

**MARCH 27, 2015**  
**UNITED WAY OF FLORIDA**  
**2015 BILL BRIEFS**

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**2015 Bill Briefs**

**Sorted by Bill Number**

- HB 0055**     **Relating to Children and Youth Cabinet**     Harrell  
Children and Youth Cabinet: Revises membership of Children & Youth Cabinet. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/26/2015    HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/27/15
- SB 0146**     **Relating to Autism**     Ring  
Autism; Requiring a physician, to whom a parent or legal guardian reports observing symptoms of autism exhibited by a minor child, to refer the minor to an appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder under certain circumstances; requiring that certain insurers and health maintenance organizations provide direct patient access for a minimum number of visits to an appropriate specialist for screening for, or evaluation or diagnosis of, autism spectrum disorder, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/26/2015    SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 03/31/15, 10:00 am, 412 K
- SB 0152**     **Relating to Disability Awareness**     Ring  
Disability Awareness; Requiring, rather than authorizing, each district school board to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools beginning in a specified school year; requiring each public school to establish a disability history and awareness advisory council, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
3/19/2015    SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
- HB 0153**     **Relating to Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project**     Lee Jr. (L)  
Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project: Requires Office of Early Learning to establish pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requires OEL to select organization to implement pilot project; provides eligibility requirements for participation; requires background screening for childcare personnel; requires OEL to allocate funds for pilot project. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/20/2015    HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
- SB 0180**     **Relating to School Safety**     Evers  
School Safety; Permitting 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 school boards to formulate policies and procedures for managing active-shooter and hostage situations; permitting district school boards to commission one or more school safety officers on each school campus, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$157,927.00  
Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/26/2015    SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 03/31/15, 1:30 pm, 412 K
- HB 0201**     **Relating to Diabetes Awareness Training for Law Enforcement Officers**     Narain  
Diabetes Awareness Training for Law Enforcement Officers: Designates act the "Arthur Green, Jr., Act"; requires FDLE to establish online continued employment training component relating to diabetic emergencies; specifies

topics to be included; provides that completion of training may count towards continued employment instruction requirements. Effective Date: October 1, 2015  
3/16/2015 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

**SB 0206**

**Relating to Financial Literacy Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities**

Hukill

Financial Literacy Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; Establishing the program within the Department of Financial Services; requiring the program to provide information and other offerings on specified issues to individuals with developmental disabilities and employers in this state; requiring a qualified public depository to participate in the program, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2015  
3/23/2015 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**SB 0210**

**Relating to Licensing of Facilities that offer Health and Human Services**

Gibson

Licensing of Facilities that Offer Health and Human Services; Redefining the term "child care" to include a person or facility that does not receive compensation; redefining the term "child care facility" to include a child care center or child care arrangement that does not receive compensation and provides child care for more than four, rather than five, children unrelated to the operator, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/9/2015 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

**SB 0250**

**Relating to Child Care Facilities**

Smith (C)

Child Care Facilities; Requiring that certain membership organizations conduct level 2 background screening for child care personnel; requiring such organizations to demonstrate compliance upon request; excluding certain membership organizations from the definition of the term "child care facility", etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/5/2015 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

**SB 0294**

**Relating to Florida Kidcare Program**

Garcia

Florida Kidcare Program; Providing eligibility for optional payments for medical assistance and related services for certain lawfully residing children; clarifying that undocumented immigrants are excluded from eligibility for optional Medicaid payments or related services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/4/2015 SENATE Now in Appropriations

**SB 0344**

**Relating to Establishment of Mental Health First Aid Training Program**

Sobel

Establishment of a Mental Health First Aid Training Program; Requiring the Department of Education to establish a mental health first aid training program; requiring the department to use a competitive procurement process to select a statewide association to develop, implement, and manage the program; providing for expiration of the program; providing an appropriation; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit a report to the Legislature by a specified date, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$300,000.00. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/26/2015 SENATE On Committee agenda - Education Pre-K - 12, 03/31/15, 1:30 pm, 412 K

**HB 0403**

**Relating to Newborn Adrenoleukodystrophy Screening**

La Rosa

Newborn Adrenoleukodystrophy Screening; Directs DOH to expand statewide screening of newborns to include for adrenoleukodystrophy when adopted for inclusion on federal recommended uniform screening panel. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/19/2015 HOUSE Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 0437**

