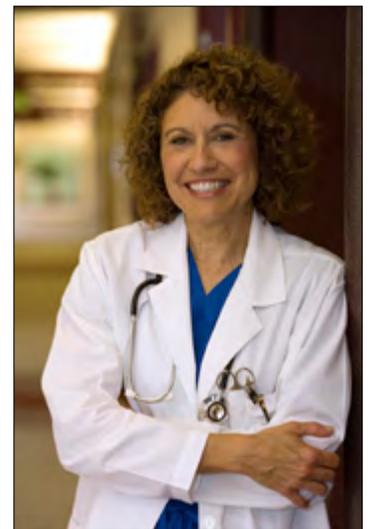


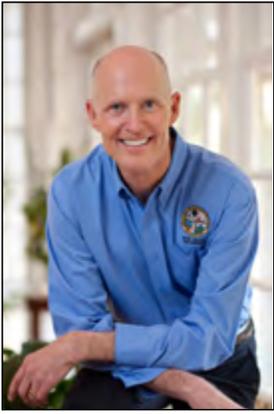
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Legislative Final Report



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Governor's Priorities

Best State to Live

Governor Scott continues to make Florida the best state in the nation in which to live. The Governor made cutting taxes a key priority in the 2015 legislative sessions. The budget cuts more than \$427 million in taxes, including cutting the cellphone and television tax and the tax on college textbooks. The budget also provides a 10-day back-to-school sales tax holiday. In addition to cutting taxes for Florida families, the “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget also works to build strong communities. To keep Florida’s crime rate at a 44-year low, the budget invests \$4.8 billion for public safety.

State for Job Growth

Florida has created more than 879,000 private-sector jobs in four and a half years. The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget invests \$9.3 billion in transportation projects to continue this growth. This includes \$633.6 million for resurfacing more than 2,493 lane miles and \$244.8 million for repairs to 94 bridges and the replacement of 16 more. Because of Florida’s low-tax environment, smart regulatory structure and educated workforce, Florida is well-positioned for growth in science, technology, engineering and math fields such as advanced manufacturing, medical research and other high-tech research and development areas.

Investments in Education

The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget continues Governor Scott’s commitment to providing Florida students with the opportunity to live their dreams. Florida’s K-12 system is focused on preparing all students for college or a career when they graduate. The current year’s \$19.7 billion budget for Florida public school education, including \$10.9 billion in state funding, is the highest level of funding for education in Florida history. The per-student amount is \$7,097, an increase of \$207 (3 percent).

Governor Scott has also focused on holding the line on tuition in Florida’s higher education system while providing performance funding for Florida’s colleges and universities so that they can accurately measure student outcomes and provide students with a better education. The “KEEP FLORIDA WORKING” budget includes no higher education tuition increases and provides a historic total level of funding for state universities: \$4.5 billion, an increase of \$178.2 million. The budget invests a total of \$1.2 billion in state operating funding for state colleges. Because of the Governor’s hard work in holding the line on college tuition, the price of Florida Prepaid plans was cut in half.



Dear DMS Colleagues,

This publication summarizes the key issues that our agency tracked during both the regular and special legislative sessions. In total, DMS tracked 194 bills of the 1,808 total bills filed. Of the 1,808 total bills filed, the Legislature passed and enrolled 245 bills for the Governor’s action. Please note the below table for general bill statistics:

2013 Legislative Session		2014 Legislative Session		2015 Legislative Sessions	
Total Filed Bills	1,848	Total Filed Bills	1,812	Total Filed Bills	1,808
Total Passed	286	Total Passed	264	Total Passed	245
Percentage Passed	15.5 percent	Percentage Passed	14.6 percent	Percentage Passed	13.6 percent

In the following report, you will find many achievements for our agency, success in which your hard work played a major role. I would like to thank everyone for representing DMS and Governor Scott well throughout the session. It’s an exciting time to be in Florida. The Governor remains steadfast in his commitment to make Florida the best place to work, live and obtain dreams.

