

Family Court Bills 2008 Legislative Session

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<p>HB 3/SB 500 – Children’s Zones Bendross-Mindingall Bullard</p>	<p>Provides a process whereby local governments may apply to the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, Inc. to designate an area as a children's zone for revitalizing a disadvantaged area through programs and services for children and families living within its boundaries. Requires adoption of a resolution, a planning team, development of a strategic community plan, and creation of a nonprofit corporation. Creates a 10-year pilot project, etc.</p>
<p>HB 15 – Dependent Youth & Children Kendrick</p>	<p>Provides process for recommending change of placement of child in shelter or foster home who is perceived to be at risk; establishes standards for delivery of child welfare services for dependent children & youth; requires that child or youth be placed in home determined to be safe; requires criminal history records checks & Fla. Abuse Hotline Info. System history checks of persons with whom child or youth may be placed; provides for child or youth to participate in developing case plan; provides for move to permanency; requires case workers to prepare reports for child's or youth's case management file; requires children or youth to be placed with siblings when possible; requires DCFS or community-based care lead agency to comply with reporting requirements of court; provides for guardian ad litem to report on child's or youth's expressed wishes; requires records to be maintained in complete & accurate manner & be available to guardian ad litem or attorney ad litem at no cost; permits children or youth in care to communicate & organize advocacy plan; requires case plans to include additional information; provides for appearance of child in court to discuss placement informational session; provides for hearing.</p>
<p>HB 19/SB 164 – Insurance/Mental Health & Substance-Related Disorders Homan Crist</p>	<p>Revises requirements for optional coverage for mental, nervous, and substance-related disorders. Revises certain benefits limitations. Provides an options application requirement, etc.</p>

<p>HB 25 – Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Act Homan</p>	<p>Designates act "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Act"; directs DOH & DCFS to maintain Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Prevention Network; requires establishment of system for assessing charges for specified services; requires DOH, DCFS, & DABT of DBPR to provide access to information regarding fetal alcohol spectrum disorders on Internet websites; provides for voluntary admission of expectant mother for alcohol abuse treatment services; provides criteria for involuntary admission of expectant mother; requires described health warning signs to be displayed by alcohol beverage vendors; requires DABT of DBPR to produce & distribute signs; directs DOH to establish Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Diagnostic & Intervention Centers & provide professional training; provides appropriations.</p>
<p>HB 35/SB 226 – Social Worker Identification Richardson Rich</p>	<p>Defines "social worker" to mean any person who has a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in social work. Prohibits a social worker from conducting clinical social work unless licensed or certified by the Department of Health. Provides requirements, penalties, and exemptions for using the title "social worker." Requires the Department of Health to adopt rules, etc.</p>
<p>HB 43/ SB 76 – Criminal Activity/ Criminal Gangs Snyder Atwater</p>	<p>Prohibits the possession of bulletproof vests by felons and delinquents. Redefines "criminal street gangs" as "criminal gangs" and includes street gangs, terrorist organizations, and hate groups. Revises provisions relating to the enjoining of public nuisances to include certain places frequented by members of criminal gangs. Revises provisions regarding soliciting or causing another to join a criminal gang, etc.</p>

