

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NAIOP  
**FROM:** GrayRobinson  
**DATE:** February 9, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** 2020 Legislative Session – Week 4 (February 3-7)

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The fourth week of the 2020 Legislative Session saw the House and Senate appropriations committees pass their budget bills, but it also featured plenty of controversy.

The House budget includes a provision that would withhold funding from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services until all gas pump stickers featuring Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried’s face are replaced.

That and another House proposal that would place the Office of Energy under the Governor’s control led to renewed protests from Fried, who claims she’s the target of a Republican “power grab.”

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services was the only department to have a rough week. The House budget did not provide any funding for the embattled Visit Florida. While the Senate’s proposal funded the marketing organization at \$50 million, the future of the state’s tourism agency is uncertain.

### **Activities and Bills related to NAIOP – Summary List**

#### **Key Issues for 2020 As Determined at the NAIOP Summit**

- Enacting the FAST Act;
- Phasing out the Business Rent Tax;
- Removing the Witness Requirement for Commercial Leases;
- Maintaining a Commercial Building Representative on Florida Building Commission;
- Improving the State Fire Code; and

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- Reining in Excessive Linkage Fees

**Business Rent Tax** – The Senate and House have both filed bills to enforce the internet sales tax (bills summarized below). It is early, but both chambers are fully expected to propose a further reduction in the business rent tax. Now that the initial budget proposals are released, the tax package will soon follow.

**FAST Act** – Based on request/advice from House and Senate leadership, we are seeking to incorporate parts of the FAST Act in general omnibus legislation that emanates from the House Commerce Committee.

**Lease Signatory Changes** – The House bill passed the bill on Wednesday, February 4. The Senate bill passed its final committee on Tuesday, February 4.

**Florida Building Commission** – As of now, the House will follow the Senate’s lead and NOT remove the commercial real estate representative on the FBC.

**Fire Code** – We are following the lead of House Commerce Chair Mike La Rosa to get this finalized in one of his committee bills.

**Linkage Fees** – Chair La Rosa has also agreed to address linkage fees in a committee bill this session.

### **Detailed Activities and Bills related to NAIOPFL**

The following are bills filed that impact (positively and/or negatively) the commercial real estate industry. **Highlighted text** means the bill was newly filed since the last memo publication.

#### **Promoting Business Friendly CRE Regulations**

#### **Legislative Review of Occupational Regulations – HB 707 (Renner) and SB 1124 (Diaz)**

##### Key Take Away

If passed, would create the “Occupational Regulation Sunset Act”; establish a schedule for the systematic review of occupational regulatory programs; provide for the abolition of units or subunits of government and personnel positions responsible for repealed programs; provide for the reversion of certain unexpended funds and the refund of certain unencumbered revenue of a repealed program; require the Department of Legal Affairs to prosecute or defend certain pending causes of actions, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed November 19.  
Commerce – Passed 22-1 on January 16.

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Health & Human Services – Passed 12-4 on February 6  
Appropriations – Awaiting hearing

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 13.  
Govt Oversight and Accountability – Awaiting hearing  
Appropriations – N/A  
Rules – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** House bill passed second committee stop.

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Impact Fees – HB 637 (DiCeglie) and SB 1066 (Gruters)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would revise conditions that counties, municipalities, & special districts must satisfy before enacting an ordinance or passing resolution; provide that impact fee credits are assignable & transferrable under certain conditions; require certain counties & municipalities to establish impact fee review committees; provide for membership; provide procedures for meetings & establishing quorums; provides committee duties.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed November 14.  
Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs – Passed 13-1 on January 15  
Ways & Means – Passed 12-2 on February 3  
State Affairs – Awaiting hearing

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed November 26.  
Community Affairs – On agenda for February 10  
Finance & Tax – N/A  
Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** House bill passed second committee stop.

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Florida Building Code – SB 710 (Albritton)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would require in the Florida Building Code that the entire envelope of certain buildings being constructed or rebuilt be impact resistant and constructed with high wind-

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resistant construction materials; require that all parts or systems of a building or structure envelope meet impact test criteria or be protected with an external protection device that meets such criteria; providing exceptions, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – No house bill filed yet.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed October 30.  
Community Affairs – Awaiting hearing  
Infrastructure and Security – N/A  
Rules – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

#### **Real Estate Conveyances – HB 469 (Duggan) and SB 1224 (Simmons)**

##### Key Take Away

If passed, would provide that witnesses are not required to validate certain instruments conveying leasehold interests in real property.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed October 28.  
Civil Justice Subcommittee – Passed 12-0 on December 12  
Business & Professions – Passed 13-0 on January 15  
Judiciary – Passed 16-0 on January 23.  
House Floor – Passed House vote 117-0 on February 5

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed December 12.  
Banking and Insurance – Passed 8-0 on January 21  
Judiciary – Passed 6-0 on January 28  
Rules – Passed 16-0 on January 5  
Senate Floor – Placed on Calendar, on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**Weekly Roundup:** House bill floor vote reported favorably. Senate bill passed through third committee stop and is now on the Senate floor.