I am extremely pleased that we were able to achieve Governor Scott’s legislative priorities. By successfully achieving the Governor’s initiatives of lowering taxes, making Florida a global destination for jobs, investing in education and building stronger Florida communities, we make a difference to Florida families that are proud to call our great state home.

Sincerely,

Chad Poppell
Agency Secretary
Florida Department of Management Services

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The Department of Management Services' (DMS) Legislative Priority Bill

[SB 694 \(Ring\)](#) **Relating to the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign (FSECC)**

The FSECC, maintained by DMS, is the annual charitable drive funded by state employees. State officers and employees may voluntarily donate money to nonprofit charitable organizations participating in the FSECC. In the 2012 session, legislative changes were made to the FSECC that eliminated the ability of state officers and employees to contribute funds without designating a specific organization as the recipient. At FSECC fundraising events, employees had to fill out a form to designate a specific charitable organization as the recipient and contribute a minimum donation of \$5 to offset the administrative costs of processing the donation. Since many agency FSECC fundraising events are intended to accommodate the collection of small one-time contributions, DMS determined that it is not cost effective to track and process these designations individually. This determination comes after receiving feedback from sister state agencies that perceived the elimination of undesignated funds as burdensome.

This bill allows state officers and employees to contribute undesignated funds to the FSECC at agency fundraising events. The bill amends section 110.181(2)(d), Florida Statutes, to specify that undesignated funds are to be distributed among the charitable organizations in direct proportion to the percentage of the designated funds pledged to those organizations. The bill also repeals the additional eligibility requirements for independent unaffiliated agencies, international service agencies and national agencies. This bill repeals the requirement that a local steering committee be created to assist the fiscal agent in conducting the FSECC.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

General Appropriations Act, Implementing Bills and Conforming Bills

[SB 2500A \(Appropriations Committee\)](#) **Relating to General Appropriations Act**

This bill provides moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2015, to pay salaries and to pay for capital outlay—for buildings and other improvements—and other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc.

Appropriation: \$78,697,999,841.00

Approved by Governor with appropriation veto on June 23, 2015

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[SB 2502A \(Appropriations Committee\)](#) **Relating to Implementing the General Appropriations Act**

This bill provides the statutory authority necessary to implement and execute the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2015-16. Statutory changes set forth in the implementing bill are temporary and expire on July 1, 2016.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[SB 2512A \(Lee \(T\)\)](#) **Relating to Employer Contributions to Fund Retiree Benefits**

This bill establishes the contribution rates paid by employers participating in the Florida Retirement System (FRS) beginning July 1, 2015. These rates are intended to fund the full normal cost and the amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability of the FRS. The bill also increases the contributions paid by employers participating in the retiree health insurance subsidy program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[SB 2504A \(Lee \(T\)\)](#) **Relating to State Employees**

This bill directs the resolution of the collective bargaining issues at impasse for fiscal year 2015-16 regarding state employees. These issues will be resolved based on the spending decisions included in the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2015-16.

Effective date: July 1, 2015

[HB 33A \(Finance & Tax Committee\)](#) **Relating to Taxation**

This bill reduces the tax rates applied to the sale of communications services and the retail sale of direct-to-home satellite services; exempts from the sales and use tax admissions to and membership fees for gun clubs; revises eligibility requirements for certain research and development tax credits for certain business enterprises; provides an exemption from the sales and use tax for the retail sale of certain clothes, school supplies, personal computers and personal computer-related accessories during a specified period.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

The Department of Management Services' Specific Appropriations

Division of Real Estate Development and Management:

