



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

providing youth the knowledge and life skills they need to be productive, responsible citizens

RESOURCE MANUAL II

Bill Book and Lobby Bill Chart

Virtual June 22-24, 2021

In-Person June 26, 2021 at the University of Florida



49th Session of the Florida 4-H Legislature 2021

UF | IFAS Extension
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA





FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

providing youth the knowledge and life skills they need to be productive, responsible citizens

RESOURCE MANUAL II

Edited By:

Youth Bill Editing Committee

Shelby Sumner, Okeechobee County

Shea Dixon, Santa Rosa County

Jared Heady, Walton County

Benjamin Wolking, Alachua County

Kelsey Cook, Steering Committee Chair and
Duval County 4-H Extension Agent

Charlie Poliseno, Steering Committee Member and
Hillsborough County 4-H Extension Agent

Sara Brake, Steering Committee Member

Ella Dinkins, 2021 Youth Planning Committee Chair

UF | IFAS Extension
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA



The Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) is an Equal Opportunity Institution authorized to provide research, educational information and other services only to individuals and institutions that function without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida, IFAS, Florida A. & M. and University Cooperative Extension Program cooperating.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, Tom Obreza, interim- Director, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, publishes this information to further the purpose of the May 8 and June 30, 1914 Acts of Congress; and is authorized to provide research, educational information and other services only to individuals and institutions that function with non-discrimination with respect to race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations. The information in this publication is available in alternate formats. Single copies of extension publications (excluding 4-H and youth publications) are available free to Florida residents from county extension offices.



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

2021 4-H LEGISLATURE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Governor: Lydia Ducanis

4-H Legislature Committee Chair & Lt. Governor: Ella Dinkins

Senate

House

President of the Senate

Payton Ziegler

Secretary of the Senate

Christy Manzueta

Agriculture and Natural Resources Chair

Hunter Williams

Criminal Justice Chair

Jordan Sutton

Education Chair

Benjamin Wolking

GCT Chair

Ethan Thorne

Health and Human Services Chair

Sadie Shoffner

Juvenile Justice Chair

Photini Thorp

Green Party Leader

Benjamin Wolking

Gold Party Leader

Isabel Rodriguez Gracia

Speaker of the House

Shea Dixon

Clerk of the House

Shelby Sumner

Agriculture and Natural Resources Chair

Annie Cooke & Katie Howard

Criminal Justice Chair

Daniel Ducanis & Savannah Sperry

Education Chair

Anastasia Godfrey

GCT Chair

Jared Heady

Health and Human Services Chair

Christopher Rogne

Juvenile Justice Chair

Emma Rosselle

Green Party Leader

Annie Cooke

Gold Party Leader

Jared Heady

Lead Media Correspondent: Brooke Peruski

Co-Head Lobbyist: Lily Crawford and Daylyn Hutchinson

Adult Steering Committee: Kelsey Cook, Charlie Polisen, and Sara Brake



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Dear 4-H Legislature Participant,

Welcome to the 49th session of the Florida 4-H Legislature! My name is Ella Dinkins, and I am honored to serve you as the 2020-2021 Legislature Planning Committee Chair as well as your Lieutenant Governor the week of 4-H Legislature. Whether you are a first-year participant or a returning one, I challenge you to make the most of this week and to immerse yourself in your role as a Senator, Representative, Media Correspondent, or Lobbyist. It is an amazing opportunity to be able to participate in this event, so I hope that throughout this week you take advantage of the opportunities available which will allow you to learn more about our state government, build relationships, and experience personal growth.

This year, our Legislature Planning Committee has worked hard to plan our event and make sure you have the best experience possible. Throughout the week, the Planning Committee members will be wearing gold name tags. If at any time you need assistance, whether it is understanding the schedule, working with technology, information on a bill, or anything else you may need, please do not hesitate to ask them. To ensure that you are as comfortable as possible in your role this week, you will have access to Manual 1 and Manual 2 on the Florida 4-H website (<https://florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/events/legislature/>). Manual 1 provides information about 4-H Legislature, rudimentary parliamentary procedure, and information relevant to each role. Manual 2 includes the bills which will be lobbied and debated during your week at Legislature. A detailed schedule for our event can be found on the Florida 4-H website. It is important that you are familiar with the schedule each day, so you are prepared for each activity. Following the schedule will help you have a successful and positive experience at 4-H Legislature.

