



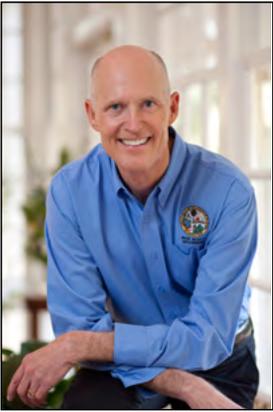
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2016 Legislative Session Summary

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Governor's Priorities

Florida First for Cutting Taxes: The Florida First Budget fulfills Governor Scott's promise to cut taxes by \$1 billion over two years. In 2015, Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature cut \$427 million in taxes, with \$252 million in recurring. The Florida First Budget cuts an additional \$557 million this year-bringing the total cuts over the last two years to \$1.2 billion. Some of the taxes cut this year include: \$428 million in property tax cuts, \$73.1 million by permanently eliminating the sales tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment and \$28.7 million for a back-to-school sales tax holiday.

Florida First for Government Efficiency: The Florida First Budget continues to provide Florida taxpayers with a lean state government with a reduction of an additional 270 state positions. The Florida First Budget invest \$1.7 million to make Florida's state government fleet management one of the most efficient in the nation. Florida owns nearly 25,000 vehicles that are managed through six separate systems. This new system will allow state agencies to better communicate and will more than pay for itself in the first year, saving the taxpayers millions of dollars. The Florida First Budget also includes \$4.6 million to implement an enterprise-wide travel system for state employees. The automated system will standardize the forms and process for state employee travel approval and reimbursements resulting in a more efficient and transparent management of agency travel.

Florida First for Investing in Education: The Florida First Budget continues to make education a top priority to ensure Florida students have the opportunity to achieve their career goals. In order to further diversify the state's economy and make Florida the best state in the nation for jobs, Florida must have a highly skilled and educated workforce that attracts businesses to Florida. To provide excellence in higher education the budget holds the line on higher education tuition and provides historic levels of funding for state universities at \$4.7 billion, an increase of \$199.6 million over last year. Florida's college system also received increase funding of \$10 million, an increase of \$5 million over last year. Continued investments of \$4.5 million for the District Workforce Education programs provide students the opportunity to earn industry certification in targeted occupational areas, including health science and information technology.

Florida First for Job Creation: In a little over five years, Florida has created more than 1,060,800 private-sector jobs, due to Governor Scott's continued efforts to eliminate more than 4,200 regulations and sustain Florida's low tax environment, making it easier to do business in the state. Under Governor Scott's leadership, Florida has beat Texas in job creation for the past nine months.

Florida First for Public Safety: The Florida First Budget invests \$12.5 million in reentry and vocational programs, with proven results, to assist inmates in acquiring employment upon leaving prison and in transitioning back into the community. With safer communities through reduced recidivism, Florida will continue to flourish.



Dear DMS Colleagues,

This publication summarizes key legislative and budgetary items approved during the 2016 Legislative Session. In total, DMS tracked 217 bills of the 1,814 total bills filed. Of the 1,814 total bills filed, the Legislature passed and enrolled 279 bills for the Governor’s action. Please note the table below for general bill statistics:

2014 Legislative Session		2015 Legislative Session		2016 Legislative Sessions	
Total Filed Bills	1,812	Total Filed Bills	1,808	Total Filed Bills	1,814
Total Passed	264	Total Passed	245	Total Passed	279
Percentage Passed	14.6 percent	Percentage Passed	13.6 percent	Percentage Passed	15.4 percent

Governor Scott’s 2016-17 “Florida First Budget” entrusted the Department of Management Services with enhanced opportunities, including new government efficiencies like the Fleet Management Information System and the Statewide Travel Management System for state employees and the chance to improve public safety measures. The Governor’s initiatives of cutting taxes, making government more efficient, investing in education, focusing on job creation and building stronger Florida communities will continue to make a difference in the lives of Floridians across our state.