- FCO general building repairs: \$14,617,999 GR and \$8,191,465 TF
- FCO ADA deficiencies: \$2,767,288 NR GR
- FCO life safety deficiencies: \$971,300 NR GR
- FACT system license renewal, support and maintenance: \$648,601 TF
- Shared savings for energy efficiency upgrades: \$250,000 net zero TF
- Florida Facilities Pool tenant space refurbishment: \$1,432,013 TF
- Master lease tenant space improvements: \$557,185 NR TF
- Reductions resulting in energy commissioning plan savings: \$293,923 TF
- Enhanced management of Florida Facilities Pool building improvements OPS: \$250,000 TF
- Custodial outsourcing: 13.5 FTE TF
- Unamortized tenant improvements (formerly occupied by SSRC): \$181,025 NR GR

FCO ADA Deficiencies:

Funds in Specific Appropriations 2729 through 2731 shall be held in reserve contingent upon the submission of a project plan to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget detailing the request for building repair, code correction and other deficiency projects. The project plan must include all high-priority deficiency issues and all issues affecting life, health and safety. The project plan shall also include the facility, location and estimated cost for each project and shall be submitted by Aug. 1, 2015. The Department of Management Services shall request the release of funds pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2717, \$370,666 is provided to the Department of Management Services to outsource custodial services at the Mary L. Singleton Regional Service Center in Jacksonville, the Daniel Chappie James Building in Pensacola and the Monroe County Regional Service Center in Marathon.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2713, \$181,025 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the Department of Management Services pursuant to section 8 of lease number 720:0158 for reimbursement of tenant improvements made to leased space in the Oakland Building, owned by Protective Life Insurance Company, that was vacated by the Southwood Shared Resource Center on November 15, 2013. Prior to the release of such funds by the department, Protective Life Insurance Company shall sign a waiver releasing the state or any agency from any claims relating to the payment of unamortized tenant improvements for such leased space between the dates of November 15, 2013, and June 30, 2015.

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2713, the Department of Management Services is directed to erect suitable markers designating the laboratory building within the Bob Martinez Center, the facility for the Department of Environmental Protection, located at the site at 2600 Blair Stone Road in Tallahassee, as the "Jerry Edward Brooks Environmental Laboratory."

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2713, the Department of Management Services shall recommend a maximum square foot cost plan for new fixed capital outlay construction to include the design, construction, permitting, furniture and fixtures and any appurtenances. The plan shall exclude construction of any new buildings or facilities for nursing, medical care, laboratories, science, technology, and research-related facilities or buildings for the incarceration of inmates. The Department of Management Services shall submit the maximum square foot cost plan to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Executive Office of the Governor no later than December 1, 2015.

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Division of State Purchasing:

- Programming cost to reduce MFMP transaction fee NR TF
- MyFloridaMarketPlace hardware replacement: \$54,417 NR TF
- Transfer to the Department of Financial Services: PCard increase of \$150,000 + base of \$350,000 = \$500,000 TF
- Procurement positions and training infrastructure: 2.00 FTE and \$258,967 recurring and \$7,764 NR TF
- Transaction fee change to .7 percent

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2760, the Department of Management Services shall prepare an annual report on the utilization of the MyFloridaMarketPlace System. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the utilization by agency, plans for increasing utilization of the MyFloridaMarketPlace System, the amount of funds spent by agency and the estimated return on investment for the MyFloridaMarketPlace System. The annual report shall be provided to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget. The Department of Management Services shall submit the report on June 30, 2016.

Division of Telecommunications:

Southwood Shared Resource Center distribution switch end-of-life refresh: \$589,434 NR TF

- Southwood Shared Resource Center network infrastructure upgrades: \$402,185 NR TF
- Realignment of funds for prepaid wireless fees: net zero TF
- Florida Interoperability Network (FIN): \$1,595,000 NR TF
- Mutual Aid: \$1,950,000 NR TF
- SLERS enhancements: \$1,100,000 NR TF