<p>HB 45/SB 200 – Adoption Brandenburg Rich</p>	<p>Provides that a homosexual is eligible to adopt a child under certain enumerated circumstances including but not limited to, if the child has resided with the person, the child's parents are deceased, and the person proposing to adopt the child is the guardian. Provides that certain provisions apply only with respect to a petition, declaration, or will or codicil that is filed or executed on or after July 1, 2008, etc.</p>
<p>SB 96/HB 383 – Marital Assets and Liabilities Aronberg Sands</p>	<p>Defines "barrier to remarriage" to mean, without limitation and not exclusively, any religious, secular, or conscientious restraint or inhibition of which the spouse is aware, which is imposed on the other spouse, and which exists by reason of the spouse's commission or withholding of any voluntary act. Authorizes the court to take into consideration the failure or refusal of one spouse to remove a barrier to the remarriage, etc.</p>
<p>SB 98 – Testing for Infectious Diseases/ Juvenile Centers Wilson</p>	<p>Requires each juvenile assessment center or juvenile detention facility to have a written procedure regarding the testing of juveniles for infectious diseases. Requires DOH to designate two counties having a population of 1.2 million or more and five counties having a population of fewer than 1.2 million to participate in a program to test juveniles for HIV who are referred to or who are under the supervision of DJJ, etc.</p>
<p>SB 102 – Public Records/Testing for Infectious Diseases/Juvenile Centers Wilson</p>	<p>Provides an exemption from public records requirements for serologic blood test results from juveniles referred to or under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice. Provides for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc.</p>
<p>HB 103 – Criminal Conduct/Child Abuse and Neglect Harrell</p>	<p>Defines "mental injury"; exempts constitutionally protected acts from prohibitions on child abuse, aggravated child abuse, & neglect; conforms provisions; redefines "crime" for purposes of crime victims compensation to include additional forms of injury.</p>

<p>HB 117/SB 622 – Orders of No Contact with Victims of Crime Adams Dockery</p>	<p>Requires that offenders convicted of specified violent offenses, including, but not limited to, arson, sexual battery, robbery, kidnapping, aggravated child abuse, aggravated abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, murder, manslaughter, or aggravated stalking be prohibited from having any contact with the victim for the duration of the sentence imposed, etc.</p>
<p>SB 140 – Use of Restraints on a Child/Juvenile Proceedings Wilson</p>	<p>Prohibits the use of instruments of restraint, such as handcuffs, chains, irons, or straitjackets, on a child during court proceedings or elsewhere in a courthouse. Provides exceptions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to comply with the Protective Action Response policy whenever mechanical restraints are used, etc.</p>
<p>HB 145/ SB 628 – Court Actions Involving Families Planas Rich</p>	<p>Provides legislative intent with respect to implementing a unified family court program. Revises qualifications for guardians ad litem to include a citizen affiliated with a not-for-profit legal aid organization after he or she has completed a positive security background investigation, etc.</p>
<p>HB 209/SB 300 – Service of Process Seiler Crist</p>	<p>Allows criminal witness subpoenas & summonses to be served by special process server appointed by sheriff or certified process server; allows unsatisfied executions held by sheriff docketed before specified date or held after specified time period to be returned to issuing court; requires submission of affidavit before levying judgment on real property; requires sheriff to furnish copy of notice of sale, notice of levy, & affidavit within specified period; requires priority of liens on real property be based on effective date of judgment lien; requires levying creditor to deliver affidavit to sheriff at time of levy request setting forth certain information & attestations; authorizes clerks of court to transmit facsimile copies of previously certified injunctions in cases of domestic violence or sexual abuse to sheriffs on request; requires sheriffs to verify receipt before attempting service; authorizes law enforcement officers to serve facsimiles the same as certified copies.</p>

<p>SB 220/HB 365 – Change of Name/Petition Wise Sands</p>	<p>Requires that a person filing a petition for change of name submit fingerprints for a state and national criminal history records check before the court hearing on the petition. Provides exceptions for those seeking to restore a former name and those seeking to change names in connection with adoptions and dissolutions of marriages. Provides procedures for the taking and submission of fingerprints, etc.</p>
<p>HB 241/SB 786 – Homelessness Culp Crist</p>	<p>Revises definitions applicable to homelessness; increases & revises membership on Council on Homelessness; removes member from obsolete organization & corrects name of member organization on council; revises date of annual report; creates Housing First program; provides methodology & components of program; creates 3-year Youth Housing Continuum Pilot Program; provides eligibility requirements & design of pilot program; requires Connected by 25 in Hillsborough County to provide administrative support; provides Connected by 25 with specified duties; provides appropriation.</p>
<p>SB 248 – Juvenile Sentencing Wilson</p>	<p>Authorizes the court to sentence a juvenile using juvenile sanctions, adult sanctions, or a blend of both sanctions. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to file a written report with the sentencing court if the DJJ believes the child's sanction is inappropriate. Authorizes the court to place the child on probation. Requires the DJJ to notify the court no later than 30 days before it discharges a child from a sanction, etc.</p>