In the following report, you will find many achievements for our agency and divisions. I would like to personally thank everyone for representing DMS and Governor Scott in such a positive manner throughout the 2016 Legislative Session. It is an exciting time to work alongside the Governor in his steadfast commitment to make Florida First in the nation.

Sincerely,

Chad Poppell

Agency Secretary

Florida Department of Management Services

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Accomplishments:

Secretary Poppell's Confirmation

In accordance with section 20.22, Florida Statutes, the Governor's appointment of the DMS Secretary is subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate. Confirmation must take place within two regular sessions from the effective date of the appointment, in accordance with section 114.05, Florida Statutes. As such, Secretary Poppell's confirmation was a top priority this session. Secretary Poppell appeared and presented before two Senate committees. He received no questions and unanimous support in both committees which resulted in a recommendation that the Secretary be confirmed by the full Senate. Secretary Poppell was confirmed through a unanimous vote by the Florida Senate on February 18, 2016.

Division of Retirement

Early in the process, DMS brought forward three concepts relating to retirement that are employee friendly and help to bring our retirement in line with current industry practices. These concepts were filed by the House State Affairs Committee as a committee bill and passed out of the Florida House by Representative Caldwell as House Bill 7107. The concepts include renewed membership, death in the line of duty and changing the default retirement plan for new members. Please note, death in the line of duty passed the Legislature and was approved by the Governor as a single concept. Senate Bill 7012 (Death Benefits under the FRS), was signed by the Governor on April 8, 2016, and became effective July 1, 2016.

Division of People First

Through multiple debriefings on the success of the People First system procurement, DMS was able to save the state millions of dollars while simultaneously increasing service levels. The team received accolades from lawmakers for their work to ensure the best value for the state was achieved. Chair Nunez (House Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee) amongst others, shared that the People First team set the gold standard in competitive procurements.

Division of State Group Insurance

The Division of State Group Insurance went to work on behalf of all Floridians, by helping to ensure that lawmakers had the information they needed to pass a measure that addressed balance billing. House Bill 221 (Out-of-Network Health Insurance Coverage) relieves provider organizations policyholders from large, unfair and unexpected medical bills that result after emergency care has been obtained from an out of network provider. House Bill 221 was signed by the Governor on April 14, 2016, and became effective July 1, 2016.

Division of State Purchasing

With the upcoming sunset date approaching for a measure relating to public records and public meetings exemptions for competitive solicitations used by governmental entities, Senate Bill 7030 (OGSR/Competitive Solicitation or Negotiation Strategies) was signed into law to continue current practice. Senate Bill 350 relating to procurement procedures for educational institutions was also approved this session. This came after the division worked to educate lawmakers, staff, and external parties about our current systems and practice. The team worked hard to ensure that the legislation complimented

overarching current practice relating to procurement. The bill authorizes district school boards to make purchases through an online procurement system, electronic auction service or other efficient procurement tool. In addition, the bill requires each district school board to review the purchasing agreements and state term contracts available through the Department of Management Services pursuant to section 287.056, Florida Statutes, before purchasing nonacademic commodities and services.

Division of Real Estate Development and Management

The Real Estate Development and Management team successfully educated and provided information to lawmakers to ensure the state maintains the highest degree of flexibility as we gear up for the state's future real estate space needs. This included securing funding for an aging infrastructure study that will allow the Florida Legislature and DMS to develop and implement an effective strategy to address the existing and upcoming issues resulting from an aging real estate portfolio in the downtown Tallahassee area.

Division of Specialized Services

To allow state government to run more efficiently and result in significant cost avoidance, DMS successfully secured \$1.7 million to establish a centralized system to improve the way the state's fleet assets are managed.

General Appropriations Act, Implementing Bills and Conforming Bills:

[HB 5001 \(Appropriations Committee\)](#) **Relating to General Appropriations Act**

This bill provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, and supplemental appropriations for period ending June 30, 2016, to pay salaries and other expenses, capital outlay for buildings and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of various agencies of state government.

