 184 - Purple Alert

This bipartisan bill establishes the first-ever alert of its type, activated when an individual with a mental, cognitive, intellectual or developmental disability goes missing and whose disappearance is a credible threat of immediate danger or serious bodily harm to themselves.

Bill Status: HB 79/SB 184 was signed by the Governor.

2. SB 200 - Student Retention

Student Retention will help address learning losses from the "COVID slide" by providing parents a choice in the decision to retain their K-5 student. The written retention request is to be sent to the school principal by June 30th, 2021. The legislation also encourages parents and school leaders to customize individual education plans that will bring students up to grade-level readiness.

Bill Status: This legislation was attached to a larger bill (CS/CS/SB 1028) and it has been signed by the Governor.

3. SB 1252 - Inland and Coastal Flood Control Funding Assessment

This new law will require the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to analyze future expenditures by federal, state, regional, and local governments to improve resilience to inland and coastal flooding on a 50-year planning period. It also creates the Resilient Florida Grant Program, authorizing the DEP to provide grants to local governments to combat rising sea levels.

Bill Status: Language from this legislation was amended onto SB 1954 passed and signed by the Governor.

Senator Gayle Harrell

1. SB 100 – Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES)

The bill repeals the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program and related provisions and instead creates programs related to arterial highway projects. Authorizes the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to upgrade existing arterial roadways with targeted improvements, such as adding new tolled or non-tolled limited access alignments to manage congestion points and retrofitting roadways with tolled or non-tolled grade separations that provide alternatives to a signalized intersection for through traffic.

Bill Status: SB 100 passed both the Senate and House and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

2. SB 590 – Baker Act

Requires each district school board to adopt a policy mandating that the school superintendent annually report to the DCF the number of involuntary examinations initiated at a school, on school transportation, or at a school-sponsored activity. Requires all school safety officers to undergo crisis intervention training. Requires school districts to adopt procedures mandating attempts at de-escalation be made prior to initiating a Baker Act. 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. The mental health professional may be available to a school district either by contracts or interagency agreements with a local community behavioral health providers, a managing entity, or a local mobile response team. Alternatively, the mental health professionals may be direct or contracted employees of the school district.

Bill Status: SB 590 passed both the Senate and House and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

3. SB 804 - Substance Abuse (Sober Homes)

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. Substance abuse service providers operated directly by, or under contract with, any state agency must be licensed by the Department of Children and Families (the DCF) and are not currently subject to a penalty for falsification of information or withholding of material facts in an application for licensure. The bill authorizes the 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.

Bill Status: HB 319/SB 804; was signed by the Governor.

4. SB 1282/HB 419 - VPK Early Learning

The bill expands accountability and assessment requirements for VPK providers. The bill requires a coordinated screening and progress monitoring program (CSPM) to be administered at the beginning, middle, and end of every school year for students in VPK through grade 3 to provide information on students' progress in mastering the appropriate grade-level standards to parents, teachers, and school and program administrators. VPK students who demonstrate a substantial reading deficiency must be referred to the school district for intervention. The bill creates the Council for Early Grade Success within the DOE to oversee the CSPM and requires the new screenings and assessments to be administered by qualified individuals.

Bill Status: SB 1282/HB 419 passed both the Senate and House and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

Senator Tina Polsky

1. SB 1256 - Homestead Exemption for Seniors 65 and Older

The bill addresses the additional homestead exemption for these seniors. Specifically, the bill seeks to reduce the paperwork burden that low-income seniors face when renewing their qualified homestead exemption due to their income to allow for an initial one-time filing.

Bill Status: SB1256/HB 597 passed both the Senate and the House and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

2. SB 1946 - Anchoring Limitation Areas

Derelict vessels hazard to water-goers and boaters, our environment and create an eyesore on our coasts. This bill provides local governments with a tool that will help them remove those vessels that stay in certain locations for over 45 days.

Bill Status: SB 1946 passed both the Senate and the House and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

3. SB 830 (NPA Language) as part of SB 90 - Elections

This language was added to SB 90 as an amendment. It requires a person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate with no party affiliation to subscribe to an oath or affirmation that he or she is registered without party affiliation and has not been a registered member of a political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which the person seeks to qualify. This places the same requirements on NPA candidates as required for registered Democrat or Republican candidates.

Bill Status: SB90 passed both the Senate and the House and was signed by the Governor on May 6th, 2021.

Senator Bobby Powell

1. SB 592 - Reemployment Assistance

This bill increased the weekly benefit amount from \$32-275 to \$100-500 and restored the maximum number of weeks for eligibility from 12 to 26 weeks. This bill also automatically waives work search, availability, work registration and one-week waiting period requirements during state of emergencies and established an Alternative Base Period to expand access for unemployed Floridians workers who do not qualify for an unemployment insurance claim using the standard based period.