Leading up to the event, I strongly encourage you to diligently research your bills. It is key to understand the strengths and weaknesses as well as the opposing point of view on each of your bills. This will help you prepare strong arguments to use during committee meetings and chamber sessions and will make the event experience more enjoyable for everyone.

Whether you are joining us only for our virtual program or for both our virtual and in-person programs, I want you to be passionate about your roles this week. Above all, please treat your fellow participants with kindness and respect. Remember that everyone will have a difference in opinion, and that is what makes this a wonderful experience. I know this year's Legislature will be an excellent 49th session. I look forward to seeing you, and I hope you have a fantastic week!

Sincerely,
Ella Dinkins
2021 Florida 4-H Legislature Committee Chair



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bills Titles by Committee

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

- AG01 Local food shipment to schools
- AG02 Renewable energy to acquire an agricultural exemption
- AG03 Florida homeowners plant one tree sapling every year
- AG04 Public universities and colleges to purchase food from local farms
- AG05 Grants to schools who manage beehives and gardens
- AG06 Right to defend personal livestock from protected predators
- AG07 Reducing the amount of clear cutting for construction purposes
- AG08 “critical linkages” of the Florida Wildlife Corridor
- AG09 Taxation of non-biodegradable fishing line
- AG10 Labeling and marketing of beverages sourced from plants

Criminal Justice Committee

- CJ01 Prisoner rehabilitation
- CJ02 Police officers' use of the chokehold
- CJ03 Allowing workplaces to have a concealed firearm on the property
- CJ04 Preventing any minor from being charged as an adult
- CJ05 Discontinued use of the death penalty
- CJ06 License to own and buy high-power semi-automatic and fully automatic rifles
- CJ07 Decriminalization of the possession of marijuana
- CJ08 Legal drinking age from twenty-one to eighteen
- CJ09 Eliminating reduced sentencing in cases where the defendant is considered to be mentally ill
- CJ10 Parents and guardians registering firearms with the school district

Education Committee

- ED01 Coding courses as language credits
- ED02 Monthly, state issued tests that students are required to pass to advance
- ED03 Anger management courses being mandatory for any student with record
- ED04 Mandating that all schools have their students participate in a practical life-skills program
- ED05 Prohibiting of any form of clothing or accessories representing the Confederate Rebel Flag
- ED06 Having uniforms in all public schools
- ED07 Eliminating the dual enrollment program
- ED08 Availability of in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants
- ED09 Eliminating and restricting homework for elementary students
- ED10 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math in Extracurricular Activities Act



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bills Titles by Committee

Government, Commerce, and Transportation Committee

- GCT01 Firearm assembly kits to be considered to be firearms
- GCT02 Ban in sales of combustion cars
- GCT03 Legalization of all licensed ATV and ROV vehicles on all public roads
- GCT04 Implementation of ranked-choice voting in the state of Florida
- GCT05 Free public transportation for students attending any college or university
- GCT06 Florida High-Speed Rail Act
- GCT07 Florida National Popular Vote Act
- GCT08 Requirement of headphone use on public transportation
- GCT09 Funding self-driving technology
- GCT10 Confederate Repeal Act

Health and Human Services Committee

- HHS01 Funding cloning research
- HHS02 Discontinuing the use of single-use plastics in public dining facilities
- HHS03 Establishing mental health programs in schools
- HHS04 Parental consent for abortions by minors
- HHS05 Legalization of the selling and purchasing of THC cannabis products for recreational use
- HHS06 Mandating that employers provide paid parental leave
- HHS07 Free birth control to those in need for medical reasons
- HHS08 Providing gynecological services at all colleges and universities
- HHS09 Pandemic Emergency Response
- HHS10 Lethal force in self-defense

Juvenile Justice Committee

- JJ01 Age requirements for social media
- JJ02 Banning of face tattoos on minors
- JJ03 Ending permanent marijuana and alcohol possession charges on all minors
- JJ04 Anger management and conflict resolution in schools
- JJ05 Out-of-school suspension and expulsion of students to address truancy
- JJ06 Changing the legal driving age to eighteen (18)
- JJ07 Raising the age of a juvenile offender to be tried as an adult
- JJ08 Legal rights for female minors to have autonomy termination of their own pregnancy
- JJ09 Punishment of minors driving under the influence of alcohol

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG01
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to local food shipment to schools.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. All public-school food products that are delivered to the school and paid for by the district must be sourced locally.

