

FPF Legislative Session Report

January 16-19, 2018



The second week of the session has ended with two of our priority bills passing committees with a unanimous vote. The Post Traumatic Stress bill by Senator Book has now passed two of its four-committee references.

SB 376 passed the Tourism and Commerce Committee last Tuesday with another unanimous vote. The bill previously passed the Banking and Insurance Committee, which was also a unanimous vote. The House bill by Representative Willhite has three committee references but has not been heard yet.

The FRS COLA floor bill by Senator Garcia was heard in the first of three committee assignments passing unanimously. SB 722 passed the Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee unanimously on last Tuesday. The House companion by Representative Clemons has three committee references but has not been heard yet.

Two of the fire safety bills have been placed on the agenda for their respective committees. As we complete the second week the Budget process has started to ramp up in hopes of having both the Senate and House proposed budgets out by week four.

The House has indicated their chamber's budget would be available by the end of week three. The House also believes they will send the budget to the floor by February 1st allowing the House to pass its budget February 6th under their timelines.

Once the House and Senate have passed their budgets, they will negotiate over specific allocations as they attempt to reach an agreement on a budget to send the Governor for his signature. This process will consume a majority of the last four weeks of the session.

Governor Scott will not set special elections to replace Senator Latvala and Representative Hahnfeldt that passed away recently leaving both seats open until November.

The Supervisors of Elections have recommended that these special elections not be held as the costs would exceed one million dollars and both seats would remain vacant throughout the regular session regardless.

Due to a decrease in the assumed rate of return on investments to the \$160 billion pension fund, counties, school boards, state agencies, universities, state colleges and some cities or other special districts will need to increase their contributions in the 2018-2019 budget year.

These increased payments total \$178.5 million, based on SB 7014 approved by the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee last week.

School districts will need to contribute an additional \$54.4 million and State agencies will have to contribute another \$31 million. Cities and special districts that participate in the state retirement system will face a \$10 million contribution increase. Universities will have to contribute \$11.8 million and state colleges an additional \$4.8 million.

In addition to Vice President Rocco Salvatori and Secretary/Treasurer Gilbert Marsh we had 5th DVP Doug Watler and 6th DVP David Perez that traveled to Tallahassee their assistance is greatly appreciated.

Retirement

SB 722 Retirement (Garcia)

Companion Bill: HB 665 (Clemons)

FPF Position: Support

01/16/18 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 01/17/18 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government 1/11/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

HB 977 Retirement of Instructional Personnel & Administrative Personnel (Fine)

Companion Bill: SB 1240 (Mayfield)

FPF Position: Watch

1/19/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 17 H.

SB 1240 Retirement of Instructional Personnel and Administrative Personnel (Mayfield)

Companion Bill: HB 977 (Fine)

FPF Position: Watch

1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S.

SB 1758 Special Risk Class (Montford)

Companion Bill: HB 493 (Diaz)

FPF Position: Support

1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S.

SB 7014 State-Administered Retirement Systems (Governmental Oversight and Accountability)

FPF Position: Support

1/17/2018 SENATE Referred to Appropriations

Safety and Health

[SB 394 Fire Safety \(Bracy\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 309 \(Antone\)](#)

FPF Position: Support

1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S.

[SB 820 Firesafety Inspectors \(Powell\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 637 \(Jacquet\)](#)

FPF Position: Support

01/18/18 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 401 S.

Collective Bargaining

[HB 25 Labor Organizations \(Plakon\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1036 Labor Organizations \(Steube\)](#)

FPF Position: Oppose

1/18/2018 HOUSE Place on Special Order Calendar; 01/24/18

Workers Compensation

[SB 376 Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders \(Book\)](#)

[Companion Bills: SB 126 \(Torres, Jr.\), HB 629 \(Asencio\), HB 227 \(Willhite\)](#)

FPF Position: Support

01/16/18 SENATE Favorable by Commerce and Tourism; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 01/17/18 SENATE Now in Appropriations.

Watch Bills

[SB 272 Local Tax Referenda \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 317 \(Ingoglia\)](#)

1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays.

1/18/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations.

[HB 317 Local Tax Referenda \(Ingoglia\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 272 \(Brandes\)](#)

1/16/2018 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Government Accountability Committee, 01/18/18, 10:30 am, 17 H.

1/18/2018 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Government Accountability Committee; 17 Yeas, 3 Nays. 1/19/2018

HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed.

[SB 474 Physician Orders for Life-sustaining Treatment \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 476 \(Brandes\)](#)

1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 6 Yeas, 2 Nays. 1/17/2018 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

[SB 476 Public Records/Compassionate and Palliative Care Plans/Agency for Health Care Administration \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 474 \(Brandes\)](#)

1/16/2018 SENATE Favorable with CS by Health Policy; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 1/17/2018 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed.

[HB 529 Florida Fire Prevention Code \(Diaz\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 746 \(Bean\)](#)

01/16/18 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 01/18/18, 10:30 am, 212 K. 01/18/18 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; 24 Yeas, 0 Nays. HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed.

[SB 746 Florida Fire Prevention Code \(Bean\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 529 \(Diaz\)](#)

1/18/2018 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 01/23/18, 3:30 pm, 110 S. 01/22/18.