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

#### **Home-Based Businesses – HB 537 (Donalds) and SB 778 (Perry)**

##### Key Take Away

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If passed, would specify conditions under which a business is considered a home-based business; authorize a home-based business to operate in a residential zone under certain circumstances; preempt to the state the ability to regulate or license home-based businesses; prohibit a local government from certain actions relating to the licensure and regulation of home-based businesses, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on November 5.  
Business & Professions Subcommittee – Passed 7-3 on February 4  
Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs – Awaiting hearing  
Commerce – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on November 5.  
Community Affairs – N/A  
Commerce & Tourism – N/A  
Rules – N/A

**Weekly Roundup: House bill passed first committee stop.**

**Current Call to Action: No action needed at moment.**

**Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act – 2020 – HB 783 (Beltran) and SB 660 (Berman)**

Key Take Away

If passed, would create chapter 714, F.S., as the Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act; specifying that a court has exclusive jurisdiction to direct receivers and determine controversies under certain circumstances; providing requirements and authorizations relating to the appointment of a receiver; providing for defenses and immunities of a receiver; authorizing the court to enter certain orders if the court concludes that receivership property is likely to be insufficient to satisfy certain claims; requiring a receiver to file a final report containing certain information upon completion of the receiver's duties, etc..

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on November 26.  
Civil Justice – Passed 13-0 on January 22  
Justice Appropriations – Passed 12-0 on February 4  
Judiciary – Awaiting hearing

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on October 24.  
Judiciary – Passed 5-0 on December 10  
Commerce and Tourism – Passed 4-0 on February 4

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Rules – Awaiting hearing

**Weekly Roundup:** House and Senate bills both passed second committee stops.

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Nonservice Animals – HB 243 (Antone) and SB 1814 (Powell)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would prohibit nonservice animals from entering specified public food service establishments or places of business; require DBPR to create & maintain publicly accessible website for complaints; provides penalties.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on September 30.

Business & Professions – Awaiting hearing

Government Operations & Technology Appropriations – N/A

Commerce – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones** – January 10.

Commerce & Tourism – Awaiting hearing

Innovation, Industry and Technology – N/A

Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Deregulation of Professions and Occupations – HB 1193 (Ingoglia) and SB 474 (Albritton)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would significantly revise the Florida Building Commission membership, however, it would not remove the commercial real estate representative. Additionally, this 77 page bill would, among other things, delete the requirement that a yacht broker maintain a separate license for each branch office; specify that the failure to repay certain student loans is not considered a failure to perform a statutory or legal obligation for which certain disciplinary action can be taken; revise licensure requirements for engineers who hold specified licenses in another state; provide that certain cosmetology services may be performed in a location other than a licensed salon under certain circumstances, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 9.

Business & Professions – Passed 12-3 on January 21

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Government Ops & Technology Appropriations – Passed 10-2 on January 28  
Commerce – Awaiting hearing

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed October 7.  
Innovation, Industry and Technology – Passed 8-0 on January 21  
Commerce and Tourism – Passed 4-0 on February 4  
Appropriations – Awaiting hearing

**Weekly Roundup:** Senate bill passed second committee stop.

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Stormwater Management Systems – HB 405 (Good) and SB 686 (Gruters)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would direct water management districts, with DEP oversight, to adopt rules for standards relating to new development & redevelopment projects specifically focusing on removal of nutrients from stormwater discharges; directs DEP to incorporate such rules for district use; directs DEP & districts to amend such rules into applicant's handbook; provides rebuttable presumption relating to water quality standards for certain systems; revises requirements for construction of certain systems; requires specified staff training; directs DEP & districts to initiate rulemaking..

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on October 18.  
Agriculture & Natural Resources – Awaiting hearing  
Ag & Natural Resources Appropriations – N/A  
State Affairs – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed October 28.  
Environment and Natural Resources – Awaiting hearing  
Appropriation Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment and Gen Gov – N/A  
Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

<b>Promote Feasible Sustainability Initiatives</b>
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### **Clean Energy Programs – HB 225 (Zika) and SB 824 (Hooper)**

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Key Take Away

If passed, would authorize property owner to apply to approved PACE administrator for loan; authorize local governments to enter into agreements with PACE administrators; provides requirements for PACE loan contracts; provides certain prohibitions; provides remedies.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on September 25.