Section 2. Local foods will be defined as foods from farms located within the school district to which the school belongs.

Section 3. If the farms present in the district are not large enough to produce the entirety of the amount needed, other farms, prioritized by proximity to the district can be employed to produce the quantity that local farms cannot.

This law will take effect on March 20, 2025

SUMMARY

Foods shipped to public schools must be locally sourced.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Florida’s farming economy will increase. Local, smaller farms, will receive more business.

Con: Depending on what foods are produced locally, some schools may lack diversity and balance in their menu, as they would be limited on where they could source school food products.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG02
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to requiring the use of renewable energy to acquire an agricultural tax exemption.

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

7 Section 1. To claim an agricultural property tax exemption, Florida property owners must:

- 8 a. Use the land for “good faith commercial agriculture use” as defined in Fl. Stat. §
- 9 193.461; and
- 10 b. Verify that at least 30% of their property’s energy usage is produced through renewable
- 11 energy sources.

12 Section 2. Florida property owners are responsible for covering the purchase, installation, and

13 maintenance costs of renewable energy equipment.

14
15 Section 3. The following terms are defined as follows;

- 16 a. Renewable energy sources are defined as energy sources that naturally replenish, in a
- 17 short period of time, to replace the amount used. This includes, but is not limited to, wind
- 18 energy, solar energy, and hydroelectric energy.

19 This law will take effect on January 1, 2022.

20 *****

21 **SUMMARY**

22 Florida property owners will be required to utilize renewable energy sources in order to be eligible

23 for an agricultural property tax exemption.

24
25 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are

26 additions.

27
28 Pro: Florida property owners will have a financial incentive to transition to the use of renewable

29 energy.

30
31 Con: Florida property owners will have to incur major expenses to purchase, install, and

32 maintain renewable energy equipment.

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG03
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to requiring all homeowners in the state of Florida to plant one tree sapling every year.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. In an effort to fight global warming, all homeowners in the state of Florida will be provided with a sapling to plant at a location of their choosing. Homeowners will be required to plant a new sapling every year.

Section 2. Homeowners who do not plant a sapling every year will be fined up to \$500. For any additional offenses, the homeowner(s) may face up to 3 days in jail and a \$1000 fine.

This law will take effect on January 1, 2022.

SUMMARY

All homeowners in Florida will be required to plant a new sapling every year.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: The continued planting of trees would combat global warming by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen.

Con: Not all homeowners have enough land to plant multiple trees, so they would be responsible for finding other locations to plant the saplings.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG04
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to the requirement of public universities and colleges to purchase food from local
5 farms.

6
7 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

8 Section 1.

9 All public universities and public colleges in the state of Florida having meal service programs
10 must purchase a minimum of ten percent of their food from farms within the state of Florida.

11 This does not include any restaurants on campus that are not owned or operated by the college.
12

13 Section 2.

14 For this legislation, “public universities” and “public colleges” shall be defined as universities or
15 colleges which receive fifty percent or more of their funding from the government.
16

17
18 This law will take effect on August 1, 2022.

19 *****
20

21 **SUMMARY**

22 It will be mandatory for public colleges and universities to purchase a minimum of ten percent of
23 their food from local farms.
24

25 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
26 additions.
27

28 Pro: This bill would benefit local farmers in the state of Florida by increasing their business.
29

30 Con: Certain foods from Florida farms may not be available year-round.
31
32
33
34
35
36

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG05
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the giving of grants to schools who manage beehives and gardens successfully to promote beekeeping and agriculture in schools through firsthand experience.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. The Grant

- (a) A thousand-dollar (\$1,000) grant will be given to schools that participate and successfully manage a beehive and their garden/greenhouse every year. To receive the grant, the school will have to have proof that their hives are working, alive, and well managed by the students, as well as able to produce honey if they are honey producing bees.
- (b) This will be an after school extracurricular activity for students, not staff, to do. Students will take care of the beehive(s) and manage them and their produce. Students will take care of the garden or flowers that are planted for the bees.
- (c) The rules and regulations for the grant will be entrusted and regulated by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services.