Bill Status: Died in Commerce and Tourism.

2. SB 848 – Electronic Legal Documents

Amends the existing process for an online notary who witnesses an electronic record to require the online notary to verify both the witness' and principal's identities. The bill also updates statutory forms used by notaries public and online notaries to reflect how, by physical presence or by audio-video technology, the principal and each witness appeared before the notary.

Bill Status: SB 848/HB 483 passed both chambers and is currently awaiting Governor's signature

3. HB 7051 - Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Practices

This massive criminal justice reform bill passed both chambers unanimously and was priority legislation for the Florida Legislative Black Caucus. Five of Senator Powell's bills (SB 1192, SB 992, SB 1982, and SB 1990) were included in the robust package with subjects ranging from increasing the minimum age of arrest to 7 years old, mental illness training for law enforcement officers, and implementing minimum standards for law enforcement officers and correctional officers.

Bill Status: HB 7051 passed both the House and Senate and is currently awaiting Governor's signature.

Representative Mike Caruso

1. HB 1215 - Revising Penalties for Nonviolent Offenses

This bill targeted two items of criminal justice; reducing the gain-time down 75% and codifying for the State the Palm Beach County marijuana misdemeanor charge.

Bill Status: Died in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee.

2. HB 319 – Substance Abuse Service Providers

This bill is the third Sober Homes bill that Representative Caruso has filed. HB 319 continues to clean up the Sober Homes of Florida by punishing bad-faith actors, strengthening the building code to account for Sober Homes, and incentivizing sober homes to become certified, allowing for better transparency, better accountability, and safer procedures so we can ensure recovery. **Bill Status:** HB 319/SB 804; was signed by the Governor.

3. **HB 365 - Motor Vehicle Rentals**

This bill establishes a regulatory framework that brings the peer-to-peer car sharing industry in line with traditional rental car companies concerning:

- the collection of the sales tax due by the platform.
- the collection of Rental Car Surcharges by the platform.
- and the mandating of insurance requirements, such as: Motor Vehicle Maintenance and record-keeping requirements

Bill Status: HB 365's companion bill SB 566 is awaiting signature by the Governor.

Representative Joe Casello

1. **HB 79 - Purple Alert**

This bipartisan bill establishes the first ever alert of its type, activated when an individual with a mental, cognitive, intellectual, or developmental disability goes missing and whose disappearance is a credible threat of immediate danger or serious bodily harm to themselves.

The Purple Alert will operate much like an Amber or Silver Alert, requiring the FDLE to establish & implement this alert and to work with FDOT, DHSMV, the Department of Lottery and local law enforcement to broadcast information to the public and media about these missing adults. This can be through lottery terminals, activation of message signs on state highways and through cellular alerts to subscribers. These alerts can be targeted to geographic areas within a jurisdiction to focus on the area where the missing adult is believed to be.

Bill Status: HB 79/SB 184 signed by Governor.

2. **HB – 81 Medical Devices Sales tax exemption**

The legislation would exempt the sales tax on home improvements and medical devices that help seniors age in place. This is the third consecutive year this bill has been filed and would also extend to others who may need similar care, such as wounded veterans or persons recovering from surgery.

Bill Status: HB 81 was included in the omnibus tax package HB 7061 signed by the Governor.

3. **HB 313 – Firefighters Bill of Rights**

The Firefighters' Bill of Rights provides specific rights when a firefighter is under investigation and subject to interrogation for the reason that could lead to disciplinary action. Whenever an employing agency receives an allegation of misconduct, management personnel conduct an informal inquiry to determine if a formal investigation should be opened against the firefighter. Currently, questioning pursuant to an informal inquiry is not subjected to the Firefighters' Bill of Rights. The Firefighters' Bill of Rights only applies if, after an informal inquiry, the employing agency decides to conduct a formal investigation of the alleged misconduct. After a formal investigation has commenced, questioning related to the investigation is considered an interrogation and must be conducted pursuant to the Firefighters' Bill of Rights.

Bill Status: Passed the House, died in the Senate.

Representative Omari Hardy

1. **HB 1531 - Local Law Enforcement Agencies**

Which requires, among other things, the creation of public safety departments with distinct operational divisions devoted to specific functions, like traffic enforcement, crisis response and intervention, emergency call answering and dispatch, and law enforcement. The aim of this bill is to better allocate resources and ensure that law enforcement officers are responding to calls within their expertise.

Bill Status: Died in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee

2. **HB 1609 – Criminal Justice**

This bill requires that each county in the state establishes an independent Office of Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Oversight. The aim of this legislation is to create accountability for offices accused of misconduct. The oversight office will also allow for greater transparency of corrections and law enforcement agencies.