<p>HB 257 – Abortion Traviesa</p>	<p>Clarifies third trimester requirements; provides for disciplinary actions; requires ultrasound that is reviewed with patient; specifies who must perform required duties; requires written certification when patient declines review; provides exemptions; revises written materials requirements; bans seeking waivers of certain patient rights; requires 24-hour waiting period; provides exception; provides for women's reproductive bill of rights; requires oral & written information; provides for private action & disciplinary proceedings for violations; revises parental notice provisions; provides exceptions; provides cause of action for parents; requires appointment of guardian ad litem for minor petitioning for waiver; specifies factors in determining whether minor is sufficiently mature; revises hearings confidentiality provisions; provides cause of action for injury or death of patient resulting from abortion; provides limitations period for specified causes; provides for actions accruing prior to effective date; prohibits certain actions concerning abortion medical records; provides requirements for agency rules.</p>
<p>SB 260 – Gold Seal Quality Care/Child Care Placement Wilson</p>	<p>Provides legislative intent that children who have not attained the age of eligibility for kindergarten, and who are under the jurisdiction of a circuit court due to a documented case of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, receive first priority for placement in a Gold Seal Quality Care facility, etc.</p>
<p>HB 271/SB 638 – Sexual Battery/Termination of Parental Rights Hooper Jones</p>	<p>Provides grounds for terminating parental rights when the parent has pled guilty or nolo contendere to, or is convicted of, a sexual battery, which results in the victim giving birth to a child. Provides that if a child is conceived as a result of a sexual battery, the court may order the defendant to pay restitution to the victim for the monetary expenses related to the support of the child, etc.</p>

<p>HB 273/SB 792 – Juvenile Justice Adams Baker</p>	<p>Permits court to retain jurisdiction over child or child's parent or legal guardian until certain costs & fees are satisfied; provides for pretrial release conditions; provides additional use of certain types of detention; provides that specified placement does not require risk assessment; provides additional grounds for secure detention care; provides for continuing certain forms of care prior to hearing in certain circumstances; revises time limits for certain care under special detention order; permits holding child in secure detention care for additional time; provides that certain time limits do not apply; specifies circumstances permitting DJJ transfer of child to secure detention care; specifies circumstances that allow holding child awaiting placement in secure detention care; limits such detention care; provides for secure detention care for certain absconders; permits parent or guardian to be held in contempt if he or she fails to bring child to trial or prevents child's trial appearance; revises provisions relating to recommendations by probation officers to court concerning placement & treatment; specifies that court has power to determine appropriate dispositions; requires that reasons for disposition be in record; permits each county to create juvenile crime prevention fund through assessment of additional court cost.</p>
<p>SB 280 – Religious-Exempt Child Care Programs Lynn</p>	<p>Cites this act as the "Zaniyah Hinson Act." Allows child care programs or weekday preschool programs that qualify as religious-exempt child care programs to choose to be exempt from the requirements for child care licensing or to be licensed voluntarily. Provides that if programs choose to be exempt they must meet statutory screening requirements and display a certificate of compliance issued by an accrediting agency, etc.</p>
<p>HB 313/SB 1188 – Dating Violence Kelly Dean</p>	<p>Designates act "Barwick-Ruschak Act"; revises provisions relating to dating violence incidents to provide requirements for investigations, notice to victims, & reporting similar to those for incidents of domestic violence & to apply certain immunity provisions thereto; prohibits certain willful violations of pretrial release conditions; provides for warrantless arrest of violators.</p>