- Capital Circle Office Complex (CCOC) local area network (LAN) refresh: \$5,778 recurring and \$120,907 NR TF
- Grant funding expiration (statewide broadband map): \$597,316 TF
- Elimination of excess budget authority (Communications Working Capital trust fund): \$7,723 TF
- SLERS staff augmentation: \$810,304 NR TF
- SLERS radios: \$7,000,000 NR GR
- MyFloridaNet-2 migration assistance: \$349,440 NR TF

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2841, \$349,440 is provided for staff augmentation services to transition to a new contract for the SUNCOM Network. These funds shall be placed in reserve. The department may submit budget amendments for the release of these funds in accordance with Chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2852, \$810,304 of nonrecurring funds from the Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund is provided for the Department of Management Services to acquire the necessary staff augmentation support and subject matter experts to assist the department in developing a proposed competitive solicitation document and providing other services as determined necessary by the department for procuring a land mobile radio support system that includes a Project 25 Phase II delivery methodology. The scope of the services provided by the staff augmentation support and subject matter experts should include, but not be limited to, assisting the department in completing the following tasks identified in the study referenced in Specific Appropriation 2904A of chapter 2014-51, Laws of Florida: (1) developing and conducting needs assessment interviews; (2) reviewing and summarizing interview data for key findings; (3) completing research to include assessing the existing state assets and the usability of such assets in a land mobile radio support system that includes a Project 25 Phase II delivery methodology; (4) defining minimum performance levels and metrics; (5) defining network design criteria to include design criteria for potentially implementing a shared Project 25 Phase II compliant system through partnerships with local governments in Florida; and (6) developing a preliminary coverage analysis. The department shall provide periodic updates, as necessary, on the progress of developing a proposed competitive solicitation to the chairs of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee and the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget. The department may not release a competitive solicitation for procuring a land mobile radio support system that includes a Project 25 Phase II delivery methodology prior to

The funds in Specific Appropriation 2857A are provided to the Department of Management Services to replace radios and associated accessories that operate on the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) and that have reached their end-of-life or end of support date; all replaced radios must be able to operate dual mode operation on both P25 Phase 2 and EDACS EA land mobile radio support system. The funds shall be placed in reserve. The Department of Management Services shall develop an implementation plan which identifies by eligible state agency the number and type of radios that will be replaced and a timeline for completing the replacement. The department shall consult with the Joint Task

Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications on the implementation plan. Upon submission of the plan, the department is authorized to submit budget amendments for the release of funds pursuant to provisions of section 216.177, Florida Statutes.

Division of People First

- People First Next Generation Transition: \$9,915,800 NR TF

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2826, \$9,915,800 shall be placed in reserve. The funds may be released upon the completion of the competitive procurement for the administration of the personnel information system and enterprise-wide suite of human resources services should a new service provider be chosen. The funds shall be used to support costs necessary to transition all components related to the system and service centers to a new service provider. The department may submit budget amendments for the release of these funds in accordance with chapter 216, Florida Statutes.

Division of Retirement:

- General revenue pensions and benefits: \$458,825 GR
- Pension valuation of the Florida National Guard Retirement Program: \$65,500 GR
- Reductions resulting in savings achieved from contact center investment: \$204,838 TF
- Local government reporting requirements: \$125,600 NR GR
- Implementation of online services: \$216,600 TF

Division of State Group Insurance:

- Prescription drug claims administration: \$4,118,740 TF
- Reduction in contracted bank services: \$79,000 TF

Division of Specialized Services:

- Private prison monitoring administration overhead: \$9,816 GR

Administration:

- Information security manager position: 1.0 FTE and \$111,011 recurring and \$3,882 NR TF
- Transfer of budget authority from mail services category to the lease purchase category: net zero TF

Departmentwide:

- Office 365: net zero
- Technical (AST billing adjustments)

Implementing Bill:

- Section 39. Renegotiating private lease agreements: tenant broker requirements
- Section 42. SLERS Task Force member changes
- Section 44. MFMP transaction fee reduced to .7 percent
- Section 72. No competitive solicitations to be initiated without budget authority
- Section 74. HR services category – authorizes the Governor to make adjustments as necessary
- Section 80. Restricted travel: travel memo to be updated effective July 1 and posted with the travel policy