Bill Status: Died in Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee

3. **HB 1611 - Renewable Energy Source**

Authorizes public educational customers to enter into contracts for renewable energy source devices. This bill will expand the ability for schools, in conjunction with businesses, to install, maintain, and operate renewable energy source devices. HB 1611 will contribute to the expansion of sustainable energy use on the state of Florida.

Bill Status: Died in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee

Representative Rick Roth

The 2021 Legislative session as a whole was the most successful Session in my five years as a State Representative, District 85, representing the northeast quadrant of Palm Beach County. I ran 5 bills dealing with 5 different major issues that each had success. The last two helped me secure better funding for the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust fund to \$209.2 billion, and \$402 million for the Florida Forever Act, which funds land and water conservation projects. My top three priorities were an Adoption bill, a Constitutional Amendment bill, and a local Palm Beach County delegation bill.

1. **HB 601 – Adoption Proceedings.**

This bill would expedite adoptions for neglected children having competing adopters, cutting bureaucratic delays and saving costs. It allows a dependency judge to review denials of adoption applications within Chapter 39, not Chapter 120. This good bill was opposed by the adoption lawyers who financially benefit from extended legal fights.

Bill Status: The bill passed the Florida House 117 – 0 but failed in Senate Children, Family and Elder Affairs Committee.

- 2. HJR 61 - Percentage of Elector Vote Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment to 66.66%**
This bill has been one of my top priorities since 2017. This bill received strong backing from House leadership this year. Building, next year could be the year that my resolution passes out of the Legislature.

Bill Status: The resolution was put on second reading for vote on House Floor but not voted on because it was never heard in its second committee in the Senate.

- 3. HB 965 – Florida House Finance Corporation (FHFC)** This bill would eliminate FHFC requirement for approval by Cabinet sitting as SBA, because FHFC bonds are not considered state debt. It would streamline process for awarding Affordable Housing Bonds. HB 965 died in the State Affairs Committee

Bill Status: It passed unanimous in its first Sub Committee.

Also of note: I voted no on HB5401 Documentary Stamp Tax Distributions in Appropriations Committee, because the bill would split the Sadowski Trust Fund disbursements into 33% each to three grant programs, with an estimated \$140 million going to State Affordable Housing projects.

Working with FHFC data on the Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund, I lobbied leadership to amend HB 5401 and acknowledge that the historical 7 year average of \$160 million was an unrealistic goal due to past sweeps underfunding this 30 year old program. As important, we must include Affordable Housing funding as an integral part of state infrastructure funding.

The new law changes the formula for funding Affordable Housing projects in Florida and prohibits sweeping funds into General Revenue. Going forward annual appropriations to local government projects will be consistent, transparent and accountable. Final law is approximately 47% for housing plus 26% for Wastewater Grants and 26% for Florida Resiliency Grants. This year's budget appropriation is \$209.2 million, significantly higher than the past 7 years average of \$160 million.

Representative David Silvers

- 1. HB 311 - Public Records/Assessment Instruments**

This bill was a priority legislation for the Florida Board of Governors. The bill protects Florida's education system, student records and learning resources by ensuring the law protects and exempts certain assessment instruments and education records from public disclosure for the benefit of student learning outcomes, as all other statewide assessments are currently protected.

Bill Status: The bill passed both chambers and signed by the Governor.

- 2. HB 1233 - Genetic Counseling (CS/SB 1770)**

The bill creates a state licensure for masters-level genetic counselors who are board-certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling, revises the term "health care practitioner" to include licensed genetic counselors, provides licensure & renewal requirements, and grounds for disciplinary action. The bill also codifies a scope of services for genetic counselors and requires the Department of Health to adopt by rule continuing education requirements.

Bill Status: The bill passed both chambers and signed by the Governor.

- 3. HB 673 - DNA Evidence Collected in Sexual Offense Investigations**

I wholeheartedly co-sponsored HB 673 by Representative Emily Slosberg. For Gail's Law requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to create and maintain a statewide system for tracking sexual assault evidence kits from the point of collection through the criminal justice process. That tracking system must be accessible to sexual assault survivors, giving them the option of receiving updates on the status of the evidence in their case. Currently, 30 states and Washington DC have implemented statewide databases for tracking sexual assault kits. **Bill Status:** The bill passed both chambers and awaiting the Governor's signature.

Representative Kelly Skidmore

1. **HB 1025 - Student Retention**

Authorizes K-5 grade level retention for academic reasons upon request of parent or guardian for specified school year; provides requirements for such request; requires principal to have conversations with certain parties; requires certain documentation; authorizes alternatives to retention; specifies parent or guardian decisions controls; requires IEP review in certain circumstances; requires reporting of certain data to Department of Education.