Energy & Utilities – Awaiting hearing

Ways & Means – N/A

State Affairs – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Filed on November 7.

Community Affairs – Awaiting hearing

Innovation, Industry and Technology – N/A

Rules – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

**Renewable Energy – SB 446 (Brandes)**

Key Take Away

If passed, would authorize owners of commercial or industrial businesses, or third parties contracted by such owners, to install, maintain, and operate a renewable energy source device on or about the structure in which the business operates or on a property the business owns or leases; authorizes owners or contracted third parties to sell electricity generated from the device to certain businesses regardless of whether the device is located in a utility's service territory, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – No house bill filed yet.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed October 4.

Innovation, Industry and Technology – Awaiting hearing

Commerce and Tourism – N/A

Rules – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

**Promote Fair Taxation**

**Taxation of Real Property – HB 1141 (Caruso) and SB 1778 (Gruters)**

Key Take Away

If passed, would exempt from the sales and use tax certain property that is rented, leased, subleased, or licensed to a specified small business (less than nine employees); requiring the Department of Revenue to approve or deny such application within a specified time period, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 7.

Ways & Means – Awaiting hearing

Commerce – N/A

Appropriations – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on January 10.

Commerce and Tourism – Awaiting hearing

Finance & Tax – N/A

Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

**Communications Services Tax – HB 701 (Fischer) and SB 1174 (Hutson)**

Key Take Away

If passed, would revise legislative intent regarding local communications services tax rates; revising downward the tax rate on the retail sale of communications services to 5%; delete a provision that specifies where proceeds of a communications services tax must be deposited and disbursed; require dealers to collect and remit local communications services taxes under certain conditions; authorizing the Legislature to appropriate moneys to offset specified direct reductions of the local communications services tax by certain counties and municipalities, etc..

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed November 19.

Ways & Means – Awaiting hearing

Energy & Utilities – N/A

Appropriations – N/A

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**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on December 9.  
Innovation, Industry and Technology – On agenda for February 3  
Community Affairs – N/A  
Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Small Business Saturday Sales Tax Holiday – SB 1052 (Taddeo)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would define the term “small business”; providing that small businesses are not required to collect the sales and use tax on the retail sale of certain items of tangible personal property during a specified timeframe; authorize the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules, etc.

**House Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on November 25.  
Commerce and Tourism – Awaiting hearing  
Finance and Tax – N/A  
Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Affordable Housing Tax Reduction – SB 856 (Pizzo)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would provide a reduction in certain property taxes to taxpayers building or renovating certain affordable, elderly, or workforce housing projects; specify the calculation of property assessments over the reduction term; authorize certain counties to limit the total number of qualifying projects, subject to certain requirements; specify a taxpayer’s liability for back taxes, penalties, interest, and certain remedies under certain circumstances, etc..

**House Approval Milestones** – No bill filed yet.

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**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on November 12.  
Community Affairs – Passed 5-0 on February 3  
Finance & Tax – Awaiting hearing  
Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** Senate passed first committee stop.

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

**Internet Sales Tax Enforcement – HB 159 (Clemons) and SB 126 (Gruters)**

Key Take Away

If passed, would revise definitions for “retail sale” and “mail order sale” to capture internet sales, and thus enforce the sales tax on internet sales.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on September 12.  
Ways & Means Committee – Awaiting hearing  
Commerce – N/A  
Appropriations – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on August 14.  
Commerce and Tourism – Passed 5-0 on October 15  
Finance and Tax – Awaiting hearing  
Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

**Collaborative Growth Management**

**Regional Planning Council Meetings – HB 1097 (Geller) and SB 1398 (Flores)**

Key Take Away

Provides requirements for establishing quorum for meetings of certain councils when voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on January 6.  
Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs – Passed 14-0 on January 21

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State Affairs – Passed 23-0 on January 30  
House Floor – Placed on Calendar, on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on January 6.  
Community Affairs – Passed 3-0 on January 21  
Govt Oversight and Accountability – Passed 5-0 on February 3  
Rules – Awaiting hearing

**Weekly Roundup:** Senate bill passed second committee stop.

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Private Property Rights Protection – HB 519 (Grant)**