- Section 83. Data processing services category: limits transfers out of this category
- Section 84. Expenses / Suncom services: authorizes the Governor to make adjustments as necessary
- Section 85. Continuing language related to the prescription drug program

Section 8. Back of the Bill:

- Prescription drug maintenance list: retail pharmacies and 90-day prescriptions
- Six credit hours per semester tuition free at a state university, college or community college
- Allows for payment of legal education courses and bar dues
- Competitive pay adjustments and merit pay increases authorized
- Continuing language allowing health savings accounts
- FACT system remaining funding re-appropriated for fiscal year 2015-16

DMS-Related Bills

Office of the General Counsel:

[HB 185 \(Gaetz \(M\)\)](#) Relating to Public Records/Active Duty Servicemembers and Families

The bill amends subparagraph 119.071(4)(d)2., Florida Statutes, to add an exemption from public disclosure for personally identifying information of current and former service members of the United States military special operations units. The bill provides that the servicemembers' names, home addresses, telephone numbers and dates of birth are exempt from public disclosure requirements in subsection 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and section 24(a), Article I of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, the bill provides an exemption for the places of employment of their spouses and children as well as the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by their children.

Effective Date: Oct. 1, 2015

[HB 985 \(Eisnaugle\)](#) Relating to Maintenance of Agency Final Orders

The bill requires all agencies to use the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) website for publication of final orders that must be maintained for public access. Other methods of maintaining and accessing pre-existing orders will continue indefinitely. The bill also provides expanded rulemaking authority to the Department of State to coordinate and set standards on transmittal of certified copies of final orders and to assure integrity of the online documents and satisfactory operation of storage and retrieval functions assigned to DOAH. The bill will ensure that all final agency orders entered after implementation of the bill will be available online in an easily searchable database.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Office of the Inspector General:

[HB 371 \(Raulerson\)](#) Relating to Agency for Inspectors General

The bill provides additional hiring requirements, employment qualifications and terms of employment for inspectors general and staff; specifies additional records and personnel accessible to inspectors general during audit or investigation; authorizes inspectors general to administer oaths; requires personnel to comply with requests of inspectors general under penalty of loss of employment; clarifies that attorney-client privilege is not waived when providing certain information to inspectors general; authorizes chief inspector general to issue and enforce subpoenas.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Division of Human Resource Management:

[SB 982 \(Thompson\)](#) **Relating to Florida Civil Rights Act**

The bill amends Chapter 760, Florida Statutes, to add pregnancy as a protected class for which discrimination is prohibited. The bill provides “pregnancy” the same protections and remedies that are provided for other protected classes that currently exist under Chapter 760, Florida Statutes. The bill also provides an exception to an unlawful employment practice under subsections 760.01 – 760.10, Florida Statutes, in which the employer, employment agency, labor organization or joint labor-management committee takes or fails to take any action on the basis of pregnancy or a condition of pregnancy to which such action or inaction is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary for the performance of a particular employment. The bill affects all private and public employers at the state and local level.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Division of Real Estate Development and Management:

[HB 71 \(Smith \(J\)\)](#) **Relating to Service Animals**

This bill amends section 413.08, Florida Statutes, and provides and revises definitions; requires a public accommodation to permit use of a service animal by an individual with a disability under certain circumstances; prohibits a public accommodation from inquiring about the nature or extent of an individual’s disability; provides conditions for a public accommodation to exclude or remove a service animal; revises penalties for certain persons or entities who interfere with use of a service animal in specified circumstances; specifies that the act does not limit certain rights or remedies granted under federal or state law; provides a penalty for knowing and willful misrepresentation with respect to use or training of a service animal.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[HB 383 \(Edwards/Perry\)](#) **Relating to Private Property Rights**