<p>SB 348 – Stalking Ring</p>	<p>Redefines "harass," "credible threat," and "cyberstalk." Defines "electronic communication" and "electronic communication device." Defines "immediate family" as spouses, former spouses, persons related by blood or marriage, persons who are presently residing together as if a family or who have resided together in the past as if a family, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married, etc.</p>
<p>HB 361 – Registry for Companions Randolph Jenne</p>	<p>Creates Florida Companion Registry within DOS; provides for creation & distribution of forms; provides for rulemaking; provides eligibility requirements for state-registered companions; provides registration & termination procedures; provides for recordkeeping; provides for notice to Office of Vital Statistics; provides for fee; provides for automatic termination under certain circumstances; provides that registered companion agreement created by subdivision of state is not state-registered companion agreement; requires subdivisions of state that use state's definition of state-registered companion for purposes of companion benefits must allow state registration certificate to satisfy any registration requirements; requires notice by subdivisions of such acceptance; provides that companion relationship registrations created by any public entity are not affected; provides that state-registered companions have same visitation rights as spouses in specified health care facilities; provides that any common law remedy is not affected; provides that registered companion status is not substantial equivalent of marriage; revises numerous other provisions of law to include applicability to state-registered companions.</p>
<p>HB 373 – Sealing Criminal History Records Chestnut</p>	<p>Permits sealing criminal history record that relates to specified misdemeanor violations; defines terms; provides for petition to seal; provides for certificate of eligibility.</p>

<p>SB 374 – Children in State Custody/Legal Representation Lynn</p>	<p>Deletes a requirement that the court appoint an attorney ad litem for a child alleged to have been abused by a parent or caregiver. Provides for court appointment of an attorney to represent a child during a shelter hearing. Provides for a child to be represented by an attorney rather than an attorney ad litem in a hearing involving the child's medical and behavioral status, etc.</p>
<p>SB 404 – Organized Crime Groups Aronberg</p>	<p>Redefines "criminal street gangs" as "organized crime groups" and includes street gangs, organized criminal syndicates, and terrorist organizations. Revises provisions relating to soliciting or causing another to join an organized crime group. Authorizes the state to bring civil actions for certain violations, etc.</p>
<p>HB 453 – Alimony Gibbons</p>	<p>Permits consideration of supportive relationship meeting specified criteria as factor in determining award of alimony or maintenance.</p>
<p>SB 506 – Juvenile Records Wilson</p>	<p>Revises provisions requiring each clerk of the court to submit disposition information concerning juvenile arrest records to the Department of Law Enforcement. Revises the criteria for dissemination of criminal justice information for minors and adults. Revises provisions relating to oaths, confidentiality for certain information, authorized disclosures, interagency agreements, records retention, etc.</p>
<p>SB 516 – Forensic Client Services Hill</p>	<p>Provides legislative intent that forensic client services be provided to a person charged with a misdemeanor as well as with a felony. Redefines "court" to include the county court. Amends provisions relating to the rights of forensic clients, the involuntary commitment of a defendant with mental illness, and the involuntary commitment of a defendant determined to be incompetent to include clients and defendants charged with misdemeanors, etc.</p>

<p>SB 526 – Interscholastic Activities [SPCC] Education Pre-K - 12 Wise</p>	<p>Cites this act as "Erin's Law." Provides that charter and private school students may participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at a public school under certain conditions, etc.</p>
<p>HB 555/SB 636 – Domestic Violence Long Fasano</p>	<p>Adds circumstances that violate an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence, including, but not limited to, being within 500 feet of the petitioner's residence, defacing or destroying the petitioner's personal property, or refusing to surrender firearms or ammunition if ordered to do so by the court, etc.</p>
<p>HB 581/SB 2440 – Drug Court Programs/Court Costs Kreegel Posey</p>	<p>Authorizes counties to fund drug court programs through additional mandatory court cost; provides for assessment against persons who plead guilty or no contest to, or are convicted of, certain drug-abuse prevention & control provisions or certain local ordinances or uniform traffic control laws involving alcohol or other substance use or abuse; provides for collection, deposit, & administration of funds.</p>