Section 2. The Rules

- (a) This is for public K-12 schools in Florida and does not apply to private and college level schools within the state.
- (b) Schools will cover the initial costs of the equipment and supplies; no equipment will be provided by the state. This includes the bees and plants themselves.
- (c) Schools found not letting students do the work themselves will be considered ineligible for the grant for that year and possibly in following years.
- (d) Schools can do this through their school’s 4-H club or FFA Chapter, but it still must be run by the students at that school and take place at the school, unless a school needs a larger location for the project

This law will take effect upon August 1, 2022.

SUMMARY

Children will be better educated in beekeeping and other forms of agriculture. Funding will be provided to schools that participate in promoting beekeeping and agriculture.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39

Pro: Will help to promote beekeeping and agriculture through firsthand experience in schools as well educate children on beekeeping and how their food is produced.

Con: Could pose a financial burden for the state as there are over 4,000 public schools in Florida.

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG06
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

1 **A Bill to be Entitled**

2 An act relating to the right to defend personal livestock from protected predators.

3 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

4 Section 1. Florida ranchers and livestock owners are hereby granted the right to defend their
5 animals from any protected predator(s) that pose a threat to their livestock. This right shall be
6 extended to allow the owner, in addition to anyone employed to care for the livestock, to defend
7 the livestock with lethal force if need be.

8 Section 2. Any person(s) found guilty of harming or killing a protected animal, to defend their
9 livestock, without probable cause will face the charges associated with killing or harming that
10 particular protected animal, along with an additional fine of one thousand (\$1,000).

11 Section 3. Definitions

12 (a) For the purpose of this act, “lethal force” shall be defined as force sufficient enough to
13 cause death.

14 (b) For the purpose of this act, “protected animal” shall be any animal under the watch and
15 protection of the government or an agency of the state of Florida, the federal government
16 of the United States, the United Nations, or the International Union for the Conservation
17 of Nature.

18 (c) For the purpose of this act, “protected predator” shall be any omnivorous or carnivorous
19 animal that meets the definition within subsection (b) of this section.

20 This law will take effect on January 1, 2022.

21 *****

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill will allow livestock owners and their employees to protect livestock from protected
24 predators.

25 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
26 additions.

27 Pro: This would allow livestock owners to protect their livestock and in turn their livelihood
28 from protected predators.

29 Con: This bill could cause issues related to poaching protected animals.

30 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG07
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to reducing the amount of clear cutting for construction purposes in the state of Florida.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. Only 19% of Florida's original forests are still intact, and many acres throughout the state have been clear cut for construction purposes. Once clear cutting occurs it is harder to rebuild those forests.

Section 2. All construction companies will be required to reduce their amount of clear cutting by 30%. There are other clearing methods for construction companies to use that reduce their impact on our environment.

Section 3. Definitions

(a) For the purpose of this act, “clear cutting” shall be defined as cutting down and clearing every tree in an area, thereby disrupting the soil nutrients.

This law will take effect on July 31, 2022.

SUMMARY

This bill will reduce the amount of clear cutting in the state of Florida.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: The state is able to preserve more land, and therefore, maintain a healthier environment.

Con: Development will occur slower.

1

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG08
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

2

A Bill to be Entitled

3

An act relating to funding purchases and management of conservation easements within the “critical linkages” of the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

4

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

7 Section 1. Funding for conservation easement purchases and management will come from 3% of
8 the Department of Transportation budget.

9

10 Section 2. Conservation easements acquired will be managed by the Florida Forever Program
11 within the Department of Environmental Protection.

12

13 Section 3. Conservation easement purchases will focus on high priority areas for federally and
14 state-listed endangered species.

15

16 Section 4. Workshops will be held in every county to educate and bring awareness about the
17 Florida Wildlife Corridor and conservation easements. This workshop will be directed by the
18 public outreach division of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, or the Law
19 Enforcement Division of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission

20

21 **Section 5. Definitions**

22 (a) For the purpose of this act, “conservation easement” shall be defined as a voluntary legal
23 agreement between a landowner and government agency that permanently limits uses of
24 the land in order to protect its conservation values. Landowners retain many of their
25 rights, including the right to own and use the land and pass it on to their heirs.