The bill creates a cause of action to recover damages for landowners where local and state governmental entities impose conditions that rise to the level of prohibited, and therefore unconstitutional, exactions. Plaintiffs under the cause of action will be required to provide pre-suit notice to the governmental entity to allow an opportunity to explain or correct the prohibited exaction without need for further litigation. If the suit is necessary, the bill requires the governmental entity to prove that the exaction complies with the standards set by the U.S. Supreme Court while the property owner must prove damages from the prohibited exaction. The bill clarifies the measure of damages recoverable under the cause of action and provides for injunctive relief, and it allows recovery of costs and attorney fees. Governmental entities may recover attorney fees and costs if they prevail. Impact fees and non-ad valorem assessments are exempt from the bill, and sovereign immunity is waived to the extent of damages assessed under the new cause of action. The bill also amends the Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act to provide that only those property owners whose real property is the subject of and directly impacted by the action of a governmental entity may bring suit under the act, and it provides that the act’s safe harbor provisions for settlement agreements between a property owner and governmental entity apply regardless of when the settlement agreement was entered. In addition, actions taken by counties to adopt Federal Emergency Management Agency flood maps for the purpose of participating in the National Flood Insurance Program are not subject to claims under the, with certain exceptions.

Effective Date: Oct. 1, 2015

[SB 396 \(Detert\)](#) **Relating to Florida Historic Capitol**

The bill renames the Legislative Research Center and Museum at the Historic Capitol as the Florida Historic Capitol Museum; creates the Florida Historic Capitol Museum Council; provides for the appointment and qualifications of council members; renames the position of capitol curator as the Florida Historic Capitol Museum director; revises the composition of the board of directors governing the Florida Historic Capitol Museum’s direct-support organization.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[HB 801 \(Taylor\)](#) **Relating to the Beirut Memorial**

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Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Division of Retirement:

[SB 172 \(Bradley\)](#) **Relating to Local Government Pension Reform**

This bill amends chapter 175 and 185, Florida Statutes, relating to municipal police officers’ retirement plans and firefighters’ pension plans. The bill authorizes deviation from the historical use of insurance premium tax revenues, including accumulations of additional tax revenues which have not been applied to fund benefits in excess of the defined minimum benefits, by mutual consent of collective bargaining representatives or majority consent of plan members and consent of the municipality or special fire control district. The bill increases the minimum annual benefit accrual rate from 2.0 percent to 2.75 percent, subject to certain exceptions. The bill grandfathers changes to a plan that are based on that particular plan’s reliance on an interpretation by the Department of Management Services of the existing statute, as evidenced by correspondence with the department between Aug. 14, 2012, and March 3, 2015. The bill also clarifies that a maximum of 300 hours of overtime may be included for purposes of calculating municipal police pension plan benefits.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[HB 565 \(Beshears\)](#) **Relating to Retirement**

The bill reopens a window for local agency employers to reassess positions designated for inclusion in the Senior Management Service class and request removal as deemed appropriate. The reassessment is scheduled for July 1, 2015 through Dec. 31, 2015, and every five years thereafter.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[HB 1167 \(Kerner\)](#) **Relating to City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County**

The bill amends the definition of “actuarial equivalent value” to mean the stated determination using an interest rate of 8.00 percent rather than 8.25 percent and using the RP-2000 Mortality Table rather than the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for males. The bill amends the special act creating the fund to define “fire chief” and to provide the chief with modified pension benefits. The bill reduces the expected employee contribution and modifies the use of premium tax proceeds to lower “actual employee contribution” rates. The bill also modifies the share of premium tax proceeds allocated to share accounts

and the options available to plan members in managing their share accounts. The bill adds additional options for employees who choose to participate in the BackDROP program. The bill is projected to decrease the city of West Palm Beach's contribution requirements to the fund by \$2,163,589 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$800,000 in fiscal year 2016-17. The changes made by this bill are the result of a collective bargaining agreement between the city of West Palm Beach and International Association of Firefighters Local 727.