<p>HB 605/SB1442 – Exploited Children Rivera</p>	<p>Provides specified protections to victims in any civil or criminal proceeding involving child pornography where victim is party to case or witness; permits use of pseudonym for victim of crime involving child pornography; extends provisions to use of victim pseudonyms to civil & criminal proceedings; requires law enforcement officers submitting child pornography case to provide specified information; requires prosecutors to pursue prosecutions regarding images of child pornography when known victim is this state; requires prosecutors to enter specified information in database; transfers provisions relating to lewd & lascivious exhibition on computer; provides civil remedy for victim of certain sexual abuse crimes when portion of abuse was used in production of child pornography; specifies damages to persons who are further exploited following recovery of damages; provides for limitation of actions; provides for confidential pseudonyms to specified claimants; precludes defense to certain civil actions; permits Attorney General to pursue cases on behalf of victims; includes certain child pornography victims in crime victim compensation provisions; conforms provisions.</p>
<p>HB 625 – Independent Living Transition Services Glorioso</p>	<p>Provides for family foster homes, residential child-caring agencies, or other authorized caregivers to be included in development of plans for activities for certain children; requires specified information to be included in report to Legislature by Independent Living Services Advisory Council.</p>

<p>HB 639 – Pub. Rec./Judicial Officials Flores</p>	<p>Creates exemption from public records requirements for indentifying information pertaining to general magistrates & child support enforcement hearing officers, identifying & location information regarding spouses, children, & grandchildren of general magistrates & child support enforcement hearing officers & grandchildren of specified judges & justices, & identifying & location information with respect to schools & day care facilities attended by children & grandchildren of general magistrates & child support enforcement hearing officers & grandchildren of specified judges & justices; provides for review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity.</p>
<p>HB 663 – Termination of Parental Rights Cannon</p>	<p>Requires petition for adoption to be accompanied by statement signed by prospective adoptive parents acknowledging receipt of all information required to be disclosed; provides for service of process by publication for termination of parental rights under Adoption law; requires adoption entity to provide adoption disclosure statements to all persons whose consent is required for adoption, etc.</p>
<p>SB 700 – Juvenile Justice and Correctional Facilities Crist</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the findings or recommendations from the Blueprint Commission on Juvenile Justice.</p>
<p>SB 726 – Temporary Child Support/Alleged Father Crist</p>	<p>Provides an additional limitation on when a court may order an alleged father to pay temporary child support. Provides that upon motion by a party, the court shall issue a temporary order for child support pending an administrative or judicial determination of paternity, if there is clear and convincing evidence of paternity based on genetic testing or if the alleged father has voluntarily signed the child's birth certificate, etc.</p>

<p>HB 739 – Guardian Advocates for Persons with Developmental Disabilities Ambler</p>	<p>Provides list of persons from which court must select guardian advocate; provides that guardian advocate need not be represented by attorney; revises requirements for petition seeking appointment of guardian advocate to exclude name of proposed guardian advocate; modifies persons to whom notice of filing of petition must be given to include family members; requires court's order to name guardian advocate & reasons for selection; modifies who may be appointed counsel to person with developmental disabilities; includes office of criminal conflict & civil regional counsel; revises powers & duties of guardian advocate with respect to financial accounting requirements.</p>
<p>SB 766 – Public Records/Judicial Officials Rich</p>	<p>Creates an exemption from public-records requirements for the home addresses, telephone numbers, and certain other specified information concerning general magistrates, child support enforcement hearing officers, and the spouses, children, and grandchildren of specified judicial officials. Provides for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc.</p>
<p>HB 769 – Education for Children in Shelter Care or Foster Care Kelly</p>	<p>Provides conditions for court or district school board appointment of surrogate parent for educational decision-making for child who has or is suspected of having disability; provides conditions for access to educational records; revises definition relating to homeless child; provides access to free public education for certain children in foster care.</p>
<p>HB 807 – Guardians ad Litem Seiler (CO-SPONSORS) McBurney</p>	<p>Permits citizens affiliated with not-for-profit legal aid organizations to be appointed as guardians ad litem; requires not-for-profit legal aid organizations to conduct security background investigations of such persons.</p>
<p>SB 832 – Juvenile Justice Dockery</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to juvenile justice.</p>