26 (b) For the purpose of this act, “critical linkages” shall be defined as properties that connect
27 natural and agricultural spaces for wildlife to traverse.

28 (c) For the purpose of this act, the “Florida Wildlife Corridor” shall be defined as a statewide
29 network of lands and waters that supports wildlife and people.

30 (d) For the purpose of this act, “endangered species” shall be defined as a species of animal
31 or plant that is deemed at serious risk of extinction. Florida has 42 federally listed
32 endangered species, 24 threatened species, and 15 candidate species. At the state level
33 there are 176 endangered species, 56 threatened species, and 29 species of special
34 concern.

35

36 This law will take effect January 1, 2022.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

SUMMARY

This bill will support conservation efforts in critically important lands throughout Florida.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Critical wildlife and plant species will be protected throughout Florida.

Con: Land purchases and management are very expensive.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG09
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the taxation of non-biodegradable fishing line.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. Recognitions

The Florida 4-H Legislature hereby recognizes the following facts:

- (a) That non-biodegradable monofilament fishing line kills or harms thousands of sea based organisms;
- (b) That in order to prevent these deaths, as well as to limit damages to the fishing and tourism industries, some restrictions on non-biodegradable fishing line are necessary;
- (c) That to ban fishing line outright would be unprecedented and unnecessary;
- (d) That the most effective compromise between these principles would be to tax all non-biodegradable fishing line, in order to incentivize the use of marginally more expensive biodegradable fishing line.

Section 2. Definitions

- (a) For the purpose of this act, “non-biodegradable” shall be defined as material that is capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms within a period of one (1) year.
- (b) For the purpose of this act, “fishing line” is defined as any substance or material that is used in the capture or harvest of fish or marine life.

Section 3. Taxation and Administration

- (a) The following taxes shall be imposed, in addition to any taxes, fees, or excises that might already be imposed upon these items or circumstances:
 - I. A five-percent (5%) excise tax on the retail sale of non-biodegradable fishing line;
 - II. A one-percent (1%) tax on the wholesale of non-biodegradable fishing line;
 - III. Municipalities and counties within the State of Florida are hereby granted the ability to, by a majority vote of their respective governing boards, place up to an additional five-percent (5%) tax on the retail sale of non-biodegradable fishing line.
- (b) The state-administered taxes listed in paragraphs I and II of the previous subsection shall be administered by the Florida Department of Revenue.
- (c) All state revenues from the taxes described in paragraphs I and II of subsection (a) of this section shall be distributed among marine science centers and stations throughout the State of Florida, for use in marine science research, study, and education. This shall be administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, at the direction of its respective superior officer.

1 (d) All local revenues from the taxes described in paragraph III of subsection (a) of this
2 section may be used for any purpose benefiting conservation, environmental protection,
3 parks and recreation, eco-tourism, water quality, or pollution control. This shall be
4 overseen by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, at the direction of its
5 superior officer.
6

7 Section 4. Ratification
8

9 This bill shall take effect on the first day of the year following the enacting of this act.

10 *****

11 **SUMMARY**

Raises taxes on non-biodegradable fishing line and netting, in an effort to guide consumers to more environmentally friendly alternatives.

12
13 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
14 additions.
15

Pro: Can potentially save the lives of thousands of sea-based organisms and prevent the introduction of tens of thousands of kilograms of plastic into the oceans.

16
Con: Raises considerable taxes on the fishing industry, which is a large and valuable industry in Florida.

17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG10
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture and Natural Resources

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the labeling and marketing of beverages sourced from plants.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. This bill will prohibit the labeling of any products not sourced from mammals as “milk”.

Section 2. Any products not sourced from mammals and labeled as a type of “milk” may not be sold and distributed in the state of Florida.

Section 3. These products must be clearly labeled as not being “milk”, and shall instead be labeled, for example, “almond beverage”, “soy drink”, etc.

Section 4. Any plant sourced products shall not be included in the Dairy sections of any stores, and shall instead be found in the Produce sections.

