

FPF Legislative Session Report

March 11-15, 2019



The second week of the session has ended with two of our priority bills passing committees with unanimous votes. This week found many of us working on two fronts, the IAFF Legislative Conference and continuing to work on legislation in Tallahassee.

The Firefighters' Bill of Rights bill, SB 494 by Senator Hooper, has passed out of its second committee and is now in its last committee of reference. We continue to work with Representative Casello, the sponsor of HB 161, to have a hearing in its first committee.

A cost analysis of the Cancer Bill has been ordered to determine its impact to the Florida Retirement System. We expect it to be received soon to allow the bill to move through the Appropriations Committee, its last committee of reference. We are continuing our efforts to have the House Cancer Coverage bill heard in the first committee of reference. Once we have the cost analysis in hand, we hope the House will hear the bill.

Both of the Cancer Coverage Bills continue to pick up co-sponsors. The Senate Bill has eight and the House Bill has thirty-one, and both have strong bipartisan support. Good job by all that have made phone calls requesting support and co-sponsorship.

A cost analysis has also been ordered to determine the impact to the Florida Retirement System by passing the FRS COLA floor bill by Senator Gruters and Representative Clemons.

Two of the fire safety system or fire protection system bills have started moving through their respective committees. We anticipate both of these bills to be amended as will the other bills if they start to move. We will keep a close watch on these bills as they move through the process.

The FRS funding bill, SB 7016, was approved by the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee the first week of session. This bill will increase the overall FRS contributions totaling \$123.3 million. At this point, the contribution rate for regular class will be 6.75% and special risk will be 23.67%. The increase to regular class is .21% and special risk will increase .89%. There is not a House companion filed, but that's not unusual, last year a Proposed Committee Bill (PCB) was filed late that matched up with the Senate Bill and passed out of both chambers.

Counties will contribute an additional \$48.1 million, school districts will need to contribute an additional \$35.0 million and state agencies will have to contribute another \$23.7 million. Cities and special districts that participate in the state retirement system will face a \$7.3 million contribution increase. Universities will have to contribute \$6 million and state colleges an additional \$3.1 million.

The bills to retain the home address public records exemption, which is scheduled to sunset, have moved without issue and are on the calendar for both House and Senate floor discussion. The bills, SB 248 by Senator Hooper and HB 203 by Representative Zika, to expand the exemption to include legal descriptions of property and GPS info are both on the calendar for floor discussion.

The FPF 3rd floor reception area was used to host several events this week. Broward Days and Clay Days used the space to spend valuable time with their delegation to educate and create valuable relationships. It's an honor to assist your efforts; to the brothers and sisters, great job organizing these wonderful events.

In addition to Vice President Rocco Salvatori, Secretary/Treasurer Gilbert Marsh, and 8th DVP Mike Bellamy, we had FPF Trustees Ken Bailes, Mike Salzano and Scotty Taylor in town. We also had a large delegation up for Broward Days. To everyone that traveled to Tallahassee, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Retirement

[HB 511 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System \(Willhite\)](#)

[Companion Bills: SB 744 \(Book\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System: Adds 911 public safety telecommunicators to class; requires such members to have retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; specifies required employer retirement contribution rates for new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators; declares that act fulfills important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2019. 1/22/2019 HOUSE Filed. 1/30/2019 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. 1/30/2019 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee.

[SB 744 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System \(Book\)](#)

[Companion Bills: HB 511 \(Willhite\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System; Adding 911 public safety telecommunicators to the class; requiring such members to have their retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; specifying the required employer retirement contribution rates for the new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019. 2/5/2019 SENATE Filed. 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations.

[HB 779 Retirement \(Clemons\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 784 \(Gruters\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Retirement: Specifies minimum amount of factor used to calculate cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees & beneficiaries of FRS. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. 2/13/2019 HOUSE Filed. 2/20/2019 HOUSE Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee. 2/20/2019 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee.

[SB 784 Retirement \(Gruters\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 779 \(Clemons\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

Retirement; Specifying the minimum amount of the factor used to calculate the cost-of-living adjustment of benefits for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Florida Retirement System, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law. 2/6/2019 SENATE Filed. 2/15/2019 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Appropriations.

Safety and Health

[SB 908 Firesafety Systems \(Hooper\)](#)

[Companion Bills: HB 723 \(Donalds\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/13/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 03/18/19, 4:00 pm, 412 K.