<p>SB 870 – Public Records/Injunctions/Domestic Violence Fasano</p>	<p>Provides an exemption from public records requirements for a petition for an injunction for protection against domestic violence until the petition is personally served on the respondent. Provides for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act, etc.</p>
<p>SB 884 – Obsolete Outdated Agency Plans Haridopolos</p>	<p>Amends, deletes, and repeals obsolete or outdated agency plans, reports, and programs, etc.</p>
<p>HB 907 – Concurrent Custody of a Minor Child Reed</p>	<p>Authorizes extended family member to bring proceeding in court to determine concurrent custody of minor child; specifies information that must be included in petition for concurrent custody by family member; authorizes court to redirect child support payments to that family member; requires that, if possible, court order payment of arrearages; provides that either or both of child's parents may petition court to modify or terminate order granting concurrent custody under certain circumstances.</p>
<p>HB 931/SB 1408 – Residential Tenancies/Domestic and Sexual Violence Williams Rich</p>	<p>Prohibits a landlord from terminating, failing to renew, or refusing to enter into a residential rental agreement because the tenant, applicant, or family or household member is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, repeat violence, or sexual violence, etc.</p>
<p>SB 988 – Transitional Services/Young Adults/Disabilities Wise</p>	<p>Creates the Health Care Transition Services Task Force for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities within the Department of Health to assess the need for health care transition services for youth with disabilities, develop strategies to ensure a successful transition from the pediatric to the adult health care system, and identify existing and potential funding sources. Creates the Don Davis Health and Transition Services Program, etc.</p>

<p>SB 1042 – OGSR/Putative Father Registry/Department of Health Senate CFE</p>	<p>Revises and readopts an exemption from the public records requirements for information contained in the Florida Putative Father Registry, etc.</p>
<p>SB 1044 – Child Abuse Reporting Senate CFE</p>	<p>Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to annually report to the Legislature information concerning reports, investigations, and prosecutions involving child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, investigations and fines imposed for false reports, and reports resulting in prosecution, etc.</p>
<p>SB 1046 – OGSR/Foster Parent Applicants and Foster Parents Senate CFE</p>	<p>Revises and readopts an exemption from the public records requirements for information held by the Department of Children and Family Services regarding foster parent applicants, licensed foster parents, their spouses, minor children, and other household members, and persons providing character or neighbor references regarding foster parent applicants or foster parents, etc.</p>
<p>SB 1048 – Missing Children Involved with DCFS Senate CFE</p>	<p>Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to adopt rules providing for locating and recovering missing children who are involved with the department. Requires that the DCFS, the community-based care provider, or sheriff's office file a report following a determination that such children are missing, etc.</p>

<p>HB 1075 – Child Custody and Support Frishe</p>	<p>Revises definitions applicable to child custody & support; revises provisions relating to presumption of good faith for psychologists making specified determinations; revises provisions relating to modification of support; revises provisions relating to development of parenting plan; provides for orders of temporary support for children whose custody is temporarily modified due to military service; provides for motions for temporary child support adjustment when changes in circumstances or financial ability have not yet been established as permanent; revises provisions relating to imputation of income; revises child support guidelines schedule; revises provisions relating to determining of total minimum child support need & total minimum child support award; provides for adjustments of child support in light of the time-sharing plan; revises provisions relating to presumption of parent's income for purpose of establishing support obligation; provides for time-sharing & parental responsibility in paternity judgments.</p>
<p>SB 1084/HB 663 – Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption/Paternity Rich</p>	<p>Requires a petition for adoption to be accompanied by a statement signed by the prospective adoptive parents acknowledging receipt of all information required to be disclosed. Provides for service of process by publication for termination of parental rights under the Adoption Law. Requires an adoption entity to provide adoption disclosure statements to all persons whose consent is required for adoption, etc.</p>
<p>SB 1132 – Protective Services Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to protective services.</p>
<p>SB 1134 – Children Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to children.</p>
<p>SB 1136 – Persons with Disabilities Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to persons with disabilities.</p>