Appropriation: \$82.3 billion

Approved by the Governor with Appropriation Veto on March 17, 2016.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

[HB 5003 \(Appropriations Committee\)](#) **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 2016-17. The statutory changes are effective for only one year and either expire on July 1, 2017, or revert to the language as it existed before the changes made by the bill.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

[HB 5005 \(Appropriations Committee\)](#) **State-administered Retirement Systems**

This bill adjusts the employer-paid contribution rates for normal costs and unfunded actuarial liability for the Florida Retirement System, based on the July 1, 2015, Actuarial Valuation. The bill also increases the employer contribution for FRS administrative and educational expenses. The bill conforms the law to the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act (GAA) as retirement and administrative and educational contributions are included in the GAA.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

[HB 5007 \(Appropriations Committee\)](#) **Collective Bargaining**

This bill resolves the collective bargaining issues remaining at impasse between the State of Florida and the bargaining representatives for state employees for the 2016-17 fiscal year that were not resolved in the General Appropriations Act or other legislation.

Effective Date: May 10, 2016

Department of Management Services' Specific Appropriations:

Division of Real Estate Development and Management:

- FCO General Building Repairs - \$23,774,985 NR GR and \$13,183,931 NR TF
- FCO ADA Deficiencies - \$3,600,000 NR GR and \$1,150,863 NR TF
- FCO Life Safety Deficiencies - \$1,596,000 NR TF
- Florida Facilities Pool Tenant Space Refurbishment - \$1,932,577 NR TF
- Master Lease Tenant Space Improvements - \$177,655 NR TF
- Enhanced Management of Florida Facilities Pool Building Improvements - 3 FTE & \$306,429 recurring
- Operation and Maintenance of Buildings - \$500,000 NR TF
- Aging Government Facilities Infrastructure Assessment - \$126,483 NR GR and \$646,172 NR TF
- Old Capitol Renovation - \$337,200 NR GR
- Debt Service Reduction - (\$7,797,087) recurring TF
- Second DCA Facilities Study - \$200,000 NR TF
- (13.00) FTE Custodial Outsourcing (\$9,931) TF (Reduction of \$315,437 in S&B, \$25,606 in Expense, \$4,472 in HR Services, and an increase of \$335,584 in Contracted Services)
- Unamortized Tenant Improvements - Oakland, vacated by SSRC – \$74,267 NR GR

Oakland Building Tenant Improvement - From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2699, \$74,267 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund 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 July 1, 2015, and February 29, 2016.

Aging Infrastructure Assessment - From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2702, \$126,483 from the General Revenue Fund and \$646,172 from the Supervision Trust Fund are provided to contract with an independent third party consulting firm to complete a study of the aging state government facilities infrastructure located in Leon County and provide recommendations on how to manage the structures. The study shall be submitted to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1, 2017.

Custodial Outsourcing - From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2702, \$335,584 is provided to the Department of Management Services to outsource custodial services at the R.A. Gray Building and the Bob Martinez Center (Twin Towers) in Tallahassee.

Second DCA Study - From the funds in Specific Appropriation 3142A, \$200,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to contract for a study of the courthouse space and location needs of the Second District Court of Appeal. The study shall 1) Evaluate the current courthouse facilities and locations of the court. The evaluation will include, but not be limited to, review and consideration of: total square