**Relating to Guardians for Dependent Children who are Developmentally Disabled or Incapacitated**

Adkins

Guardians for Dependent Children who are Developmentally Disabled or Incapacitated: Requires continued review of necessity of guardianships for young adults; requires updated case plan developed in face-to-face conference with child, if appropriate, & other specified persons; provides requirements for DCF when court determines there is good faith basis to appoint guardian; requires DCF to provide specified information if another interested party initiates proceedings; provides that guardianship court has jurisdiction over proceedings for appointment of guardian advocate if petitions are filed for certain minors subject to ch. 39, F.S., proceedings when such minors have reached specified age; provides that such minor has same due process rights as certain adults; provides that if child is subject to proceedings under ch. 39, F.S., parents may act as natural guardians unless court finds that it is not in child's best interests or parental rights have been terminated. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/19/2015 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**SB 0496**

**Relating to Guardians**

Detert

Guardians; Requiring the court at the permanency review hearing to review the necessity of the guardianship and whether restoration of guardianship proceedings are needed when the child reaches a certain age under certain circumstances; providing that parents are the joint natural guardians of their children unless their parental rights have been terminated, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/12/2015 HOUSE Now in Appropriations

- SB 0518**      **Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program**      Gibson  
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Revising provisions relating to calculation of the kindergarten readiness rate for Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program providers and schools; requiring the administration of a preassessment and postassessment to students based upon adopted performance standards, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/12/2015    SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
- HB 0545**      **Relating to Telehealth**      Cummings  
Telehealth: Defines "telehealth" & "telehealth provider"; provides for certain practice standards for telehealth providers; authorizes telehealth providers to use telehealth to prescribe certain controlled substances; provides recordkeeping requirements & standards; excludes telehealth products from definition of "discount medical plan". Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/17/2015    HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee
- SB 0580**      **Relating to Land Acquisition Trust Fund/Department of State**      Dean  
Land Acquisition Trust Fund/Department of State; Creating the Land Acquisition Trust Fund within the Department of State; providing for the purpose of the trust fund and sources of funds; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/24/2015    SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/01/15
- SB 0584**      **Relating to Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment**      Dean  
Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment; Terminating certain trust funds within the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; requiring moneys in land acquisition trust funds created or designated to receive funds under s. 28, Art. X of the State Constitution to be retained in those trust funds; repealing provisions relating to beach erosion control project staffing; authorizing a percentage of proceeds from the phosphate rock excise tax to be credited to the State Park Trust Fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/24/2015    SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/01/15
- SB 0586**      **Relating to Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment**      Dean  
Implementation of the Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment; Providing that specified distributions to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund are not subject to the service charge under s. 215.20, F.S.; repealing provisions relating to beach erosion control project staffing, funding for the state's beach management plan, and the Florida Preservation 2000 Trust Fund; requiring specified public recreation projects to have been selected through the Department of Environmental Protection's competitive selection process prior to the release of funds, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/23/2015    SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
- HB 0601**      **Relating to Statewide Prepaid Dental Program**      Magar  
Statewide Prepaid Dental Program: Creates Medicaid statewide prepaid dental program; directs AHCA to contract with prepaid dental health plans meeting specified criteria; directs agency to apply for & implement state plan amendments or waivers of applicable federal laws & regulations necessary to implement program; requires notice to recipients regarding transition from Medicaid managed medical assistance program to statewide program; removes requirement that managed care plans participating in Medicaid managed assistance program provide pediatric dental services. Effective Date: upon becoming a law  
3/10/2015    HOUSE Laid on Table
- SB 0606**      **Relating to Dental Care**      Gaetz (D)  
Dental Care; Establishing a joint local and state dental care access account initiative, subject to the availability of funding; requiring the Department of Health to implement an electronic benefit transfer system; authorizing the department to transfer state funds remaining in a closed account at a specified time and to return unspent funds from local sources; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to rank shortage areas and medically underserved areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/23/2015    SENATE Now in Appropriations
- SB 0610**      **Relating to Food Deserts**      Bullard  
Food Deserts; Establishing the food desert business tax credit for certain businesses that sell nutrient-dense food items in areas designated as food deserts; requiring the Department of Revenue and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to review and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the continuation of the tax credit; providing penalties for fraudulent claims for the tax credit, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/3/2015    SENATE Now in Finance and Tax
- SB 0632**      **Relating to Newborn Adrenoleukodystrophy Screening**      Garcia  
Newborn Adrenoleukodystrophy Screening; Directing the Department of Health to establish requirements for newborn adrenoleukodystrophy screening; providing certain insurance and managed care coverage; providing