<p>SB 1138 – Abandoned Infants Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to abandoned infants.</p>
<p>SB 1140 – Children and Families Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to children and families.</p>
<p>SB 1150 – Mental Health Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to mental health.</p>
<p>SB 1152 - Children Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to children.</p>
<p>SB 1158 – Agency for Persons with Disabilities Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.</p>
<p>SB 1160 – Putative Father Registry Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the putative father registry.</p>
<p>SB 1164 – Termination of Parental Rights Storms</p>	<p>Expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the termination of parental rights.</p>
<p>SB 1290 – Insurance/Amino Acid Formulas/Mental Disorders Peaden</p>	<p>Includes amino-acid-based formulas within the requirements concerning optional health insurance coverage for enteral formulas for medically necessary treatments for conditions such as severe multiple allergies, gastroesophageal reflux, and eosinophilic disorders. Revises the requirements for optional health insurance coverage to include medically necessary treatment and care for all diagnostic categories of mental health, etc.</p>

<p>HB 1315 – Child Custody and Visitation Brandenburg</p>	<p>Revises application of rebuttable presumption that parent is detriment to his or her child if he or she is convicted of crime involving domestic violence from felony of third degree or higher to misdemeanor of first degree or higher; requires court to make explicit written findings that, when determining best interests of child for purposes of shared parental responsibility & visitation, court considered evidence of domestic violence & child abuse.</p>
<p>SB 1336 –Juvenile Proceedings/Use of Restraints Siplin</p>	<p>Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice to adopt rules governing the procedures that may be used to restrain a child upon his or her arrival at the courthouse. Prohibits the use of restraints such as handcuffs, chains, irons, or straitjackets. Provides exemptions if the child is likely to attempt to escape during a transfer or a hearing, if the child is charged with a capital offense, etc.</p>
<p>SB 1416 – Alimony/Supportive Relationship Diaz de la Portilla</p>	<p>Requires the court to consider and make a finding of fact concerning the existence of a supportive relationship between an obligee and a person who is not related by consanguinity or affinity and with whom the obligee resides when determining a proper award of alimony, etc.</p>
<p>SB 1456 – Inmates/Medical Assistance Eligibility/Medicaid Wilson</p>	<p>Provides that in the event a person who is an inmate in the state's correctional system, in a county detention facility, or in a municipal detention facility was in receipt of medical assistance prior to being admitted, such person shall remain eligible for medical assistance while an inmate, etc.</p>

<p>SB 1504 – Termination of Pregnancy/Nonresident Minors Wise</p>	<p>Prohibits a nonresident minor from petitioning a circuit court in this state for a judicial waiver of notice of termination of pregnancy, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2188 – Mental Health/Substance Abuse Services Integration Bennett</p>	<p>Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish a pilot program in Manatee County, beginning July 1, 2008, which integrates services provided in an adult mental health crisis stabilization unit with services provided in an addictions receiving facility. Requires licensure and provides eligibility criteria for services, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2192 – Foster Care/Independent Living Transition Services Storms</p>	<p>Authorizes group home provider agencies and residential agencies to prepare and implement developmental plans for children in their care. Requires the Independent Living Services Advisory Council to research and advise the Department of Children and Family Services and the Legislature on specific methods to reduce the number of youth in foster care who attain the age of 18 and do not acquire a high school diploma or its equivalent, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2228 – Child Support Siplin</p>	<p>Eliminates the requirement for a man seeking to disestablish paternity and terminate a child support obligation to affirm that he is current on his child support obligation or that any delinquency is based on inability to pay, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2532 – Child Custody and Support Lynn</p>	<p>Provides a directive to the Division of Statutory Revision to retitle "Dissolution of Marriage; Support; Custody" as "Dissolution of Marriage; Support; Time-sharing." Revises provisions relating to a presumption of good faith for psychologists making specified determinations. Provides for orders of temporary support for children whose custody is temporarily modified due to a patient's military service, etc.</p>