Bill Status: This legislation was attached to a larger bill (SB 1028) and it has been signed by the Governor

2. **HB 893 - Fee Waivers for Students Living in a Recovery Residence**

Authorizes each Florida College System institution, career center operated by school district, & charter technical career center to waive out-of-state fees for students living in recovery residence; prohibits tuition & fees charged to student who is granted waiver from exceeding tuition & fees charged to resident student; provides that waiver is applicable for 110 percent of required credit hours of degree or certificate program for which student is enrolled; provides reporting requirements; requires State Board of Education to adopt rules.

Bill Status: Died in Post-Secondary Education & Lifelong Learning Subcommittee

3. **HB 391 - Transportation Facility Designations**

Designates Deputy Sheriff Donta Manuel and Deputy Sheriff Jonathan Wallace Highway in Palm Beach County; This bill was filed in memory of these two great police officers that died on duty.

Bill Status: Died in Tourism, Infrastructure & Energy Subcommittee

Representative Emily Slosberg

1. **HB 673 - Gail's Law**

Requires Florida Department of Law Enforcement to create and maintain a statewide database for tracking sexual assault evidence kits and to make information from that database accessible to victims of sexual assault.

Bill Status: Passed unanimously out of both chambers is awaiting Governor's signature.

2. **HB 1199 - School Bus Safety**

Authorizes school districts to install & operate side stop signal arm enforcement systems on school buses.

Bill Status: Died in Judiciary Committee

3. HB 959 - Insurance Coverage Parity for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

Requires Medicaid managed care plans to submit annual report to AHCA relating to parity between mental health & substance use disorder benefits & medical & surgical benefits; provides requirements for entities transacting individual or group health insurance or providing prepaid health care; removes provisions relating to optional coverage for mental & nervous disorders.

Bill Status: Died in Finance & Facilities Subcommittee.

Representative John Snyder

1. HB 921 - Electronic Threats

This legislation modernizes the written threats crime (FL Statute 836.10) to reflect how people communicate in 2021 - online. It prohibits a person from sending, posting, or transmitting; or procuring the sending, or transmission of a threat to kill or do bodily harm to another person, or conduct a mass shooting or act of terrorism.

Bill Status: Passed the House unanimously and passed in the Senate is awaiting Governor's signature.

2. HB 279 - Enhanced Penalties for Criminal Offences

This bill enhanced penalties for criminals leaving their county of residence with the specific intent to commit a burglary, including grand theft offenses. Representative Snyder also worked closely with Representative Willhite to amend the bill to include enhanced penalties for people who commit theft on law enforcement or fire department property. This bill is a result of a sharp increase in traveling criminals leaving their county of residence where they are known to local law enforcement to travel to other counties where they are largely breaking in to cars and stealing credit cards and guns.

Bill Status: it passed the House unanimously but was never taken up in its last Senate committee before it could go to the floor.

3. HB 871 - Sovereign Immunity for Child Protection Teams

Child Protection Teams are medically directed, multidisciplinary teams that work with local sheriff's office and the Department of Children and Families investigators in cases of suspected child abuse and neglect. This bill provides that these team members have sovereign immunity while carrying out their duties as a team member under the control, direction and supervision of the state or any of its agencies or subdivisions.

Bill Status: Passed in the House and Senate unanimously and was signed into law on June 21st by the Governor.

Representative Matt Willhite

1. HB 29 – Dispensing Medicinal Drugs

The bill ensures the continuation of treatment to a patient discharged from the hospital. One thousand people a day move to the state of Florida, and with a growing population, we must come up with innovative solutions that expand health care to all Floridians. HB 29 provides patients with continued treatment without any lost time, helping patients stay pain-free until they can get their prescriptions from the pharmacy. Imagine leaving a hospital at 2 a.m., and there is no pharmacy nearby to fill your prescription. Or perhaps you are discharged on a holiday weekend; again, there

is no open pharmacy nearby. This legislation authorizes a hospital to offer a discharged patient up to 24 hours or the next business day worth of medication upon discharge.

Bill Status: This legislation passed both Chambers - the House and the Senate - and was signed into law on June 21st by the Governor.

2. **HB 1171 – Public Safety Telecommunicators**

Most of us don't know much about dispatchers other than they are the voices on the other end of a 911 call. Yet, in reality, they are so much more important than just call receivers; they are a crucial part of a public safety system. When there is an emergency and you need help, 911 telecommunicators are the first people you speak with. Telecommunicators may patiently talk with our parents or grandparents the moments after they have fallen or stay on the line with us during dangerous situations as we wait for police officers or firefighters to arrive. Telecommunicators always answer the phone, and the reality is they have one of the most stressful and emotionally taxing jobs in America. It is now time that the Florida Legislature do something to recognize them, which is why I filed HB 1171. HB 1171 changes the definition of first responder to include 911 public safety telecommunicators and revises the criteria in the Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement system to include members employed as 911 public safety telecommunicators.