This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SUMMARY

This bill will prevent the false labeling and advertising of plant sourced beverages in the state of Florida.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

<p>Pro: Consumers will not be disillusioned by the inaccurate labeling of plant beverages as “milk”.</p> <p>Pro: Milk that is produced by mammals and sold in stores will not be directly competing with beverages sourced from plants.</p>

<p>Con: It will cost plant industries substantial amounts of money to go through the process of changing their labeling of products.</p>
--

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ01
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to prisoner rehabilitation.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. The state of Florida must provide all of its prisons with a rehabilitation course, available to all prisoners, consisting of classes dealing with emotional literacy and stress management.

Section 2. The course will be government-funded and teach strategies to overcome mental or emotional issues that lead the individual to commit a crime.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law

SUMMARY: This bill puts in place support and rehabilitation for prisoners

Pro: This bill will help prisoners rehabilitate faster and lead better lives after their release.

Con: Government money that could be used elsewhere will be used to support a project that may have limited success.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ02
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to police officers' use of the chokehold.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Existing law authorizes a police officer to make an arrest pursuant to a warrant or based upon probable cause. A police officer may use reasonable force to effect the arrest, to prevent escape, or to overcome resistance.

Section 2. This bill would prohibit a law enforcement agency from authorizing the use of a carotid restraint or a chokehold.

Section 3. As used in this section, the following terms are defined as follows:

(a) "Carotid restraint" is defined as a vascular neck restraint or any similar restraint, hold, or other defensive tactic in which pressure is applied to the sides of a person's neck that involves a substantial risk of restricting blood flow and may render the person unconscious in order to subdue or control the person.

(b) "Chokehold" is defined as any defensive tactic or force option in which direct pressure is applied to a person's trachea or windpipe.

This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

SUMMARY

This bill will prohibit any police officer in the State of Florida from using a carotid restraint or chokehold.

Pro: This will ensure that citizens will not die by use of a chokehold at the hands of police officers.

Con: Police officers will no longer have the option of using a chokehold or carotid restraint in effecting a lawful arrest.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ03
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4
5 An act relating to allowing workplaces to have a concealed firearm on the property.

6
7 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

8
9 Section 1. All workplaces within the state of Florida shall be allowed to keep a concealed firearm
10 on their workplace property.

11
12 Section 2. Workplaces that wish to keep a firearm on their property must provide a safe and
13 secure location for the firearm. The only employees that may access the firearm are those who
14 have completed a gun safety course and have a concealed carry permit.

15
16 Section 3. This bill does not apply to educational workplaces such as schools and daycares.

17
18 Section 4. Definitions. For this bill, “firearm” is defined as any type of pistol or handgun.

19
20 This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

21 *****

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill will allow workplaces to have a concealed firearm on the property.

24
25 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
26 additions.

27
28 Pro: This would allow workplaces to be able to protect themselves and their employees.

29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37 Con: Intruders to the workplace may be unnecessarily harmed.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ04
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to preventing any minor from being charged as an adult.

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

7
8 Section 1. This bill will make it impossible under Florida Law for any minor to be tried as an
9 adult in a criminal trial. This includes minors who have committed any felony including violent
10 and drug-related acts.

11
12 Section 2. Any prosecutor or member of the jury who pushes to convict the minor as an adult
13 will be billed a fine of \$2000 for attempting the use of cruel punishment.

14
15 Section 3. Definitions.

16 (a) For this bill, "minor" is defined as anyone under the age of 18.

17 (b) For this bill, "adult" is defined as anyone over the age of 18.

18
19 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law

20 *****

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill will make it impossible for minors to be charged as adults in criminal cases.

23
24 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
25 additions.

26
27 Pro: If passed, minors will no longer have to worry about being placed in adult jails, protecting them from any physical, mental, and sexual harm that could be done to them in adult jails.

28
29
30
31
32
33
34 Con: Juvenile correctional facilities will be forced to increase maximum capacity, which will likely result in decreased care and maintenance.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ05
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to the discontinued use of the death penalty.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. The use of the death penalty in a capital felony will be discontinued.

Section 2. A person convicted of capital murder shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SUMMARY

This bill changes the penalty for capital murder to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: This bill would protect human life.