<p>SB 2536 – Grandparent Visitation/Minor Child Joyner</p>	<p>Authorizes the grandparent of a minor child to petition a court for visitation under certain circumstances. Authorizes appointment of a guardian ad litem and mediation following a prima facie showing of harm. Authorizes grandparental visitation if the court makes specified findings. Requires clear and convincing evidence of demonstrable significant mental or emotional harm to the minor resulting from a denial of visitation, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2552 – Child Custody and Visitation Deutch</p>	<p>Revises the application of a rebuttable presumption that a parent is a detriment to his or her child if he or she is convicted of a crime involving domestic violence from a felony of the third degree or higher to a misdemeanor of the first degree or higher, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2576 – Termination of Parental Rights Rich</p>	<p>Revises the grounds for terminating parental rights to include a parent's incarceration in a federal or county correctional institution or facility and the significance of the total period of such incarceration to a child based on the child's age and need for a stable home. Requires a court to calculate the period of incarceration beginning on the date that the parent enters the correctional institution or facility, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2626 – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Storms</p>	<p>Establishes mental health and substance abuse community-based provider networks. Requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to establish geographic areas and to contract with a single network to provide services in that area. Requires the networks to give the DCFS employees a hiring preference. Requires the DCFS and the Agency for Health Care Administration to execute managed care contracts with the networks, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2632 – Juvenile Justice/Child/Failure to Appear Storms</p>	<p>Provides that it is a violation of law for a juvenile to fail to appear as required before a court or judicial officer. Revises provisions relating to detention of a juvenile for failure to appear. Provides for holding a child charged with failure to appear in secure detention for a specified period. Requires that juveniles held pending specified placements or commitments be held in secure detention, etc.</p>

<p>SB 2636 – Temporary and Concurrent Custody of a Child Storms</p>	<p>Revises provisions relating to petitions and court orders awarding the temporary custody of a child to an extended family member to also provide for concurrent custody with the parents of the child. Revises the petition for concurrent custody to also include a description of efforts made to obtain consent. Provides that a court may grant a petition for concurrent custody upon specified findings, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2644 – Care of Children Storms</p>	<p>Establishes the Grandparents' Liaison Office within the Department of Children and Family Services. Authorizes physicians to obtain access to certain reports and records in cases of child abuse and neglect. Revises duties of the court relating to determination of child custody and visitation rights to exclude certain written or recorded statements and to include an interview with the child, etc.</p>
<p>SB 2686 – Juvenile Detention/County & State Cost Sharing Crist</p>	<p>Defines the term "final court disposition" for the purpose of determining the costs of juvenile detention. Requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to pay certain specified costs associated with youth who are in a detention center and awaiting placement in a juvenile justice residential facility. Requires each county to pay to the DJJ the county's share of the county's total costs for juvenile detention, etc.</p>
<p>SB 7002 – Child Abuse, Abandonment, or Neglect Reporting Senate CFE</p>	<p>Filed as SB 1042.</p>
<p>SB 7004 – OGSR/ Foster parents/DCFS Senate CFE</p>	<p>Filed as SB 1044.</p>
<p>SB 7006 – OGSR /Florida Putative Father Registry Senate CFE</p>	<p>Filed as SB 1046.</p>

<p>SB 7008 – Child Welfare Senate CFE</p>	<p>Filed as SB 1048.</p>
<p>SPB 7024 – Department of Corrections Criminal Justice</p>	<p>Provides for the public defender to represent an indigent person who is involuntarily placed or treated in an inmate mental health treatment facility. Eliminates provisions requiring that a law enforcement officer reimburse the employing agency for wages and benefits paid by the employing agency if the officer terminates employment before the end of a 2-year commitment period, etc.</p>

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