Bill Status: Died in Government Operations Subcommittee.

3. **HB 1001 – Step Therapy Protocols**

HB 1001 is related to the practice of step-therapy. For people who take prescription drugs to treat medical conditions, step-therapy is the practice of prescribing less expensive medical treatment before they can "step" to a more expensive treatment or medication. This legislation aims to narrow in on and revise some of the protocols and circumstances in which step therapy is used. For starters, HB 1001 requires that a health insurer publish on its website and provide in writing a procedure to request a protocol exemption. The bill also lays out the conditions under which the protocol exemption must be granted and requires a detailed written explanation if the exemption request is denied. Finally, the legislation lays out specific timelines that must be followed to grant or deny an exemption from urgent and on urgent care situations. It is not fair that a patient and their doctor do not get the first say in the type of care a patient receives; they know best what the patient needs, not an insurance company. Often, step therapy creates more ongoing pain and delays the healing process when the ultimate goal should be the patients' health.

Bill Status: Died on Second Reading Calendar

Palm Beach County Appropriations

Those projects marked with * indicate that it was a legislative delegation member sponsored project. Strike through indicates Governor veto, those items are not included in category totals.

EDUCATION

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Atlantic University – Operating	\$114,704,709
Florida Atlantic University – Education Enhancement	\$37,891,551
Florida Atlantic University – AD Henderson University Lab School - STEM Arena & Multipurpose Building *	\$17,304,000
Florida Atlantic University – Medical School	\$27,464,420
Florida Atlantic University – Autism Program	\$1,056,776
Florida Atlantic University – Max Planck Scientific Fellowship Program (Recurring)	\$889,101
Florida Atlantic University – Need Based Financial Assistance	\$399,658
Florida Atlantic University – Tuition Authority	<u>\$136,401,331</u>
TOTAL:	\$336,110,916

Palm Beach State College

Florida College System Program Fund	\$58,017,036
Florida College System Education Enhancement	\$9,949,475
Palm Beach State College - Student Success Incentives	<u>\$1,365,189</u>
TOTAL:	\$69,331,700

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	\$30,491,205
Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund	
Non-enrollment Assistance	\$6,884,551
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) - Academic Assistance Allocation	\$34,442,752
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) – Technology Assistance Allocation	<u>\$8,605,688</u>
TOTAL	\$1,838,055,728

Private Colleges and Universities

EASE Tuition Assistance Grants	
Everglades University	\$1,639,257
Keiser University	\$20,543,271
Lynn University	\$2,139,273
Palm Beach Atlantic University	\$3,440,451
South University – West Palm Beach	<u>\$1,352,316</u>
Total	\$32,114,568

Other Education

Security Funding in Jewish Day Schools* (Caruso)	\$3,500,000
Learning for Life* (Rep. Caruso)	\$500,000
Wayne Barton Study Center* (Rep. Caruso)	\$300,000
Community Based Post-COVID Acceleration Initiative* (Sen. Powell/Rep. Hardy)	\$200,000
City of Delray Beach Learning Loss Recovery* (Sen. Berman/Rep. Hardy)	\$80,000
West Technical Education Center Adult Vocation Training * (Sen. Polsky/Rep. Skidmore)	\$426,857
Building Hope for People with Autism on the Treasure Coast* (Sen. Harrell)	\$1,340,000
University of Florida – Jacksonville – Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship* (Sen. Harrell)	\$300,000
Stay Kidsafe! Elementary Safety Education and Human Trafficking Prevention* (Sen. Polsky)	\$184,760
WXEL-TV, Boynton Beach - Replace Failing HVAC System and Building Automated System	\$733,469
TOTAL:	\$7,285,086

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Behavioral Health Services

The Alpert Jewish Family and Children's Service Mental Health First Aid* (Sen. Berman/Rep. Silvers)	\$100,000
Behind the Mask: Support for Mental Health Services Through the Faulk Center for Counseling * (Sen. Polsky/Rep. Skidmore)	\$75,000
TOTAL:	\$100,000

Elder Affairs

Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) funding for 200 client increase	\$7,250,574
Alzheimer's Community Care Association - Critical Support Initiative	\$250,000
Alzheimer's Community Care Association	\$1,500,000
Alzheimer's Association Brain Bus*	\$319,000
Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program - Boca Raton Jewish Federation	\$92,946
TOTAL:	\$9,412,520

Vocational Rehabilitation

Palm Beach Habilitation Center (Recurring)	\$225,000
Boca Raton Habilitation Center for the Handicapped – Adults with Disabilities*(Sen. Polsky/Rep. Caruso)	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$425,000