adrenoleukodystrophy screening as a covered benefit; providing an exemption; providing for documentation of objections to screening by the parent or legal guardian, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/25/2015 SENATE Now in Banking and Insurance

- SB 0642** **Relating to Individuals with Disabilities** Benacquisto  
Individuals with Disabilities; Creating the "Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act"; requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to establish a direct-support organization known as "Florida ABLE, Inc."; authorizing the organization to use certain services, property, and facilities of the Florida Prepaid College Board; providing that specified moneys, assets, and income of a qualified ABLE program, including the Florida ABLE program, are not subject to attachment, levy, garnishment, or certain legal process in favor of certain creditors or claimants, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
3/26/2015 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/01/15
- SB 0644** **Relating to Florida ABLE Trust Fund/State Board of Administration** Benacquisto  
Florida ABLE Trust Fund/State Board of Administration; Creating the Florida ABLE Trust Fund within the State Board of Administration; authorizing sources of funds; specifying the purpose of the trust fund and authorized uses of the assets; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 642 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law  
3/26/2015 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/01/15 - If Received
- SB 0646** **Relating to Public Records/Information Held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., and the Florida ABLE program** Benacquisto  
Public Records/Information Held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., and the Florida ABLE program; Providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain personal financial and health information held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida ABLE, Inc., the Florida ABLE program, or an agent or service provider thereof; authorizing the release of such information under specified circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 642 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law  
3/26/2015 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/01/15 - If Received
- SB 0694** **Relating to Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign** Ring  
Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign; Providing an exception to the requirement that state officers and employees designate a charitable organization to receive their contributions from the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign; requiring the fiscal agent selected by the Department of Management Services to distribute undesignated funds in a specified manner, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/26/2015 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/01/15
- HB 1081** **Relating to Consumer Loans** Burton  
Consumer Loans: Provides terms for certain consumer loans made by licensees; specifies authorized amounts of certain fees & charges; authorizes borrower to rescind installment loan within specified period; requires licensee to refund or credit borrower certain charges under specified conditions; prohibits licensee from making payments to person as reward for referring loan applications to licensee. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/25/2015 HOUSE Now in Regulatory Affairs Committee
- HB 1099** **Relating to Dropout Prevention** Bileca  
Dropout Prevention: Creates Pay-for-Success Contract Program; provides that SBE may enter into contracts with certain entities to create dropout prevention programs for high-risk students; provides duties of SBE, contract requirements, dropout prevention program requirements, reporting requirements, & rulemaking; authorizes estimate of certain costs to state. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/9/2015 HOUSE Now in K-12 Subcommittee
- HB 1107** **Relating to Food Deserts** Lee Jr. (L)  
Food Deserts: Establishes food desert business tax credit for businesses that sell specific nutrient-dense food items; establishes amount of credit; provides procedures for claiming tax credit; requires review & recommendations of tax credit; provides penalties for fraudulent claims. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/9/2015 HOUSE Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
- SB 1116** **Relating to Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project** Abruzzo  
Literacy Jump Start Pilot Project; Requiring the Office of Early Learning to establish the pilot project in St. Lucie County to assist low-income, at-risk children in developing emergent literacy skills; requiring the office to select an organization to implement the pilot project; encouraging the coordination of basic health screening and immunization services in conjunction with emergent literacy instruction, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015  
3/12/2015 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
- HB 1291** **Relating to Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment** Boyd  
Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment: Terminates obsolete trust funds &

provides for disposition of balances; revises distributions of documentary stamp tax revenues into certain trust funds; revises distributions of revenues upon sale of certain lands; reenacts the Land Acquisition Trust Fund; deletes obsolete provisions relating to use of bond & trust fund proceeds; conforms provisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2015