footage, space configuration, parking, and parcel-size needs of the court; the caseload of the court based on judicial circuits from which the cases on appeal originate; the geographic boundaries of the district; the population dispersion of the district; the city of residence of users and staff of the court; and the availability of existing buildings to house the court or land for construction of a courthouse. 2) Estimate the costs for any necessary repairs or renovations for operating the courthouse facility and property in Lakeland, Polk County. 3) Provide a market analysis of the facility and property in Lakeland, Polk County, including but not limited to an assessment of the commercial and non-commercial uses of property in the surrounding area and the identification of and the feasibility of potential alternative public and private uses of the facility and property. 4) Recommend whether maintaining separate facilities and locations or consolidating in one facility and location better benefits users and facilitates the effective operation of the court and provide a cost-benefit analysis of location options. 5) Depending upon the study's recommendations on maintaining separate facilities and locations or consolidating in one facility or location, recommend the most desirable location or locations for the court by city or county considering the business and operational case for that location or locations. The Office of the State Court Administrator shall submit the study to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Chief Judge of the Second District Court of Appeal by December 31, 2016.

Division of Telecommunications:

- Florida Interoperability Network (FIN) - \$1,384,943 NR GR
- Mutual Aid - \$1,156,476 NR GR
- Capital Circle Office Complex (CCOC) Local Area Network (LAN) Recurring maintenance - \$20,793 recurring TF
- Recurring Maintenance on State Data Center Network Equipment - \$45,629 recurring TF
- SLERS Staff Augmentation - \$933,800 NR TF
- SLERS IV&V - \$150,000 NR TF
- MyFloridaNet-2 Migration Assistance - \$349,440 NR TF (in reserve with FY 2015-16 appropriation)

MFN2 Staff Augmentation - From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2827, \$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.

SLERS Staff Augmentation - From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2838, \$933,800 of nonrecurring funds from the Law Enforcement Radio System Trust Fund is provided for the Department of Management Services to acquire and maintain the necessary staff augmentation support and subject matter experts to assist the department in the competitive solicitation and providing other services as determined necessary by the department for procuring a land mobile radio support system based upon a Project 25 Phase II delivery methodology. The system will provide communication services for state and local public safety agencies. The procurement shall accomplish, but not be limited to: improved coverage, audio clarity, interoperability, and enhanced system features including GPS location service, text messaging, and central device management. 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) project planning and management; (2) consultation and providing technical expertise to the department; (3) assist department as requested in the evaluation of responses; and (4) negotiation with procurement respondents as requested by the department. Additionally, staff augmentation and subject matter experts shall consult with the Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications in order to evaluate any additional technical options to support the voice and data communication requirements of public safety personnel in Florida. When scoring proposals, the department shall consider, among other factors, any respondent's ability to leverage existing resources to the public's best interest. The department must release a competitive procurement and, thereafter, award a procurement for the replacement of the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System. The department shall provide quarterly updates on the progress of the competitive solicitation to the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget.

Radio Replacement - The funds in Specific Appropriation 2843A, \$7 million, are provided to the Department of Management Services to replace radios and associated accessories for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation that operate on the State Agency 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 II 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. 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 - Net contract reduction of (\$3,250,000); Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at \$1 million and IV&V at \$280,800 recurring.

Division of Retirement:

- General Revenue Pensions and Benefits - (\$532,851) GR
- Other Personnel Services to support Contact Center - Net Zero (Shifted \$225,000 from Salaries and Benefits to OPS)
- Realign Budget for phone related charges - Net Zero (Shifted \$202,000 from Contracted Services to Expenses)
- \$435,000 in procurement support to rebidding IT operations NR TF.

Division of Specialized Services:

- FLEET Management Information System - \$1,661,550 NR GR
- FLEET Management Information System IV&V - \$99,693 NR GR