Other

Florida Caregiving Youth Expansion* (Sen. Berman/Rep. Caruso)	\$250,000
Place of Hope – Child Welfare Services* (Sen. Harrell/Rep. Snyder)	\$250,000
ChildNet – Preventing Opioid/Substance Abuse Based Removals* (Sen. Berman/Rep. Silvers)	\$360,000
4Kids – Foster Parent Recruitment and Stability* (Sen. Harrell/Rep. Caruso)	\$750,000
Palm Beach County Rape Crisis Center (recurring)	\$282,039
Homeless Housing Assistance Grants	\$3,000,000

Jordan Avi Ogman Foundation TECPR2 Research & Development of Gene Therapy Cure for Rare Neurodegenerative Disease* (Sen. Polsky/Rep. Slosberg)	\$50,000
TOTAL:	\$4,642,039

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	\$630,000
Justice Administrative Commission for PIP Fraud (Palm Beach and other counties)	\$1,953,374
Riviera Beach Public Safety Complex	\$1,000,000
RESTORE Ex-Offender Reentry Program	\$500,000
TOTAL:	\$3,871,834

Transportation/Economic Development

Jewish Association for Residential Care (JARC) Community Works* (Rep. Caruso)	\$335,000
Everglades Workforce Training* (Sen. Polsky/Rep. Skidmore)	\$750,000
Floridians Active Duty Assistance Program* (Rep. Snyder)	\$250,000
Transportation Disadvantaged	\$3,380,000
Palm Beach County Operating Assistance Public Transit Development/Grants	\$5,952,137
TOTAL:	\$10,667,137

Arterial Highway Construction

Bridgeman Drive, Wellington Road & Longwood Road Various Locations	\$1,060,814
City of Boca Raton Various Locations	\$2,128,000
Clear Lake Trail from SR 704/Okeechobee Blvd to Palm Beach Lakes Blvd	\$1,135,681
Indiantown Road from SR 5/US 1 to A1A	\$1,196,138
Lyons Rd/Sansbury Way from SR 882/Forest Hill Blvd to SR 704/Okeechobee Blvd	\$4,215,640
Westgate Avenue from Wabasso Drive to Congress Avenue	\$2,324,351
TOTAL:	\$12,060,624

Aviation Development Grants

Palm Beach County Park Airport – Lantana	\$1,800,000
PBI Construct New Arf Facility	\$4,000,000
TOTAL:	\$5,800,000

Bridge Construction

SR 704/Royal Park Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway, Rehabilitation	\$3,039,929
TOTAL	\$3,039,929

Construct/Inspect/Consult

Resurface Turnpike (SR 91) in Palm Beach County (Milepost 112.212-117.843)	\$1,196,654
SR 15/US 441 from South of Shirley Dr to East Main Street	\$1,029,129
SR 25/US 27 from Hendry/Palm Beach County Line to SR 80	\$3,096,278
SR 5/US 1 Federal Highway from CR A1A to Beach Road	\$3,909,561
SR 7 from 60th Street to North Lake Blvd	\$5,194,831
SR 7 from SR 704/Okeechobee Blvd to 60th Street	\$2,695,115

SR 710/Beeline Hwy from Northlake Blvd to SR 708/Blue Heron Blvd	\$11,279,278
TOTAL:	\$28,400,846

County Transportation Programs

Congress Ave Ext. from Northlake Blvd to Alternate A1A	\$2,540,647
SR 809/Military Trail at Forest Hill Blvd	\$6,744,260
TOTAL	\$9,284,907

Highway Maintenance

I-95 Asset Maintenance Palm Beach County	\$4,336,613
Lighting Contract in Palm Beach	\$3,588,737
Palm Bch County ITS Maintenance	\$2,225,848
SR 25/US 27 Asset Management Contract US 27 & Belle Glade Area	\$1,899,000
TOTAL:	\$12,050,188

Highway Safety Construction/Grants

SR 9/I-95 from South of 10th Ave North to SR 882/Forest Hill Boulevard	\$2,336,015
TOTAL:	\$2,336,015

Intrastate Highway Construction

Safety Improvements to Turnpike (SR 91) in Palm Beach County	\$1,090,856
Sheet Pile Wall on A1A Adjacent to John D. Macarthur Beach State Park	\$1,348,024
SR 7 from 60th Street to North Lake Blvd	\$52,323,055
SR 7 from SR 704/Okeechobee Blvd to 60th Street	\$17,565,354
SR 710/Beeline Hwy from Northlake Blvd to SR 708/Blue Heron Blvd	\$125,221,899
SR 802/Lake Worth Road from Raulerson Dr to Palm Beach State College Entrance	\$1,871,911
SR 9/I-95 and Palmetto Park Road Interchange	\$1,091,928
SR 9/I-95 at 6th Avenue South	\$2,850,000
TOTAL:	\$203,363,027