Effective Date: June 10, 2015

[HB 1309 \(Drake\)](#) **Relating to Publicly Funded Retirement Plans**

The bill requires local government pension plans, when conducting the actuarial valuation of the plans, to use the mortality tables used in either of the two most recently published actuarial valuation reports of the FRS, including the projection scale for mortality improvement. It requires appropriate risk and collar adjustments to be made based on plan demographics. The bill requires the tables to be used for assumptions for preretirement and postretirement mortality. The bill also revises the mortality tables used in the actuarial disclosures in financial statements submitted to the Department of Management Services, effective Jan. 1, 2016. In addition, the bill delays the time period for each defined benefit retirement system or plan to comply with certain reporting requirements that were established in 2013, effective Jan. 1, 2016. Rather than require a plan to comply with the reporting requirements after the close of the plan year that ends on or after June 30, 2014, the bill requires a plan to comply after the close of the plan year that ends on or after Dec. 31, 2015.

Effective Date: June 11, 2015

[HB 1333 \(Ingram\)](#) **Relating to Firefighters' Relief and Pension Fund of the City of Pensacola, Escambia County**

The bill amends the formula utilized for calculating cost of living increases and retirement benefits for certain members. The bill makes changes to the structure of automatic retirement provisions. The bill provides additional benefits for widow(er)s and dependents. The bill provides additional protections for benefits from the legal process. In addition, the bill creates definitions and removes definitions that are no longer in use.

Effective Date: June 10, 2015

Division of Specialized Services:

[HB 197 \(Metz\)](#) **Relating to Tracking Devices or Tracking Applications**

The bill prohibits a person from installing a tracking device or tracking application on another person's property without the other person's consent. A violation of this prohibition is a second degree misdemeanor. This prohibition does not apply to a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency that lawfully installs a tracking device or tracking application on another person's property as part of a criminal investigation; a parent or legal guardian of a minor child who installs a tracking device or tracking application on the minor child's property with specified guidelines; a caregiver of an elderly person or disabled adult if the elderly person's or disabled adult's treating physician certifies that such installation is necessary to ensure the safety of the elderly person or disabled adult; a person who is not engaged in private investigation and is acting in good faith on behalf of a business entity for a legitimate business purpose; or an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle, in specified circumstances. The bill provides

for administrative disciplinary action against persons engaged in private investigation, security or repossession who install tracking devices or tracking applications in violation of the provisions of the bill.

Effective Date: Oct. 1, 2015

Division of State Group Insurance:

[SB 296 \(Garcia\)](#) **Relating to Diabetes Advisory Council**

The bill requires the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Management Services to submit a report every other year to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House that describes the following related to diabetes: public health consequences, fiscal impact to the state and effectiveness and cost savings of diabetes programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[HB 731 \(Plakon\)](#) **Relating to Employee Health Care Plans**

The bill amends the Employee Health Care Access Act, in section 627.6699, Florida Statutes, to remove multiple provisions which are out of date or conflict with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

Division of State Purchasing:

[HB 225 \(Cortes\)](#) **Relating to All-American Flag Act**

The bill creates section 256.041, Florida Statutes, to require that all United States and state flags purchased by the state, a county or a municipality for public use, after Jan. 1, 2016, be made in the United States entirely from domestically grown, produced and manufactured materials.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

[SB 778 \(Hays\)](#) **Relating to Local Government Construction Preferences**

The bill creates a new section 255.0991, which prohibits a state college, county, municipality or other political subdivision from exercising a local preference for competitive solicitations for construction services when 50 percent or more of the moneys for the project will be paid from state-appropriated funds. A state college, county, municipality, school district or other political subdivision is required to disclose in the solicitation subject to this prohibition the amount of or percentage of state-appropriated funds for the construction project as compared to the total cost of construction services.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015