FLEET Management Information System - From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2734, the Department of Management Services shall procure a commercially available solution to support a centralized Fleet Management Information System with the capacity to manage all state-owned and leased equipment pursuant to section 287.16, Florida Statutes. The solution shall replace the existing fleet management application with a solution that, at a minimum, shall have the capability to: a) manage the state-owned and leased fleet, including all equipment currently required to be tracked and the ability to track optional equipment such as heavy trucks, tractors, trailers, forklifts, heavy equipment, marine engines, and other mobile equipment; b) provide the ability to monitor and report utilization of the fleet; c) provide centralized motor vehicle replacement planning and budgeting; d) facilitate an optimized fleet acquisition process; e) manage and maintain records of the maintenance and repair of the fleet; f) monitor and manage the disposal of fleet assets; and g) provide a standard methodology for reporting fuel data. All agencies utilizing the existing fleet management application or assessed service charges for required assets will be required to transition to the new Fleet Management Information System. Additionally, the Department of Management Services shall contract with a third party consulting firm with experience in conducting independent verification and validation assessments to provide independent verification and validation for the Fleet Management Information System replacement. The contract for independent verification and validation assessment shall not exceed \$100,000. The Department of Management Services shall provide written, quarterly project status reports with the first report due on September 30, 2016, to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget.

Administration (Admin):

- Eliminate Excess Budget Authority CWCTF - (\$3,453) - Technical
- Administrative Assessment from FCHR - \$7,977 recurring TF

Department Wide:

- Transfer to DOAH - \$300,000 GR (FCHR) and (\$131,775) TF (DMS)

Other New Proviso Language:

Quarterly Travel Reports - From the funds provided in Specific Appropriations 2684 through 2845, the Department of Management Services shall submit quarterly reports on all travel related to training, seminars, workshops, conferences, or similarly purposed travel that was completed by senior management employees and division or program directors. Each quarterly report shall include the following information: (a) employee name, (b) position title, (c) purpose of travel, (d) dates and location of travel, (e) confirmation of agency head authorization if required by HB 5003, and (f) total travel cost. The report shall be submitted to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee, and the Executive Office of the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget. The first report shall be submitted on July 15, 2016, for the period of April 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016, and quarterly thereafter.

IT Research - From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2688, \$50,000 in recurring funds from the Operating Trust Fund is provided to the Department of Management Services to obtain independent and objective information technology research.

Airline State-Term Contract - From the funds provided in Specific Appropriations 2740 through 2752, the Department of Management Services may establish state term contracts for airline travel, from multiple providers, for travel by state employees traveling to and from Tallahassee.

Implementing Bill:

DMS ALL:

- Section 113. No initiation of competitive solicitations without budget authority unless specifically authorized in law.
- Section 114. Allows for intergovernmental public employee interchange with budget amendment approval. (Employee sharing with other agencies)
- Section 119. Limits employee travel for activities that are critical to each state agency's mission – same language we have had now for several years.
- Section 120. Limits travel lodging costs to \$150 per day. Allows employees to spend their own funds if in excess of \$150.
- Section 121. This is funded in EOG to build a Travel Management System that all agencies will use.
- Section 124. No contracts with nondisclosure for legislative members and staff.
 - *Division of Real Estate Development and Management:*
 - Section 68. Using Tenant Brokers for re-procuring private lease space in excess of 2,000 square feet.
 - Section 80. Allows for budget amendments for agencies to relocate from the Northwood Centre.
 - *Division of Human Resource Management:*
 - Section 65. Work group for Law Enforcement Officers' Career Development Plan due by November 30, 2016; to be presented to the Governor, Senate and House by December 1, 2016.
 - *Division of Telecommunications:*
 - Section 71. Joint Task Force on State Agency Law Enforcement Communications – lists representatives.
 - *Division of State Purchasing:*
 - Section 73. MFMP stays and .7 percent; same as current year.
 - *Divisions of People First and State Purchasing:*
 - Section 79. FLAIR Replacement Steering Committee – Governance structure requires two DMS employees be appointed by the Secretary. One employee must have experience relating to the department's personnel information subsystem and one with experience relating to the department's purchasing subsystem.
 - *Division of State Group Insurance:*
 - Section 122. Prescription Drug Program.