Local Transportation Projects

Boynton Beach Town Square Enhanced Pedestrian Crossing* (Sen Berman/Rep Casello)	\$75,000
Central Palm Beach County Historical Infrastructure Improvement* (Sen Berman/Rep Silvers)	\$3,000,000
Jewish Transportation Rides (JTRR)* (Sen Polsky/Rep Slosberg)	\$150,000
Transportation Disadvantaged Discounted Bus Passes* (Sen Powell/Rep Casello)	\$994,550
Village of Royal Palm Beach - La Mancha Extension* (Sen Powell/Rep Willhite)	\$450,000
TOTAL:	\$4,669,500

Preliminary Engineering Consult

SR 25/US 27 at 27 Miles North of the I-75/US 27 Interchange	\$1,419,231
SR 80 from SR 15 to CR 880	\$1,600,000
SR 806/Atlantic Ave from East of Lyons Rd to Jog Rd	\$3,403,337
SR 9/I-95 at Hypoluxo Road	\$2,074,515
Total:	\$8,497,083

Resurfacing

Resurface Turnpike (SR 91) in Palm Beach County	\$9,199,321
SR 15/US 441 from South of Shirley Dr to East Main Street	\$7,347,598
SR 25/US 27 from Hendry/Palm Beach County Line to SR 80	\$23,110,253
SR 802/Lake Worth Road from Raulerson Dr to Palm Beach State College Entrance	\$4,526,746
Total:	\$44,183,918

Right-of-Way Land Acquisition/Support

SR 5/US 1 over Earman River (C-17) Bridge 930003	\$1,557,105
SR 710/Beeline Hwy from Northlake Blvd to SR 708/Blue Heron Blvd Right-of-Way	\$1,946,800
SR 9/I-95 at PGA Boulevard/Central Boulevard	\$4,806,300
SR 9/I-95 from South of Woolbright Road to North of Woolbright Road	\$3,888,421
TOTAL:	\$12,198,626

Seaport Grants

Port of Palm Beach Berth Improvements	\$1,000,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000,000

Small County Outreach Program

Mcclure Road from Palm Road to South Lake Drive	\$1,194,932
NW 10th Ave from MLK Jr Blvd to US Highway 27	\$1,077,788
TOTAL:	\$2,272,720

Toll Operations Contracts

Account Management System/CCSS Operations	\$51,839,955
TOTAL:	\$51,839,955

Traffic Engineering Consultants

Palm Beach County Road Ranger Service Patrol	\$2,559,000
Palm Beach County Signal Maintenance & Operations on State Hwy System	\$2,635,818
TOTAL:	\$5,194,818

Transportation Planning Grants

Palm Beach Unified Planning Work Program FY 2020-2021/2021-2022	\$2,918,452
TOTAL:	\$2,918,452

Turnpike System Equipment and Development

Account Management System/CCSS Operations	\$3,000,000
TOTAL:	\$3,000,000

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Projects

Belle Glade NW/SW 3rd Avenue, SW Avenue B Extension Corridor	
Stormwater Conveyance Improvements* (Sen Polsky/Rep Skidmore)	\$350,000
Palm Beach County-Lake Worth Lagoon Monitoring Program*(Sen Berman/Rep Caruso)	\$250,000
South Indian River Water Control District Section 7 Drainage Improvement Project*	\$353,650
Delray Beach-Owens Baker Tank Improvements* (Sen. Berman/Rep. Caruso)	\$250,000

Royal Palm Beach Florida Power & Light	
Pathway Dry Detention Ponds Phase 2* (Sen. Powell/Rep. Willhite)	\$450,000
West Palm Beach Flood Mitigation Tidal Valve Project* (Sen. Powell/Rep. Roth)	<u>\$105,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,508,650

Beach Projects

Central Boca Raton Beach Nourishment Post-Construction Monitoring	\$29,624
Coral Cove Dune Restoration Post-Construction Monitoring	\$35,000
Delray Beach Shore Protection Project	\$1,188,250
Delray Beach Shore Protection Project Post-Construction Monitoring	\$54,250
Mid-Town Beach Nourishment	\$4,763,017
North Boca Raton Shore Protection Project Post-Construction Monitoring	\$183,400
Phipps Ocean Park Beach Nourishment Post-Construction Monitoring	\$19,500
Singer Island Dune Restoration	\$800,229
Singer Island Dune Restoration Post-Construction Monitoring	\$39,575
South Boca Raton Beach Nourishment	<u>\$4,121,520</u>
TOTAL:	\$11,234,365

Inlet Management Projects

Boca Raton Implementation	\$76,000
Jupiter Implementation	\$1,518,525
Lake Worth Implementation Post Construction Monitoring	\$324,500
South Lake Worth Implementation	<u>\$1,350,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,269,025

Environmental Project

Loggerhead Marinelife Center Improving Water Quality & Coastline Cleanliness (Sen. Harrell/Rep. Snyder)	<u>\$249,779</u>
TOTAL:	\$249,779

