

**Priority 2 Weekly Update****12/16/2015****Sorted by Bill Number**

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Committee of Reference</b>	<b>Actions</b>
0006	Relating to State Minimum Wage	Bullard	State Minimum Wage; Increasing the state minimum wage; prohibiting an employer from paying an employee at a rate less than the state minimum wage; removing the limitation restricting application of the state minimum wage only to individuals entitled to receive the federal minimum wage; deleting obsolete language, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2017	Commerce and Tourism	8/19/2015 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations
0007	Relating to Employment Discrimination	Cruz	Employment Discrimination: Designates act as "Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act"; provides legislative findings & intent relating to equal pay for equal work for women; recognizes importance of DEO & FHRC in ensuring fair pay; provides duties of DEO & FHRC; creates Governor's Recognition Award for Pay Equity in Workplace. Effective Date: July 1, 2016	Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee	8/27/2015 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee
0009	Relating to Reentry into State by Certain Persons	Trujillo	Reentry into State by Certain Persons: Prohibits entry to, or presence within, the state of persons denied admission, excluded, deported, or removed unless U.S. Attorney General consents to admission or federal law does not require advance consent. Effective Date: October 1, 2016	Justice Appropriations Subcommittee	11/24/2015 HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

0043	Relating to Churches or Religious Organizations	Plakon	Churches or Religious Organizations: Provides that churches or religious organizations, related organizations, or certain individuals may not be required to solemnize any marriage or provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for related purposes if such action would violate sincerely held religious belief; prohibits certain legal actions, penalties, or governmental sanctions against such individuals or entities. Effective Date: July 1, 2016	Judiciary Committee	10/7/2015 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
0045	Relating to Prohibited Discrimination	Raschein	Prohibited Discrimination: Creates "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity or expression; defines terms; provides exceptions for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion. Effective Date: July 1, 2016	Economic Affairs Committee	8/27/2015 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee
0072	Relating to School Safety	Evers	School Safety; Redefining the term "school," authorizing a school superintendent, with approval of the school board, to authorize a school safety designee to carry a concealed weapon or firearm on school property; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to develop a school safety program by a certain date; requiring that fingerprinting fees be borne by the school safety designee or the school; authorizing district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$157,927.00 Effective Date: 7/1/2016	No Current Committee	11/24/2015 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction
0074	Relating to Equal Rights for Men and Women	Joyner	Equal Rights for Men and Women; Ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women, etc.	Judiciary	8/19/2015 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

0109	Relating to State Minimum Wage	Torres	State Minimum Wage: Increases state minimum wage; prohibits employer from paying employee at rate less than state minimum wage; removes limitation restricting application of state minimum wage only to individuals entitled to receive federal minimum wage. Effective Date: January 1, 2017	Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee	9/10/2015 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee
0110	Relating to Churches or Religious Organizations	Bean	Churches or Religious Organizations; Providing that churches or religious organizations, related organizations, or certain individuals may not be required to solemnize any marriage or provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for related purposes if such action would violate a sincerely held religious belief; prohibiting certain legal actions, penalties, or governmental sanctions against such individuals or entities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	Judiciary	8/21/2015 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules
0112	Relating to Absentee Voting	Thompson	Absentee Voting; Replacing the term "absentee ballot" with the term "vote-by-mail ballot," etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	No Current Committee	12/4/2015 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
0118	Relating to Persons Subject to Final Deportation Orders	Hutson	Persons Subject to Final Deportation Orders; Prohibiting the presence within the state of persons subject to final deportation orders unless such orders have been stayed pending judicial review, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2016	Judiciary	10/27/2015 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Estimating Impact Conference, 10/28/15, 2:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

0123	Relating to Postsecondary Educational Institutions	Rodríguez (J)	Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Revises provisions relating to disclosure requirements of institutions under jurisdiction of CIE; requires certain institutions to provide each student disclosure statement & maintain federal student loan cohort default rate below specified percentage; revises minimum standards Commission for Independent Education must use to evaluate institution for licensure to include federal student loan cohort default rate; revises minimum criteria for independent postsecondary educational institution to apply for license by accreditation to include maximum percentage for institution's federal student loan cohort default rate. Effective Date: July 1, 2016	Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee	9/10/2015 HOUSE Now in Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee
0140	Relating to School Choice	Ring	School Choice; Requiring a charter school applicant to undergo background screening; requiring a charter school applicant to provide evidence of accreditation; expanding the factors for approval of a charter application to include documentation of adequate financial resources, certain applicant identifying information, disclosure of additional charter schools sponsored by such parties and the records of such schools, and the independent status of any management company or cooperative, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	Education Pre-K - 12	9/9/2015 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