- *DMS Technical:*
 - Section 74. DP Services Alignment – Technical
 - Section 75. DP Services Transfers Limitations – Technical
 - Section 76. Suncom Alignment – Technical
 - Section 77. Risk Management Alignment – Technical
 - Section 78. HR Services Alignment – Technical

Section 8. Back of the Bill:

- Health insurance premium increase for employers; No premium increase for employees
- 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
- People First transition appropriation will revert
- FirstNet potential transfer from Highway Safety
- \$8.1 million TF authority in Administered Funds in the Northwood Centre Relocation appropriation category to assist agencies with move costs
- Purchasing Oversight - \$4 million Operating TF sweep
- MFN2 Staff Aug of \$349,440 in fiscal year 2015-16 is reverted and re-appropriated to reserve

DMS-Related Bills:

Office of the General Counsel

[House Bill 273 \(Representative Beshears\)](#) **Relating to Public Records**

This bill requires a public agency contract for services with a contractor to include a statement informing the contractor of the contact information of the public agency's custodian of public records (records custodian) and instructing the contractor to contact the records custodian concerning any questions the contractor may have regarding the contractor's duties to provide public records relating to the contract. The bill repeals the requirement that each contract for services require the contractor to transfer its public records to the public agency upon termination of the contract. Instead, the contract must address whether the contractor will retain the public records or transfer the public records to the public agency upon completion of the contract.

Effective Date: March 8, 2016

Division of State Group Insurance

[House Bill 221 \(Representative Trujillo\)](#) **Relating to Health Care Services**

This bill prohibits out-of-network providers from balance billing members of a Preferred Provider Organization or Exclusive Provider Organization for emergency services or for nonemergency services when the nonemergency services are provided in a network hospital and the patient had no ability and opportunity to choose a network provider. The bill establishes standards for determining reimbursement to the providers and authorizes providers and insurers to settle disputed claims under the statewide provider and health plan claim dispute resolution program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

[House Bill 1175 \(Representative Sprowls\)](#) **Relating to Transparency in Health Care**

This bill ensures greater consumer access to health care price and quality information by requiring certain health care providers, insurers and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to give that information to patients. The bill requires the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to contract with a vendor for an all-payer claims database (APCD), which provides an online, searchable method for consumers to compare provider price and quality, and a Florida-specific data set for price and quality research purposes. The bill requires insurers and HMOs to submit data to the APCD, under certain conditions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Division of State Purchasing

[Senate Bill 350 \(Senator Montford\)](#) **Relating to Procurement Procedures for Educational Institutions**

This bill requires each district school board and Florida College System institution board of trustees to review the purchasing agreements and state term contracts available through the Department of Management Services pursuant to s. 287.056, F.S., before purchasing nonacademic commodities and services. The bill also requires each bid specification for nonacademic commodities and services include a statement that the purchasing agreements and state term contracts have been reviewed, and authorizes each district school board to use the cooperative state purchasing programs managed through the regional consortium service organizations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

[Senate Bill 7030 \(Governmental Oversight and Accountability\)](#) **Relating to OGSR/Competitive Solicitation or Negotiation Strategies**

This bill continues the public records and public meetings exemptions for competitive solicitations used by governmental entities by removing the October 2, 2016, repeal date in each law.

Effective Date: October 1, 2016

[Senate Bill 124 \(Senator Evers\)](#) **Relating to Public-private Partnerships**

This bill implements many of the recommendations of the statutorily created Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Act Guidelines Task Force to create a uniform process for public entities to engage in public-private partnerships (P3s). The bill provides increased flexibility to the responsible public entity by permitting a responsible public entity to deviate from the provided procurement

timeframes if approved by majority vote of the entity's governing body. The bill authorizes the Department of Management Services to accept and maintain copies of comprehensive agreements received from responsible public entities.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Division of Real Estate Development and Management

[House Bill 701 \(Representative Lee Jr.\)](#) **Relating to Art in the Capitol Competition**