Local Parks

Pahokee King Memorial Park Improvements	<u>\$250,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$250,000

Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) (Small Development Projects)

City of Riviera Beach Goodmark Park	\$50,000
City of Riviera Beach Monroe Heights Park	\$50,000
Indian Trail Improvement District Temple Park	\$50,000
Town of Juno Beach Dune Walkover Improvements	\$50,000
Village of North Palm Beach Community Center Park	\$50,000
Village of North Palm Beach Osborne Park	\$50,000
Village of Wellington Brampton Cove Park	\$50,000
Village of Wellington Margate Park	<u>\$50,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$400,000

CULTURE & FINE ARTS

Historic Preservation Grants	\$250,000
Delray Beach Historic GIS	\$50,000
Delray Beach Municipal Cemetery Historic Research Survey	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$350,000

Cultural and Museum Grants

Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center, Inc.	\$52,827
Aequalis, Inc.	\$22,351
Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens	\$43,940
Ballet Palm Beach, Inc.	\$37,631
Blue Planet Global Education, Inc.	\$10,638
Boca Ballet Theatre Company	\$62,615
Boca Raton Historical Society, Inc.	\$44,834
Boca Raton Museum of Art, Inc.	\$76,108
Boca Raton Philharmonic Symphonia, Inc.	\$45,971
Boynton Cultural Centre, Inc.	\$33,387
Busch Wildlife Sanctuary, Inc.	\$12,367
Center for Creative Education, Inc.	\$25,462
Creative City Collaborative of Delray Beach, Inc.	\$75,092
Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$78,846
Delray Beach Chorale, Inc.	\$4,664
Digital Vibe, Inc.	\$12,267
Florida Atlantic University	\$28,768
Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden, Inc.	\$62,283
Lake Worth Cultural Renaissance Foundation, Inc.	\$6,389
Lighthouse ArtCenter, Inc.	\$64,023
Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Inc.	\$12,915
Loxahatchee River Historical Society, Inc.	\$75,013
Lynn University, Inc.	\$66,879
Maltz Jupiter Theatre, Inc.	\$78,846
Norton Museum of Art, Inc.	\$78,983
Old School Square Center for the Arts, Inc.	\$70,305
Palm Beach Dramaworks, Inc.	\$78,025
Palm Beach Opera, Inc.	\$75,092
Palm Beach State College	\$78,230
Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.	\$79,873
School of the Arts Foundation, Inc.	\$74,890
South Florida Science Center and Aquarium, Inc.	\$75,424
Sunfest of Palm Beach County, Inc.	\$73,918
Sunshine District Association of Chapters of S.P.E.B.S.Q.A., Inc.	\$11,931
The Armory Art Center, Inc.	\$79,174
The Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach, Inc.	\$24,824
The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum	\$78,025
The Lake Worth Playhouse, Inc.	\$44,681
The Morikami, Inc.	\$77,340
The Palm Beach Symphony Society, Inc.	\$74,974
The Zoological Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	\$77,368

Young Singers of the Palm Beaches, Inc.	<u>\$49,466</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,329,639

Culture Builds Florida

Exceptional Ensemblle Inc.	\$10,750
For the Children, Inc.	\$25,000
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church - Arts at St. Andrew's 21-22 Season	\$13,500
The Children's Coalition Inc. - Believe & Achieve - A Multicultural Histories Project	<u>\$25,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$74,250

Statewide Library Grants

State Library State Aid	\$21,500,000
Library Cooperatives	\$2,000,000
Online Adult High School Program for State Library System	<u>\$700,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$24,200,000



2021 Palm Beach County Local Bills

HB 979 - Village of Wellington - Palm Beach County - Sponsored by Representative Willhite - The bill provides an exemption from ss. 791.001 and 791.08, FS, 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.

Bill Status: This bill passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor on June 21, 2021.

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.

Bill Status: This bill passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

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.

Bill Status: This bill passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

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 neighboring cities of Westlake and Palm Beach Gardens are bringing change to surrounding unincorporated Palm Beach County. Commercial development is coming to Loxahatchee and the Acreage. This law gives Indian Trail Improvement District (ITID) the authority to spend \$ for a feasibility study to explore incorporation. After a successful feasibility study, the next step would be to give ITID the authority to hold a referendum for incorporation.

Bill Status: This bill passed the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor on June 21, 2021.

HB 973 - Town of Lake Clarke Shores- Sponsored by Representative David Silvers

HB 973 would have extended the Town of Lake Clarke Shores corporate limits to include portions of Edgewater Park and adjoining canals.

Bill Status: This bill died in Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

2022 Legislative Committee Weeks and Session Dates

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☒ Monday, November 29, 2021 – Friday, December 3, 2021

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