0143	Relating to Disposable Plastic Bags	Richardson	Disposable Plastic Bags: Authorizes certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; provides program criteria; provides for program expiration; directs participating municipalities to collect data & submit reports to municipal governing bodies & DEP; defines term "coastal community." Effective Date: upon becoming a law	Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee	9/24/2015 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
0146	Relating to Federal Student Loan Default Rates	Ring	Federal Student Loan Default Rates; Requiring certain institutions to maintain a federal student loan cohort default rate below a specified percentage; revising the minimum standards the Commission for Independent Education must use to evaluate an institution for licensure to include the institution's federal student loan cohort default rate; requiring Florida College System institution performance funding for industry certifications to take into consideration an institution's federal student loan cohort default rate, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	Appropriations	12/7/2015 SENATE Now in Appropriations
0169	Relating to Use or Threatened Use of Defensive Force	Baxley	Use or Threatened Use of Defensive Force: Provides legislative findings & intent; provides for retroactive application; specifies that once prima facie claim of self-defense immunity has been raised, burden of proof shall be on party seeking to overcome immunity from criminal prosecution; entitles criminal defendants who successfully claim such immunity to award of specified costs, attorney fees, & related expenses; specifies procedure for reimbursement requests; requires reimbursements to be paid from operating trust fund of state attorney who prosecuted defendant; limits amount of award. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	Criminal Justice Subcommittee	11/17/2015 HOUSE Laid on Table

0180	Relating to Trade Secrets	Richter	Trade Secrets; Including financial information in provisions prohibiting the theft, embezzlement, or unlawful copying of trade secrets; providing criminal penalties, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2016	No Current Committee	12/4/2015 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
0182	Relating to Public Records and Meetings/Trade Secrets	Richter	Public Records and Meetings/Trade Secrets; Expanding public records exemptions for certain data processing software obtained by an agency, certain information held by a county tourism promotion agency, information related to trade secrets held by specified entities, and specified data, programs, or supporting documentation held by an agency; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 180 or similar legislation relating to trade secrets takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law	No Current Committee	12/4/2015 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
0197	Relating to Term Limits for Appellate Courts	Wood	Term Limits for Appellate Courts: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to create term limits for Supreme Court justices & judges of DCAs; limits applicability to justices & judges appointed after effective date. Effective Date: Not Specified	Appropriations Committee	11/9/2015 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee

0250	Relating to Family Law	Lee (T)	Family Law; Requiring a court to consider certain alimony factors and make specific written findings of fact after making specified determinations; requiring a court to make specified findings before ruling on a request for alimony; creating a presumption that approximately equal time-sharing by both parents is in the best interest of the child; providing that a party may pursue an immediate modification of alimony in certain circumstances; providing that a collaborative law process commences when the parties enter into a collaborative law participation agreement, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2016	Judiciary	9/17/2015 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations
0306	Relating to Disposable Plastic Bags	Bullard	Disposable Plastic Bags; Authorizing certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; providing program criteria; providing for expiration of the program; directing participating municipalities to collect data and submit reports to the municipal governing body and the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the term "coastal community," etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	Environmental Preservation and Conservation	10/6/2015 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Fiscal Policy
0322	Relating to Term Limits for Appellate Courts	Hutson	Term Limits for Appellate Courts; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to create term limits for Supreme Court justices and judges of the district courts of appeal, etc.	Judiciary	10/6/2015 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; Rules

0344	Relating to Justifiable Use or Threatened Use of Defensive Force	Bradley	Justifiable Use or Threatened Use of Defensive Force; Specifying that once a prima facie claim of self-defense immunity has been raised, the burden of proof shall be on the party seeking to overcome the immunity from criminal prosecution; entitling criminal defendants who successfully claim immunity to an award of specified costs, attorney fees, and related expenses if a court makes specified determinations; requiring reimbursements to be paid from the operating trust fund of the state attorney who prosecuted the defendant, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	No Current Committee	12/7/2015 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
0370	Relating to Sale or Transfer of Firearms at Gun Shows	Joyner	Sale or Transfer of Firearms at Gun Shows; Prohibiting a person from selling, offering for sale, transferring, exchanging, or delivering a firearm at a gun show unless a gun show vendor is a party to the transaction; providing criminal penalties, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2016	Criminal Justice	10/6/2015 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Commerce and Tourism; Rules
0424	Relating to Charter Schools	Sobel	Charter Schools; Requiring an application for a charter school to contain a list of certain information regarding all charter schools currently or previously operated by the applicant, applicant group, or proposed management company; authorizing a sponsor to deny an application based on charter school failures; requiring a charter school to submit monthly financial statements for the first year of operation with specified information included; requiring a charter to include documentation of adequate financial resources to support the charter schools operation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	Education Pre-K - 12	10/9/2015 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Fiscal Policy



0455	Relating to Alimony	Burton	Alimony: Requires use of specified factors in calculating alimony pendente lite; provides presumptions concerning alimony awards depending on duration of marriages; provides for imputation of income in certain circumstances; declares public policy concerning child's interests regarding time sharing in custody & support proceedings; prohibits court from changing duration of alimony award; provides for motions to advance trial of certain actions if specified period has passed since initial service on respondent. Effective Date: October 1, 2016	Judiciary Committee	11/18/2015 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
0457	Relating to Regulation of Political Contributions and Expenditures	Dudley	Regulation of Political Contributions and Expenditures: Urges Congress to propose to states an amendment to U.S. Constitution to provide that political contributions & expenditures by corporations be regulated by federal, state, & local governments; & establish that corporations & artificial entities have no constitutional rights.	Local & Federal Affairs Committee	11/5/2015 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee
0563	Relating to Temporary Cash Assistance Program	Gaetz (M)	Temporary Cash Assistance Program: Adds proof of application for employment to eligibility requirements for receiving services or temporary cash assistance; decreases lifetime cumulative total time limit for receiving temporary cash assistance; adds proof of application for employment to work activity requirements for participant in temporary cash assistance program. Effective Date: July 1, 2016	Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee	11/16/2015 HOUSE Now in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

0582	Relating to Public Corruption	Gaetz (D)	Public Corruption; Deleting the definition of the term "corruptly" or "with corrupt intent"; redefining the term "bribery" to include knowing and intentional, rather than corrupt, acts; revising the prohibition against unlawful compensation or reward for official behavior to conform to changes made by the act; revising the prohibition against official misconduct to conform to changes made by the act; revising the prohibition against bid tampering to conform to changes made by the act, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2016	Governmental Oversight and Accountability	12/1/2015 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Governmental Oversight and Accountability
0593	Relating to Government Accountability	Metz	Government Accountability: Revises auditing protocols for certain agencies, councils, & state schools; revises responsibilities of certain state officials & employment or contractual relationships; revises provisions governing collection methods for certain unpaid automatic fines; revises entities subject to lobbyist registration and registration procedures; requires counties, municipalities, & special districts to maintain certain budget documents on entities' websites for specified period; revises certain compensation protocols; revises requirements for financial statements & audits of certain governmental entities. Effective Date: October 1, 2016	Government Operations Subcommittee	11/17/2015 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee
0666	Relating to Voter Identification	Legg	Voter Identification; Expanding the list of acceptable forms of identification for certain voter registration applicants to include veteran health identification cards and licenses to carry a concealed weapon or firearm, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law	Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security	12/2/2015 SENATE Now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

0668	Relating to Family Law	Stargel	Family Law; Requiring a court to consider certain alimony factors and make specific written findings of fact under certain circumstances; requiring a court to make specified findings before ruling on a request for alimony; revising the factors that are used to determine the best interests of a child; prohibiting a court from changing the duration of alimony; requiring that a child support award be adjusted to reduce the combined alimony and child support award under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2016	Judiciary	11/4/2015 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations
0675	Relating to Federal Immigration Enforcement	Metz	Federal Immigration Enforcement: Requires state & local governmental agencies to comply with & support enforcement of federal immigration law; prohibits restrictions by state & local governmental entities & officials on transfer of information regarding citizenship or immigration status of an individual, action taken with respect to such information, or enforcement of federal immigration law; prohibits sanctuary policies; authorizes law enforcement agency to transport unauthorized alien; provides exception to reporting requirements for crime victims or witnesses; requires state & local governmental officials to report violations; provides penalties for failing to report violation; requires AG to prescribe format for submitting complaints; provides cause of action for personal injury or wrongful death caused by sanctuary policy; waives sovereign immunity for such actions. Effective Date: July 1, 2016	Civil Justice Subcommittee	11/23/2015 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

0711	Relating to Term Limits	Pafford	Term Limits: Increases limits on period for which person may be elected as state senator or state representative & removes limits on period for which person may be elected as U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative. Effective Date: Not Specified	Government Operations Subcommittee	12/10/2015 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee
0736	Relating to Voter List Maintenance	Gibson	Voter List Maintenance; Revising requirements for the notice of a registered voter's potential ineligibility published in a newspaper of general circulation to include the voter's party affiliation; revising components of the supervisor's certification provided to the Department of State to require party affiliation statistics of voters removed from the statewide voter registration system, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2016	Ethics and Elections	11/18/2015 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Fiscal Policy
0750	Relating to Temporary Cash Assistance Program	Hutson	Temporary Cash Assistance Program; Adding a requirement of proof of application for employment to eligibility requirements for receiving services or temporary cash assistance; decreasing the lifetime cumulative total time limit for which an applicant or current participant may receive temporary cash assistance; adding proof of application for employment to the work activity requirements for a participant in the temporary cash assistance program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	Children, Families, and Elder Affairs	11/18/2015 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations
0759	Relating to Charter Schools	Diaz (M)	Charter Schools: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to require SBE to establish statewide system for approval of charter schools. Effective Date: Not Specified	K-12 Subcommittee	12/10/2015 HOUSE Now in K-12 Subcommittee