#### Key Take Away

If passed, would revise notice of claim requirements for property owners; revises procedures for determination of compensation; create presumption that certain settlements of claims apply to all similarly situated residential properties within political subdivision under certain circumstances; authorize property owners to bring claims against governmental entities in certain circumstances; provide that property owners are not required to submit formal development applications or proceed through formal application processes to bring claims in specified circumstances; authorize property owners to bring actions to declare prohibited exactions invalid; requires DOT to afford right of first refusal to previous property owner before disposing of property in certain circumstances.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on November 4.  
Civil Justice Subcommittee – Passed 10-5 on January 16  
Commerce – Passed 13-8 on January 30  
Judiciary – Passed 11-5 on February 6  
House Floor – Placed on Calendar, on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**Senate Approval Milestones** – No senate bill filed yet.

**Weekly Roundup:** House bill passed third committee stop.

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

### **Community Development Districts – HB 493 (Cortes) and SB 1434 (Torres, Jr.)**

#### Key Take Away

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If passed, would authorize certain entities to petition court to dissolve community development district with outstanding financial obligations or operating or maintenance responsibilities; provides procedures to be used by court in appointing receivers; specify court authorities in issuing orders concerning duties of receiver. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

**House Approval Milestones** – Bill filed on October 29.

Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee – Awaiting hearing

Civil Justice – N/A

State Affairs – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill filed January 6.

Community Affairs – Awaiting hearing

Judiciary – N/A

Rules – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** No action needed at moment.

**State Funds – HB 381 (Sillers) and SB 306 (Mayfield)**

Key Take Away

If passed, there would no longer be trust fund “sweeps” of the Sadowski Fund.

**House Approval Milestones** – Filed on October 16.

Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – Awaiting hearing

State Affairs – N/A

Appropriations – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones** – Bill Filed September 17.

Infrastructure and Security – Passed 8-0 on February 3

Appropriations Sub on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Dev: Awaiting hearing

Appropriations – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** Senate bill passed first committee stop.

**Current Call to Action:** N/A

**Development Order Attorney Fees – HB 6019 (Casello) and SB 250 (Berman)**

Key Take Away

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If passed, would delete the entitlement for prevailing party to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs in challenge or defense of development order.

**House Approval Milestones – Filed September 10.**

Commerce – Awaiting hearing

Judiciary – N/A

State Affairs – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones – Filed September 10.**

Community Affairs Committee: Awaiting hearing

Judiciary: N/A

Rules: N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** Both bills are filed by Democrats and are an attack on the Republican-led legislation of 2019. It is unexpected this bill will move.

**Property Rights Inserted into Growth Management – HB 203 (McClain) and SB 410 (Perry)**

Key Take Away

Would make clear that a property owner's rights to develop his/her/its property must be honored by a local government.

**House Approval Milestones – Filed on September 19.**

Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs – Passed 9-5 on October 23

Commerce – Awaiting hearing

State Affairs – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones – Filed on October 1.**

Community Affairs – Passed 5-0 on January 27

Judiciary – Awaiting hearing

Rules – N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** N/A

**Hurdles:** None yet. Although, it is worth noting that this same bill died in the House and Senate during 2019 session.

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**Promote Economic Prosperity**

**Brownfields – HB 1001 (Stone) and SB 1350 (Baxley)**

Key Take Away

Revising the definition of the terms “housing project” and “mixed-use project” for purposes of specifying the projects eligible for certain tax exemptions; revising the conditions under which an applicant that has rehabilitated a contaminated site may submit and claim certain tax credits; revising the criteria for determining applicants who are redeveloping brownfield sites who may be eligible for certain tax credits; specifying defenses to specified causes of action concerning certain discharges or other types of pollution resulting from certain discharges or pollution, etc.

**House Approval Milestones – Filed on December 18.**

Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee – Passed 12-0 on February 4  
Ways & Means – Awaiting hearing  
State Affairs – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones**

Environment and Natural Resources: Awaiting hearing  
Finance & Tax: N/A  
Appropriations Committee: N/A

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** N/A

**Job Growth Grant Fund Revisions – HB 71 (Santiago) and SB 130 (Hutson)**

Key Take Away

Would authorize the Governor to approve workforce training grants to certain charter schools under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund.

**House Approval Milestones – Filed on August 20.**

Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – Awaiting hearing  
Education Committee – N/A  
Appropriations – N/A

**Senate Approval Milestones**

Commerce and Tourism Committee: Passed 5-0 on October 15

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Education: Passed 8-0 on November 12  
Appropriations Committee: Awaiting hearing

**Weekly Roundup:** N/A

**Current Call to Action:** N/A

### **Florida Tourism Marketing – HB 213 (Ponder) and SB 362 (Hooper)**

#### Key Take Away

Would revise the scheduled repeal of the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation direct-support organization (aka Visit Florida) to the year 2028.