This bill creates the Art in the Capitol Competition for public, private and home education students in grades 6 through 8. Student submissions will be selected by a committee of art teachers whose students have not submitted artwork for consideration. Each winning submission must be provided to the legislator of the legislative district in which the student resides no later than 60 days before the start of each regular session. The legislator will then provide the winning submission to the Department of Management Services which will arrange to have it displayed in the Capitol Building during the regular legislative session. Upon adjournment of the legislative session, the legislator shall return the winning submission to the student.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

[Senate Bill 716 \(Senator Sobel\)](#) **Relating to Florida Holocaust Memorial**

This bill establishes the Florida Holocaust Memorial. The memorial is to recognize and commemorate the millions of people, including six million Jews, murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators before and during World War II in Europe, and to honor the survivors of the Holocaust. The bill requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) to administer the memorial and to designate an appropriate public area for the memorial on the Capitol Complex. DMS must construct the memorial after considering the recommendations of the Florida Historical Commission and coordinate with the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State in regards to the memorial's design and placement.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

[House Bill 7007 \(Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee\)](#) **Relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services**

This bill creates section 15.0521, Florida Statutes, designating tupelo honey as the official state honey. Pure tupelo honey is commercially harvested in northwest Florida. The honey comes from the Ogeechee Tupelo tree, also known as the White Tupelo. This tree blossoms for a short season, usually only a few weeks in late April into early May.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Division of Human Resource Management

[House Bill 1219 \(Representative Raburn\)](#) **Relating to Veterans' Employment**

The bill revises the section of Florida law governing veterans' preference in appointment and retention. Specifically, the bill: Requires each state agency, and allows each political subdivision of the state, to develop and implement a written veterans' recruitment plan; Requires each veterans' recruitment plan to establish and meet annual goals for ensuring the full use of veterans in the agency's or subdivision's workforce; Requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) to collect statistical data for each state agency on the number of persons who claim veterans' preference, the number of persons who were

hired through veterans' preference, and the number of persons who were hired as a result of the veterans' recruitment plan; and Requires DMS to annually update the statistical data on its website and include the statistics in its annual workforce report.

Effective Date: October 1, 2016

[House Bill 7003 \(State Affairs\)](#) **Relating to Individuals with Disabilities**

This bill addresses the employment and economic independence of individuals with disabilities. Specifically, the bill: Modifies the definition of "developmental disability" to include Down syndrome; Modifies the state's equal employment policy to provide enhanced executive agency employment opportunities for individuals who have a disability; Creates the Employment First Act, which requires certain state agencies and organizations to develop an interagency cooperative agreement to ensure a long-term commitment to improving employment outcomes for individuals who have a disability; Creates the Financial Literacy Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (Literacy Program) to promote economic independence and successful employment of individuals with developmental disabilities by providing information and outreach to individuals and employers; and Creates the Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program (Partner Program) to recognize business entities that demonstrate commitment, through employment or support, to the independence of individuals who have a disability.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Division of Retirement

[House Bill 1297 \(Representative Cummings\)](#) **Relating to Discretionary Sales Surtaxes**

This bill provides that a county, upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of the county, may levy a pension liability discretionary sales surtax, at a rate not to exceed 0.5 percent, to fund underfunded defined benefit retirement plans or systems. A county may not impose a Pension Liability Surtax unless the underfunded defined benefit retirement plan or system is below 80 percent of actuarial funding at the time the ordinance or referendum is passed.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

[Senate Bill 7012 \(Governmental Oversight and Accountability\)](#) **Relating to Death Benefits under the Florida Retirement System**

This bill makes two changes to the Florida Retirement System (FRS). The bill increases the monthly survivor benefits available to the spouses and children of FRS pension plan members in the Special Risk Class when killed in the line of duty from 50 percent of the member's monthly salary at the time of death to 100 percent of the member's monthly salary at the time of death. Secondly, the bill permits the surviving spouse or children of an investment plan member in the Special Risk Class when killed in the line of duty to opt into the FRS investment plan survivor benefits program in lieu of receiving normal retirement benefits under the FRS investment plan.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