[HB 1393 Department of Financial Services \(Clemons\)](#)

[Companion Bills: SB 908 Firesafety Systems \(Hooper\), SB 1704 \(Wright\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/15/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, 03/19/19, 3:30 pm, 404 H – PCS.

Governmental Operations

[SB 96 Police, Fire, and Search and Rescue Dogs and Police Horses \(Bean\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 67 \(Tomkow\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/11/2019 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/12/2019 SENATE Now in Rules.

[SB 248 Public Records/Civilian Personnel Employed by a Law Enforcement Agency \(Hooper\)](#)

[Companion Bills: SB 7004 \(Health Policy\), HB 7009 \(Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee\), HB 203 \(Zika\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/13/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/13/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed. 3/14/2019 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading.

[SB 494 The Firefighters' Bill Of Rights \(Hooper\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 161 \(Casello\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/12/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 3 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/13/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 3/14/2019 SENATE Now in Rules.

[SB 7004 OGSR/Department of Health Personnel \(Health Policy\)](#)

[Companion Bills: HB 203 \(Zika\), SB 248 \(Hooper\), HB 7009 \(Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/13/2019 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/13/2019 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading.

[HB 7009 OGSR/Identification and Location Information/Department of Health \(Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee\)](#)

[Companion Bills: HB 203 \(Zika\), SB 248 \(Hooper\), SB 7004 \(Health Policy\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/14/2019 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/20/19.

[State Employees](#)

[HB 1215 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services \(Brannan III\)](#)

[Companion Bills: SB 1646 \(Albritton\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/15/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee, 03/19/19, 12:00 pm, 12 H.

[Workers Compensation](#)

[HB 983 Ratification of Rules of the Department of Financial Services \(Casello\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 1210 \(Book\)](#)

[FPF Position: Support](#)

3/11/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, 03/13/19, 12:30 pm, 404 H.
3/13/2019 HOUSE Favorable by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/13/2019 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee.

[Watch Bills](#)

[SB 302 Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services \(Brandes\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 411 \(Perez\)](#)

3/11/2019 SENATE Favorable by Banking and Insurance; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/12/2019 SENATE Now in Rules.

[HB 411 Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services \(Perez\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 302 \(Brandes\)](#)

3/11/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health Market Reform Subcommittee, 03/13/19, 12:30 pm, 306 H.
3/13/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health Market Reform Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/15/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed.

[SB 432 Employment Conditions \(Gruters\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 847 \(Rommel\)](#)

3/12/2019 SENATE Favorable by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 3 Yeas, 2 Nays. 3/12/2019 SENATE Now in Community Affairs.

[HB 487 Carrying of Firearms by Tactical Medical Professionals \(D. Smith\)](#)

[Companion Bill: SB 722 \(Hooper\)](#)

3/15/2019 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 03/19/19, 8:00 am, 404 H.

[SB 536 911 Services \(Brandes\)](#)

911 Services; Requiring counties to develop a plan for implementing a text-to-911 system and to implement a system to receive E911 text messages by a specified date; requiring that the Technology Program within the Department of Management Services develop and implement a plan to require that emergency dispatchers be able to transfer an emergency call from one E911 system to another E911 system in this state; defining the terms "first responders" and "911 public safety answering point" or "PSAP"; requiring a PSAP to be able to directly communicate by radio with first responders, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019. 3/13/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 3/14/2019 SENATE Now in Infrastructure and Security. 3/15/2019 SENATE On Committee agenda - Infrastructure and Security, 03/20/19, 4:00 pm, 110 S.

[SB 722 Carrying of Firearms by Tactical Medical Professionals \(Hooper\)](#)

[Companion Bill: HB 487 \(D. Smith\)](#)

3/11/2019 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/12/2019 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 3/13/2019 SENATE Now in Infrastructure and Security.

[HB 765 Motor Vehicles \(Santiago\)](#)

[Companion Bills: HB 173 \(Willhite\), SB 660 \(Brandes\), HB 1057 \(McClure\), SB 1158 \(Gainer\), SB 1232 \(Rader\)](#)

3/12/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; 14 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/13/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 3/14/2019 HOUSE Now in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee.

[HB 901 City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County \(Willhite\)](#)

3/12/2019 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays. 3/13/2019 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed. 3/14/2019 HOUSE Now in Oversight, Transparency & Public Management Subcommittee.