#### **House Approval Milestones – Filed on September 23.**

Workforce Development & Tourism – Awaiting hearing  
Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee – N/A  
Commerce Committee – N/A

#### **Senate Approval Milestones – Filed on September 23**

Commerce and Tourism Committee – Passed 5-0 on November 5  
Appropriations Sub on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Dev -Passed 8-0 on January 29  
Appropriations Committee - Passed 20-0 on February 5, 2020  
Senate Floor – Placed on Special Order Calendar for February 12

**Weekly Roundup:** Senate bill passed third committee stop.

**Current Call to Action:** N/A

### **Summary of Committee Week 4 (February 3-7)**

#### **House highlight(s)**

- A measure that would limit county school board members to eight years in office was approved by the House Education Committee and now heads to the chamber floor. If successful in the Legislature, the proposal would need to be approved by at least 60% of voters on the November ballot.
- A bill by Lighthouse Point Republican Rep. Chip LaMarca that does away with size limits for wine containers passed the House with a 112-6 vote. Currently, state law prohibits selling more than a gallon of wine in a single container.

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### **Senate highlight(s)**

- Senator Rob Bradley’s bill repealing the “Best and the Brightest” teacher bonus program was approved in its final committee stop, queuing it up for a vote on the Senate floor. The repeal is a prerequisite for the broader teacher pay packages being pushed by the Governor and both chambers of the Legislature.
- A controversial bill that would require parental consent before a minor could obtain an abortion passed the full Senate with a party line vote. It is expected to pass in the House, though it has not yet been scheduled for a floor vote.

### **Bill of the week**

Democratic Senator Lauren Book has introduced a bill that would make several updates to the state’s foster care statutes. Senate Bill 496 enumerates the rights of foster children, including the right to live in a safe environment; not endure physical, sexual or emotional abuse; receive proper medical care; manage their own money; and go to school.

For the most part, those provisions are already state law, but SB 496 compiles them into a “Foster Children’s Bill of Rights” and directs the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to give every child in the foster system a copy and spend time explaining the document in age-appropriate language.

The measure also updates the responsibilities of foster parents to include a duty to inform children about their rights. In addition, Book’s bill would bolster the role of the Florida Children’s Ombudsman. DCF created the position in 2016 and, as the name implies, the ombudsman is tasked with listening to complaints from foster children and assisting them in resolving problems.

The legislation adds the position to statute and lists out duties which include recording all complaints received and posting the data on DCF’s website. DCF would also set up a hotline for foster children to call the ombudsman’s office.

The measure was approved with a unanimous vote in the Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee last year. It is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

### **Current Bill Statistics**

Total Bills Filed: 3,458 (2,482 House; 967 Senate)

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Appropriations Bills Filed: 1,634 (1,629 passed through first committee)

## **Looking Ahead**

On Monday, the Senate Education Committee will consider a bill (SB 646) that would allow college athletes to make money off their name, image or likeness. A similar proposal (HB 7051) was approved by the House Education Committee this week.

The House schedule kicks off with a meeting of the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, which will take up a bill (HB 737) that would require schools to offer non-denominational “moments of silence.” The bill cleared the PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee with a unanimous vote this week.

Also meeting is the House Select Committee on the Integrity of Research Institutions, which was created to investigate foreign interference in United States publicly funded research, particularly by China.

Tuesday will see a bill that would require both public and private employers to implement the federal E-Verify system get its first hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Implementing the employment check system is a priority of Governor Ron DeSantis, though it is a wedge issue among Republican lawmakers.

The upcoming House and Senate weekly schedules can be found as follows:

House Week 5:

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?PublicationType=Session&CommitteeId=&Session=2020&DocumentType=Session%20Weekly%20Schedules&FileName=Session%20Weekly%20Schedule%20for%20Week%205%20February%2010%20-%2014,%202020.pdf>

House Week 6:

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?PublicationType=Session&CommitteeId=&Session=2020&DocumentType=Session%20Weekly%20Schedules&FileName=Session%20Weekly%20Schedule%20for%20Week%206%20February%2017%20-%2021,%202020.pdf>

Senate Week 5:

<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Calendar/2020/Weekly%20Schedules%202020-01-29%20161548.PDF>

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Senate Week 6:

<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Calendar/2020/Weekly%20Schedules%202020-02-06%20151248.PDF>