

2020 Bills Enrolled

Enrolled bills are those which passed both Senate and House and will be presented to the Governor to approve and sign. Please note HB 43, HB 81, HB 163 and SB 664 were LEAD bills.

HB 43 - Child Welfare – 202 (Jordan Law) Child Welfare: Requiring the Florida Court Educational Council to establish certain standards for instruction of circuit and county court judges for dependency cases; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to provide certain information to law enforcement officers relating to specified individuals; requiring Child Protection Teams to be capable of providing certain training relating to head trauma and brain injuries in children younger than a specified age; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to establish standards for the instruction of law enforcement officers in a specified subject, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

HB 81 - Health Care for Children – 2020 (Medicaid for Schools-Based Services) - Health Care for Children: Requiring the Department of Health to create and make available electronically a pamphlet with specified information; revising applicable provisions for the reimbursement of school-based services by the Agency for Health Care Administration to certain school districts; requiring certain individual educational plan teams and individualized family support plan teams to include a specified specialist, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

HB 115 - Keep Our Graduates Working Act – 2020
Keep Our Graduates Working Act: Prohibits state authority from denying license, refusing to renew license, or suspending or revoking license on basis of delinquency or default in payment of his or her student loan; provides exception to requirement that certain entities prohibit candidate from being examined for or issued, or having renewed license, certificate, or registration to practice health care profession if he or she is listed on specified federal list of excluded individuals & entities; repeals provisions relating to health care practitioners in default on student loan or scholarship obligations. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

SB 124 - Custody of Minor Children by Extended Family - 2020
Custody of Minor Children by Extended Family: Revising the purposes of chapter 751, F.S.; revising the requirements for individuals seeking concurrent custody; allowing any other provisions related to the best interest of the child to be considered in a petition for temporary or concurrent custody; authorizing courts to include provisions requested in petitions for temporary or concurrent custody which relate to the best interest of the child, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 163 - Homelessness – 2020

Provides requirements for continuum of care catchment areas & lead agencies; requires continuums of care to create continuum of care plans; revises requirements for certain grants; establishes grant-in-aid program to help continuums of care prevent & end homelessness; provides program requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

HB 199 - Sexual Battery Prosecution Time Limitation

Sexual Battery Prosecution Time Limitation: Designates act "Donna's Law"; creates exception to general time limitations allowing prosecution to be commenced at any time for specified sexual battery offenses against victims younger than a certain age. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

SB 348 - Florida Kidcare Program – 2020

Florida Kidcare Program: Removing the lifetime maximum cap on covered expenses for a child enrolled in the Florida Healthy Kids program, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

SB 400 - Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams – 2020

Elder Abuse Fatality Review Teams: Authorizing a state attorney, or his or her designee, to initiate an elder abuse fatality review team in his or her judicial circuit; authorizing elder abuse fatality review teams in existence on a certain date to continue to exist; requiring each review team to annually submit to the department a summary report containing specified information by a certain date; providing immunity from monetary liability for review team members under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 664 - Verification of Employment Eligibility – 2020

Verification of Employment Eligibility: Prohibiting the approval of certain economic development incentive applications after a specified date; requiring public employers, contractors, and subcontractors to register with and use the E-Verify system; prohibiting such entities from entering into a contract unless each party to the contract registers with and uses the E-Verify system; requiring private employers to verify the employment eligibility of newly hired employees beginning on a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 705 - Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets – 2020

Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets: Requires DOE to assist DEM in determining strategies regarding evacuation of persons with pets; requires certain counties to designate shelter that can accommodate persons with pets; specifies requirements for such shelters. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

HB 713 - Department of Health – 2020

Department of Health: Specifies direct reporting requirements for certain positions within Children's Medical Services Program; revises provisions relating to Florida Consortium of National Cancer Institute Centers Program; revises duties & responsibilities of DOH; revises licensure requirements for certain professions under authority of DOH; provides requirements relating to radiation machines; provides adverse incident reporting requirements for dental professionals. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

HB 743 - Nonopioid Alternatives – 2020

Nonopioid Alternatives: Revises requirement for certain health care practitioners to inform patient or patient's representative of nonopioid alternatives before prescribing or ordering an opioid drug. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

HB 835 - Alzheimer's Disease – 2020

Alzheimer's Disease: Requires state agencies to provide assistance to Alzheimer's disease Advisory Committee; creates position of Dementia Director within DOEA; requires Secretary of Elderly Affairs to appoint director; authorizes director to call upon certain agencies for assistance; provides duties & responsibilities of director; revises name of memory disorder clinic in Orange County. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

HB 945 - Children's Mental Health – 2020

Children's Mental Health: Requires DCF & AHCA to identify children & adolescents who use crisis stabilization services & to meet behavioral health needs of such children & adolescents; requires development of plans promoting coordinated system of care for certain services; requires testing of provider network databases maintained by Medicaid managed care plans; requires verification of use of certain strategies & outreach before student is removed from school, school transportation, or school-sponsored activity under specified circumstances; provides exception; requires DCF & AHCA to assess quality of care provided in crisis stabilization units. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

SB 1082 - Domestic Violence Injunctions – 2020

Domestic Violence Injunctions: Authorizing a court to take certain actions regarding the care, possession, or control of an animal in domestic violence injunctions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 1084 - Emotional Support Animals – 2020

Emotional Support Animals: Defining the terms "emotional support animal" and "housing provider"; prohibiting discrimination in housing provided to a person with a disability or a disability-related need for an emotional support animal; prohibiting a health care practitioner from providing information regarding a person's need for an emotional support animal without having personal knowledge of that person's need for the animal; prohibiting the falsification of information or other fraudulent

misrepresentation regarding the use of an emotional support animal, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 1105 - Child Welfare – 2020

Child Welfare: Requires certain training for judges; authorizes & provides requirements for early childhood court programs; authorizes DCF to file petitions; requires court to consider specified factors when determining change of legal custody or placement; revises & provides requirements for case plans; provides requirements for court jurisdiction, information disclosure, & caregiver recommendations; provides timeframes for certain studies & licensing; provides requirements & processes for adoption of certain children; provides responsibilities for foster parents, birth or legal parents, DCF, & community-based care lead agency; requires employees of residential group homes to meet specified requirements; authorizes community-based care lead agency to provide more than 35 percent of all child welfare services under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

HB 1259 - Restrictive Housing for Incarcerated Pregnant Women – 2020

Restrictive Housing for Incarcerated Pregnant Women: Prohibits involuntary placement of pregnant prisoners in restrictive housing; provides exceptions; requires specified report if pregnant prisoner is placed in restrictive housing; provides requirements for treatment of pregnant prisoners placed in restrictive housing; requires pregnant prisoners to be admitted to infirmary; provides rights for pregnant prisoners admitted to infirmary. Effective Date: July 1, 2020

SB 1120 - Substance Abuse Services – 2020

Substance Abuse Services: Requiring, rather than authorizing, an exemption from disqualification from employment for certain substance abuse service provider personnel under certain circumstances; providing that certain persons may be granted such exemption without a waiting period under certain circumstances; removing the authority of the Department of Children and Families to grant exemptions from disqualification under chapter 397, F.S., under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties for violations relating to recovery residence patient referrals, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 1292 - Public Records/Nonjudicial Arrest Record of a Minor – 2020

Public Records/Nonjudicial Arrest Record of a Minor: Providing an exemption from public records requirements for a nonjudicial record of the arrest of a minor who has successfully completed a diversion program; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 700 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

SB 1326 - Child Welfare – 2020

Child Welfare: Requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish performance metrics; requiring sheriffs providing certain services to adopt the child welfare practice model; requiring the department to establish an Office of Quality; adding responsibilities to the department of contracts regarding care for children in the child welfare system; requiring the Florida Institute for Child Welfare and the Florida State University College of Social Work to design and implement a specified curriculum, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 7012 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health – 2020

Substance Abuse and Mental Health: Providing additional duties for the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention; requiring the Department of Transportation to work with the office in developing a plan relating to evidence-based suicide deterrents in certain locations; requiring that certain information be provided to the guardian or representative of a minor patient released from involuntary examination; requiring the maintenance of psychotropic medications to specified defendants under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 82 - Individuals with Disabilities – 2020

Individuals with Disabilities: Requiring persons and entities under contract with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to use the agency data management systems to bill for services; revising criteria used by the agency to develop a client's I Budget; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek federal approval to provide consumer-directed options; providing an exemption from a certificate-of-need requirement for certain intermediate care facilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021