0767	Relating to Composition of Cabinet/Election of Commissioner of Education/State Board of Education	Mayfield	Composition of Cabinet/Election of Commissioner of Education/State Board of Education: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to provide for statewide election of Commissioner of Education, include commissioner as member of Cabinet, provide for commissioner to supervise public education system, include commissioner as member of Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund & Land Acquisition Trust Fund & as component of head of FDLE, & establish Governor & Cabinet as State Board of Education. Effective Date: Not Specified	K-12 Subcommittee	12/10/2015 HOUSE Now in K-12 Subcommittee
0829	Relating to District School Board Home Rule Powers	Taylor	District School Board Home Rule Powers: Designates provisions as "District School Board Educational Innovation & Home Rule Powers Act"; authorizes school district to establish itself as home rule school district by rule; provides requirements for home rule school districts & exemptions from certain laws & rules; authorizes home rule school district to use certain funds as school district deems necessary; provides for reporting, rulemaking, & severability. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	K-12 Subcommittee	12/10/2015 HOUSE Now in K-12 Subcommittee
0830	Relating to School Choice	Stargel	School Choice; Revising the required contents of	Education Pre-K - 12	11/19/2015 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

0872	Relating to Federal Immigration Enforcement	Bean	Federal Immigration Enforcement; Creating the "Rule of Law Adherence Act"; prohibiting sanctuary policies; requiring a state or local governmental agency to comply with and support the enforcement of federal immigration law; prohibiting restrictions by state and local government entities and officials on the transfer of information regarding citizenship or immigration status of an individual, action taken with respect to such information, or enforcement of federal immigration law; requiring the Attorney General to prescribe the format for submitting complaints; providing a cause of action for personal injury or wrongful death attributed to a sanctuary policy, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	Judiciary	12/3/2015 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations
0886	Relating to Parent and Student Rights	Benacquisto	Parent and Student Rights; Revising public school educational choice options available to students throughout the state to include CAPE Digital Tool certificates, CAPE industry certifications, and collegiate high school programs; deleting the definition of and provisions relating to the term "controlled open enrollment"; requiring each school district board to establish a classroom teacher transfer process for parents, to approve or deny a transfer request within a certain timeframe, to notify a parent of a denial, and to post an explanation of the transfer process in the student handbook or a similar publication, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	Education Pre-K - 12	12/3/2015 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

0888	Relating to Overseas Absentee Ballots	Joyner	Overseas Absentee Ballots; Requiring the Department of State to develop instructions and procedures for the electronic submission of voted absentee ballots from overseas voters; requiring the department, in consultation with supervisors of elections, to develop security measures; prescribing requirements for such security measures; requiring the department to perform an annual security assessment, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016	Ethics and Elections	12/3/2015 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations
4005	Relating to Public Records and Public Meetings/University Direct-Support Organizations	Rehwinkel Vasilinda	Public Records and Public Meetings/University Direct-Support Organizations: Deletes provision that protects identity of donor to university direct-support organization; deletes public records exemption for university direct-support organization; deletes public meetings exemption for certain meetings of university direct-support organization. Effective Date: July 1, 2016	Higher Education & Workfo	8/27/2015 HOUSE Now in Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee
4011	Relating to Use of Force	Williams	Use of Force: Removes provisions specifying that person has no duty to retreat & has right to stand his or her ground & meet force with force in certain circumstances. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	No Current Committee	9/3/2015 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction
4017	Relating to Use of Deadly Force in Defense of a Person	Watson (C)	Use of Deadly Force in Defense of a Person: Repeals provisions relating to home protection & use of deadly force, which created presumption of fear of death or great bodily harm in certain circumstances & provided that person has no duty to retreat & has right to stand his or her ground & meet force with force in certain circumstances; conforms provisions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	No Current Committee	9/28/2015 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

8001	Relating to Equal Rights for Men and Women	Berman	Equal Rights for Men and Women: Ratifies proposed amendment to U.S. Constitution relating to equal rights for men & women. Effective Date: Not Specified	Local & Federal Affairs Committee	10/7/2015 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee
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