3/20/2015 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**HB 1293 Relating to Trust Funds/Creation/Land Acquisition Trust Fund/DOS** Boyd

Trust Funds/Creation/Land Acquisition Trust Fund/DOS: Creates Land Acquisition Trust Fund within DOS; identifies purpose of trust fund & sources of funds; provides for transfer of moneys to trust fund within DEP under certain circumstances; provides for future review of trust fund. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 1291 or similar legislation takes effect

3/25/2015 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**HB 1295 Relating to Trust Funds/Creation/Land Acquisition Trust Fund/DACS** Boyd

Trust Funds/Creation/Land Acquisition Trust Fund/DACS: Creates Land Acquisition Trust Fund within DACS; identifies purpose of trust fund & sources of funds; provides for transfer of moneys to trust fund within DEP under certain circumstances; provides for future review of trust fund. Effective Date: on the same date that HB 1291 or similar legislation takes effect

3/20/2015 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**SB 1366 Relating to High School Student Retention** Ring

High School Student Retention; Requiring the Department of Management Services to oversee a Pay-for-Success Contract Program; authorizing the department, contingent upon funding, to negotiate and enter into pay-for-success contracts with private entities to fund high-quality dropout prevention programs; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to provide information to the department to assist in determining performance outcome measures, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

3/2/2015 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

**SB 1382 Relating to Charitable Organizations and Educational Institutions that Conduct Drawings by Chance** Evers

Charitable Organizations and Educational Institutions that Conduct Drawings by Chance; Providing an exemption for a charitable organization or educational institution if conducting a raffle that splits evenly the proceeds between the charitable organization or institution and the winner or if awarding a nonmonetary prize to the winner, with all proceeds accruing to the educational institution or charitable organization; providing that a charitable organization or an educational institution that conducts a specified raffle does not constitute a solicitation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

3/2/2015 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Education Pre-K - 12; Fiscal Policy

**SB 1500 Relating to Housing for the Homeless** Latvala (J)

Housing for the Homeless; Requiring that the reservation of funds within each notice of fund availability to persons who are homeless and persons with special needs be at least 10 percent of the funds available at the time of the notice; directing the Council on Homelessness to develop a statewide Management Information System and requiring future participation of certain award or grant recipients; requiring the corporation to first distribute a certain percentage of the total amount to be distributed each fiscal year from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund to the Department of Children and Families, subject to certain requirements; requiring that funds made available to the state from the National Housing Trust Fund be deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund and be used for certain purposes, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

3/23/2015 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

**SB 2500 Relating to Appropriations** Appropriations

Appropriations; Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay-buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc.

3/26/2015 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/01/15

**SB 2510 Relating to Florida Business Information Portal** Appropriations

Florida Business Information Portal; Establishing the Florida Business Information Portal within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; authorizing the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to contract for services to develop the portal; repealing provisions relating to the One-Stop Business Registration Portal Clearing Trust Fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2015

3/26/2015 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/01/15

**SB 7006 Relating to Early Learning** Education Pre-K - 12

Early Learning; Including large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; revising certain minimum standards for child care facilities; providing for the inspection of programs regulated by the department; providing exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; revising restrictions on residential property



insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes; authorizing a district school board or charter school governing board to adopt a policy to allow a child to be admitted to a public kindergarten if the child meets certain requirements, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$1,117,084.00  
2/20/2015 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

**HB 7017**

**Relating to Early Learning**

Education Committee

Early Learning: Includes large family child care homes in local zoning regulation requirements; revises certain minimum standards for child care facilities & requirements for certain personnel; provides for inspection of programs regulated by DCF; provides exemptions from child care facility licensing standards; revises restrictions on residential property insurance coverage to include coverage for large family child care homes & Child Care Executive Partnership; provides OEL with authority to allocate certain funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2015  
3/17/2015 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**SB 7044**

**Relating to Health Insurance Affordability Exchange**

Health Policy

Health Insurance Affordability Exchange; Creating the Florida Health Insurance Affordability Exchange Program or FHIX in the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing patient rights and responsibilities; providing for the development of a long-term reorganization plan and the formation of the FHIX Workgroup; removing certain Medicaid-eligible persons from those for whom the agency may make payments for medical assistance and related services, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law  
3/25/2015 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays