

## NASW, Florida Chapter 2021 Bills

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary
SB 0068	Public Records/Staff and Domestic Violence Advocates of Domestic Violence Centers	Garcia	Public Records/Staff and Domestic Violence Advocates of Domestic Violence Centers; Exempting personal identifying and location information of current and former staff and domestic violence advocates of domestic violence centers certified by the Department of Children and Families under ch. 39, F.S., and personal identifying and location information of spouses and children of such personnel, from public records requirements; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
SB 0070	Domestic Violence Centers	Garcia	Domestic Violence Centers; Prohibiting the unlawful disclosure of certain information about domestic violence centers; providing criminal penalties, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 0072	Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19	Brandes	Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19; Specifying requirements for civil actions based on COVID-19-related claims; requiring the court to make certain determinations in such actions; providing that plaintiffs have the burden of proof in such actions; providing preliminary procedures for civil actions based on COVID-19-related claims; requiring COVID-19-related claims to commence within specified timeframes, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
SB 0090	Elections	Baxley	Elections; Prohibiting certain persons from settling certain actions, consenting to conditions, or agreeing to certain orders in certain circumstances; revising requirements governing the acceptance of voter registration applications; revising the oath for candidates seeking to qualify for nomination as a candidate of a political party; limiting the duration of requests for vote-by-mail ballots to all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election; prohibiting certain solicitation activities within a specified area surrounding a drop box, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
SB 0096	Child Welfare	Book	Child Welfare; Transferring existing provisions relating to the central abuse hotline of the Department of Children and Families; providing criminal, civil, and administrative immunity to child protective investigators who report known or suspected animal cruelty; requiring the department to make available specified training for caregivers of children in out-of-home care; requiring the department to develop an alternative plan for providing community-based child welfare services under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021
HB 0141	Parenting and Time-Sharing of a Minor Child for a Convicted Parent	Leek	Parenting and Time-Sharing of a Minor Child for a Convicted Parent: Creates rebuttable presumption against shared parental responsibility & time-sharing with minor child for parents who have been convicted of or had adjudication withheld for specified offense. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary
HB 0149	Students with Disabilities in Public Schools	DuBose	Students with Disabilities in Public Schools: Prohibits use of seclusion on students; revises provisions relating to use of restraint on certain students; provides DOE, school district, school, & personnel requirements; provides for placement of video camera in specified classrooms; provides requirements for such placement; requires continuing education & inservice training for teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0166	Public Records/Nonjudicial Record of the Arrest of a Minor	Perry	Public Records/Nonjudicial Record of the Arrest 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 retroactive application; 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 274 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law
HB 0173	Individual Education Plan Requirements for Students with Disabilities	Tant	Individual Education Plan Requirements for Students with Disabilities: Revises provision related to development and implementation of IEPs for students with disabilities regarding postsecondary education and career opportunities including such IEP requirements, timeline, information provided, & statement of intent; requires DOE Education to review specified services & programs; requires DOE to establish & publish uniform best practices for such services & programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0183	Office of Minority Health and Health Equity	Brown	Office of Minority Health and Health Equity: Requires Office of Minority Health & Health Equity to develop & promote statewide implementation of certain policies, programs, & practices; requires representative from each county health department to serve as minority health liaison; requires DOH to maintain specified information on its website; requires office to serve as liaison to & assist certain federal offices. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0234	Sexual Offender Registration	Book	Sexual Offender Registration; Redefining the term "sexual offender", etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
HB 0241	Parents' Bill of Rights	Grall	Parents' Bill of Rights: Provides parental rights relating to a minor child's education, upbringing, & health care; provides school district, health care practitioner, hospital requirements & specified penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0252	Child Care Facilities	Stewart	Child Care Facilities; Citing this act as the "Child Safety Alarm Act"; requiring certain vehicles, by a specified date, to be equipped with a reliable alarm system that meets specified criteria; requiring the Department of Children and Families to adopt by rule minimum safety standards for such systems and to maintain a list of approved alarm manufacturers and alarm systems, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2021

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SB 0274	Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction	Perry	Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction; Requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to expunge the nonjudicial arrest record of certain minors who have successfully completed a diversion program for any offense, rather than only a misdemeanor offense; authorizing a minor who successfully completes a diversion program for any offense, rather than only for a first-time misdemeanor offense, to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge certain information, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 0419	Early Learning and Early Grade Success	Grall	Early Learning and Early Grade Success: Deleting the Office of Early Learning from within the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice of the Department of Education; establishing the Division of Early Learning within the department; revising approved child care or early education settings for the placement of certain children; revising the requirements of the Gold Seal Quality Care program; requiring students enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to participate in a specified screening and progress monitoring program; revising early learning coalition responsibilities and duties; authorizing certain students who enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to receive intensive reading interventions using specified funds, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0435	Veterans Employment and Training	Sirois	Veterans Employment and Training: Directs Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to serve as state's principal assistance organization under United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program; prescribes duties of corporation to facilitate administration of SkillBridge program. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0441	Elder-focused Dispute Resolution Process	Hage	Elder-focused Dispute Resolution Process: Authorizes courts to appoint eldercaring coordinators & refer parties to eldercaring coordination; specifies duration of appointments; requires courts to conduct review hearings; provides for qualifications, disqualifications, removal, & suspension of coordinators; authorizes courts to award certain fees & costs of eldercaring coordination; provides immunity from liability for certain parties; requires Florida Supreme Court to establish minimum standards & procedures. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0519	Required Health Education Instruction	Yarborough	Required Health Education Instruction: Provides additional requirements for health education; revises grades when students receive certain health education instruction; requires health education instruction include prevention of specified harms. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0590	School Safety	Harrell	School Safety; Revising parent, guardian, or caregiver notification requirements that must be met before an involuntary examination of a minor; requiring a principal or his or her designee who successfully notifies any known emergency contact to share only the information necessary to alert such contact that the parent or caregiver must be contacted; requiring codes of student conduct to include provisions relating to civil citation or similar prearrest diversion programs for specified purposes; revising training requirements for school safety officers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary
HB 0701	Behavior Health Care Services Coverage and Access	Stevenson	Behavior Health Care Services Coverage and Access: Requires DFS to submit report relating to behavioral health care services & benefits to Governor & Legislature by specified date; specifies minimum information report must contain; requires department to make certain information available on its website; requires health insurers & health maintenance organizations to disclose specified information on their websites; requires health insurers & health maintenance organizations to annually provide certain written notices to insureds or subscribers. Effective Date: October 1, 2021
SB 0714	Resource Information for Individuals with Disabilities	Taddeo	Resource Information for Individuals with Disabilities; Requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to provide specified information to persons applying for certain waiver services; requiring the agency to provide a certain disclosure statement along with such information; requiring the agency to publish such information and statement on its website and provide such information and statement to certain persons annually, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 0723	Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Massullo, Jr.	Juvenile Justice Education Programs: Increases percentage of certain funds that must be spent on specified costs; requires contracts between district school boards & juvenile justice education programs be in writing; requires DOE provide mediation services for certain disputes; prohibits school boards from delaying certain payments pending receipt of local funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0794	Independent Living Services	Bean	Independent Living Services; Removing a provision requiring the Florida Independent Living Council to assist the Division of Blind Services of the Department of Education; requiring the council to coordinate with centers for independent living; prohibiting the council from engaging in certain activities; requiring the council to comply with state and federal laws and regulations relating to lobbying; increasing the percentage of certain revenues used to administer the James Patrick Memorial Work Incentive Personal Attendant Services and Employment Assistance Program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 0804	Substance Abuse Services	Harrell	Substance Abuse Services; Providing criminal penalties for making certain false representations or omissions of material facts when applying for service provider licenses; requiring the Department of Children and Families to suspend a service provider's license under certain circumstances; expanding the applicability of certain exemptions for disqualification to applications for certification of a recovery residence or a recovery residence administrator, respectively; specifying that certain dwellings converted to recovery residences do not have a change of occupancy under the Florida Building Code due to such conversion, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 0845	Higher Education	Smith (D)	Higher Education: Prohibiting the use of state funds to join or maintain membership in an association under certain circumstances; requiring the Board of Governors to provide certain notice to an association under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

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HB 0885	Juvenile Justice Programs and Detention	Plasencia	Juvenile Justice Programs and Detention: Creates Accountability & Program Support Program within DJJ; requires court to consider specified information before ordering child into custody for failing to appear; requires each judicial circuit to develop plan in consultation with parties; requires DJJ to calculate annually & provide to each county that is not fiscally constrained & does not provide its own detention care for juveniles its annual percentage share of detention costs; authorizes DJJ to evaluate viability of alternative model for providing & funding education services for youth in detention & residential facilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 0905	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly	Rommel	Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly: Authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration, in consultation with the Department of Elderly Affairs, to approve entities applying to deliver PACE services in the state; requiring applications to be reviewed and considered on a continuous basis; requiring notice of applications to be published in the Florida Administrative Register; providing specified application requirements for such prospective PACE organizations; requiring the agency to oversee and monitor the PACE program and organizations; providing that a PACE organization is exempt from certain requirements, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 0922	Veterans' Preference in Employment	Burgess	Veterans' Preference in Employment; Authorizing the state and its political subdivisions to waive certain postsecondary educational requirements for employment for servicemembers and veterans who meet specified criteria; revising the list of positions that are exempt from veterans' preference requirements; requiring, rather than authorizing, each political subdivision to develop and implement a veterans' recruitment plan for specified purposes; modifying point preferences given to veterans and their family members when a numerically based selection process is used for hiring, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 1028	Education	Hutson	Education; Authorizing members of certain committees of a district school board to attend meetings in person or through the use of telecommunications networks; authorizing state universities and Florida College System institutions to solicit applications and sponsor charter schools under certain circumstances; authorizing a charter school to offer a career and professional academy; creating the "Fairness in Women's Sports Act"; expanding eligibility to receive capital outlay funds to schools of hope operated by a hope operator; authorizing the principal, teachers, and parent or guardian to collaborate to develop a customized 1-year education plan for the student in lieu of retaining the student, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021
HB 1041	Protection of Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults	Burton	Protection of Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults: Adds offenses to authority of Office of Statewide Prosecution; provides person convicted of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of elderly person or disabled adult is not qualified to act as personal representative; provides for forfeiture of specified benefits of persons convicted of offenses concerning elderly persons or disabled adults; provides persons convicted of offenses concerning elderly persons or disabled adults may still retain inheritance, survivorship rights, other rights, or trust interest if victim executes specified instrument; specifies additional conduct that constitutes abuse or exploitation of elderly person or disabled adult; revises provisions concerning injunctions for protection; provides for extension of ex parte temporary injunctions. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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HB 1159	Education	Busatta Cabrera	Education: Authorizing a parent or guardian to request that his or her K-5 student be retained in a grade level for academic reasons for a specified school year; requiring that such a request be submitted in a specified manner; requiring school principals to consider such requests if they are timely received; authorizing school principals to consider requests that are not timely received; requiring a school principal who considers a request for retention to inform the student's teachers of the request and collaboratively discuss with the parent or guardian any basis for agreement or disagreement with the request; requiring the Commissioner of Education to provide learning growth data calculated in accordance with a certain formula to each school district by a specified date each year; revising the minimum qualifications for part-time and full-time nondegreeed teachers of career programs; revising the criteria for the Department of Education to issue a professional certificate; revising the goals of the program, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 1189	Victims of Sexual Offenses	Fine	Victims of Sexual Offenses: Requires county health departments to participate in sexual assault response teams coordinated by certified rape crisis centers; authorizes establishment of teams by certified rape crisis centers; provides for duties & membership of sexual assault response teams; requires FL Council Against Sexual Violence to provide specified technical assistance; requires sexual assault response teams to promote & support use of sexual assault forensic examiners meeting certain requirements; requires Criminal Justice Standards & Training Commission to establish minimum standards for basic skills & continued education training programs for law enforcement officers that include specified response to sexual assault; provides requirements for courses & law enforcement officers; requires officer's certification to be placed on inactive status for failure to complete certain training. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 1231	Domestic Violence	Melo	Domestic Violence: Adds nonresidential outreach services to list of services certified domestic violence centers must provide; provides funding requirements for certified domestic violence; revises program content requirements for batterers' intervention programs; requires department to adopt certain rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 1381	Maternal Health Outcomes	Brown	Maternal Health Outcomes: Revises DOH's duties under Closing the Gap grant program; revises requirements for Closing the Gap grant proposals; requires DOH to establish telehealth minority maternity care pilot programs in specified counties by specified date; provides for funding of pilot programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 1532	Child Support	Book	Child Support; Revising requirements for child support depositories in Title IV-D cases; requiring the depositories to transmit case data through and set up appropriate payment accounts in the Clerk of the Court Child Support Enforcement Collection System upon certain notice from the Department of Revenue; prohibiting the treatment of incarceration as voluntary unemployment for purposes of establishing or modifying child support orders, with exceptions; authorizing the department to include confidential and exempt information in unencrypted electronic mail communications with parents, caregivers, or other authorized persons under certain circumstances, with exceptions, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2021

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary
SB 1770	Genetic Counseling	Jones	Genetic Counseling; Creating the “Genetic Counseling Workforce Act”; providing licensure, licensure renewal, and continuing education requirements; requiring the Department of Health to adopt by rule continuing education requirements; prohibiting the licensing of a genetic counselor from being contingent on his or her participation in counseling that conflicts with his or her deeply held moral or religious beliefs; revising the definition of the term “health care practitioner” to include licensed genetic counselors, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$45,964 Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 1826	Human Trafficking	Diaz	Human Trafficking; Providing that a communication between a human trafficking victim advocate or trained volunteer and a human trafficking victim is confidential in certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from engaging in specified criminal acts relating to human trafficking with an adult believed to be a child younger than 18 years of age; prohibiting a clerk of the court from charging certain fees for petitions for expunction of human trafficking victim criminal history records; requiring a court to impose specified conditions on probationers or community controllees who are placed under supervision for committing a specified human trafficking offense on or after a certain date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 1934	Health Care Practitioner Discipline	Book	Health Care Practitioner Discipline; Subjecting health care practitioners to disciplinary action for specified offenses; revising provisions relating to immediate suspension of licensure to apply to all health care practitioners; requiring the Department of Health to issue emergency orders to suspend health care practitioners’ licenses if they enter a criminal plea to, or are convicted or found guilty of, a felony relating to homicide or are arrested for committing or attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit acts that would constitute violations of specified criminal offenses, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
SB 2518	Health Care	Appropriations	Health Care; Revising the amount of money residents of a veterans’ nursing home must receive monthly before being required to contribute to their maintenance and support; revising the postpartum Medicaid eligibility period for pregnant women; revising the years of audited disproportionate share data the agency must use for calculating an average for purposes of calculating disproportionate share payments; revising the requirement that the agency make disproportionate share payments to certain specialty hospitals for children to apply to each fiscal year, rather than a specified fiscal year, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
HB 7023	Veterans Treatment Court Programs	Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee	Veterans Treatment Court Programs: Authorizes courts to create & administer veterans treatment court programs; requires such programs to adopt certain policies & procedures; provides eligibility criteria for participation in program; authorizes court to impose condition requiring certain probationers or community controllees to participate in treatment programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 7033	Task Force on Closing the Achievement Gap for Boys	Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee	Task Force on Closing the Achievement Gap for Boys: Creates Task Force on Closing the Achievement Gap for Boys; provides task force purpose, membership, meetings, & future expiration; requires DOE to provide support & data & information to assist the task force; requires task force submit report; provides for future expiration of task force. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

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HB 7051	Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Practices	Judiciary Committee	Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Practices: Requires application for employment or appointment as law enforcement or correctional officer to contain specified disclosures; requires background investigation of applicant to include specified information; requires employing agencies to maintain employment information for minimum period; requires establishment of standards for officer training & policies concerning use of force; requires law enforcement agencies to establish policies for specified use of force investigations; requires investigation to include an independent report; requires report to be submitted to state attorney; requires law enforcement agencies to submit specified data to FDLE; prohibits child younger than certain age from being arrested, charged, or adjudicated delinquent for delinquent act or violation of law. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
HB 7061	Taxation	Ways & Means Committee	Taxation: Specifying that portions of property not used for certain purposes are not exempt from ad valorem taxation; specifying that exemptions for certain portions of property from ad valorem taxation are not affected so long as such portions of property are used for specified purposes; exempting certain multifamily projects from ad valorem taxation; requiring, rather than authorizing, tax collectors to accept late payments of prepaid property taxes within a certain timeframe; extending the expiration date of the sales tax exemption for data center property; exempting specified items that assist in independent living from the sales tax, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
SB 7072	Social Media Platforms	Governmental Oversight and Accountability	Social Media Platforms; Prohibiting a social media platform from knowingly deplatforming a candidate; providing requirements for public contracts and economic incentives related to entities that have been convicted or held civilly liable for antitrust violations; providing that social media platforms that fail to comply with specified requirements and prohibitions commit an unfair or deceptive act or practice; authorizing the Department of Legal Affairs to investigate suspected violations under the Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and bring specified actions for such violations, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021



## NASW, Florida Chapter 2021 LEAD Bills

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Summary
<a href="#">HB 0001</a>	Combating Public Disorder	Fernandez-Barquin	Combating Public Disorder: Authorizing specified elected officials to file an appeal to the Administration Commission if the governing body of a municipality makes a specified reduction to the operating budget of the municipal law enforcement agency; providing that a municipality has a duty to allow the municipal law enforcement agency to respond to a riot or unlawful assembly in a specified manner based on specified circumstances; reclassifying the penalty for an assault committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; prohibiting cyberintimidation by publication; prohibiting a person from willfully participating in a specified violent public disturbance resulting in specified damage or injury; creating an affirmative defense to a civil action where the plaintiff participated in a riot, etc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
<a href="#">SB 0080</a>	Child Welfare	Brodeur	Child Welfare; Requiring the case record of every child under the supervision or in the custody of the Department of Children and Families, the department's agents, or providers contracting with the department to include a case record face sheet; providing best interest factors that certain entities must consider when determining a proposed placement for a child; providing conditions under which a child may be removed from a caregiver's home; requiring judicial review hearings within a specified time after a child's specified birthday; providing that parental rights may be reinstated under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2021
<a href="#">HB 0183</a>	Office of Minority Health and Health Equity	Brown	Office of Minority Health and Health Equity: Requires Office of Minority Health & Health Equity to develop & promote statewide implementation of certain policies, programs, & practices; requires representative from each county health department to serve as minority health liaison; requires DOH to maintain specified information on its website; requires office to serve as liaison to & assist certain federal offices. Effective Date: July 1, 2021
<a href="#">HB 0231</a>	Services for Veterans and Their Families	Zika	Services for Veterans and Their Families: Authorizes DVA to establish Florida Veterans' Care Coordination Program to provide behavioral health care referral & care coordination services for veterans & their families; authorizes DVA to contract with certain nonprofit entity to enter into agreements with Florida 211 Network participants to provide such services; provides for statewide delivery of specified services by program teams; requires Florida 211 Network participants to collect program implementation data & submit such data to DVA; requires DVA to submit report to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

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<a href="#">SB 0590</a>	School Safety	Harrell	School Safety; Revising parent, guardian, or caregiver notification requirements that must be met before an involuntary examination of a minor; requiring a principal or his or her designee who successfully notifies any known emergency contact to share only the information necessary to alert such contact that the parent or caregiver must be contacted; requiring codes of student conduct to include provisions relating to civil citation or similar prearrest diversion programs for specified purposes; revising training requirements for school safety officers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021
<a href="#">HB 0701</a>	Behavior Health Care Services Coverage and Access	Stevenson	Behavior Health Care Services Coverage and Access: Requires DFS to submit report relating to behavioral health care services & benefits to Governor & Legislature by specified date; specifies minimum information report must contain; requires department to make certain information available on its website; requires health insurers & health maintenance organizations to disclose specified information on their websites; requires health insurers & health maintenance organizations to annually provide certain written notices to insureds or subscribers. Effective Date: October 1, 2021