Con: Some believe the death penalty provides justice.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee Bill Number: CJ06
County:	Referred Committee: Criminal Justice

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to requiring a license to own and buy high-power semi-automatic and
5 fully automatic rifles.

6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

7 **Section 1. License Requirements**

8 (a) A new license shall hereby be established that shall be required before owning or
9 acquiring any high power semi-automatic or fully automatic rifle.

10 (b) Requirements for said license shall be the same or similar as needed for a concealed carry
11 license with the addition of being of sound mind, and training may be taken in-person
12 only.

13 (c) This license will be issued and regulated by the Florida Department of Agriculture and
14 Consumer Services.

15 **Section 2. Fines and Penalties**

16 (a) This bill would apply to any business or person who participates in the selling of high-
17 power semi-automatic and/ or fully automatic rifles. Businesses will be required to verify
18 that any Florida resident who wishes to purchase a high-power semi-automatic or fully
19 automatic rifle, has in their possession the appropriate license.

20 (b) Businesses not meeting these requirements will be punished according to a three-strike
21 warning system. The first strike will be a warning, the second will be a \$5,000 - \$7,000
22 fine, and the third and final strike will lead to the shutdown of the establishment one
23 week after receiving the notice.

24 (c) Individuals found illegally selling firearms will be fined, lose their right to own and buy
25 firearms, and may be sentenced to up to two years in state prison.

26
27 This bill shall take effect upon January 1, 2022.

28 *****

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill will require gun owners to have a license to purchase and own any and all high-power
31 semi-automatic and fully automatic rifles.

32
Pro: This bill would help lower firearm-related crime and would encourage firearm safety in
the state of Florida.

33
Con: Some will see this as taking away 2nd Amendment rights.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ07
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the decriminalization of the possession of marijuana.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Individuals in the state of Florida will not be charged for possession of marijuana.

Section 2. No fine will be imposed on any individual found with marijuana.

Section 3. The illegal distribution of marijuana will remain punishable by law.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SUMMARY

Decriminalizes the possession of marijuana for all Florida residents.

Pro: Would allow police to focus on more violent crimes.

Con: May encourage individuals to obtain more marijuana.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ08
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to changing the legal drinking age from twenty-one to eighteen.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1.

The Florida 4-H Legislature recognizes the following:

- (a) That those who are 18 are legalized as “adults” and should, therefore, have the responsibility of deciding whether or not they should consume alcohol.
- (b) That clubs, bars, and pubs allow those who are 18 years of age into their facility but do not sell alcohol to those who are under the age of 21.

Section 2.

Individuals age eighteen or older will hereby be allowed to consume and purchase alcohol products but shall be expected to do so responsibly.

This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2022

SUMMARY

This bill will restate the legal drinking age as eighteen.

Pro: There will be less underage drinking.

Con: Drinking could lead to a lack of development of the human brain and could cause teens to do poorly in life.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ09
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

2
3 **A Bill to be Entitled**

4 An act relating to eliminating reduced sentencing in cases where the defendant is considered to
5 be mentally ill.

6
7 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

8
9 Section 1. This bill would eliminate the ability of a sentence to be reduced due to a mental illness
10 of the defendant.

11
12 Section 2. Individuals could still receive any additional care needed or be put into special
13 facilities.

14
15 Section 3. Definitions. For this bill, “mental illness” shall be defined as including but not limited
16 to a wide range of mental health conditions and disorders that affect one’s mood, thinking, and
17 behavior.

18
19 This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

20 *****

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill would eliminate reduced sentencing in cases where the defendant is considered to be
23 mentally ill.

24
25 **Pro:** This bill would keep mentally ill, dangerous individuals from further harming others.

26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34 **Con:** Imprisonment can further degrade an individual’s mental stability.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ10
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to parents and guardians registering firearms with the school district when enrolling a student.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Parents or legal guardians of a child preparing to enter the Florida school system for the first time or transferring from one district to another must register their firearms with the school district.

Section 2. If the parent(s) or guardian(s) have already registered firearms with one enrolled student at a school district, they are not required to register them again, even if another child attends school in a different school district.

This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

SUMMARY

This bill will require parents and guardians who are gun owners to register their weapons with their child’s school district.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: This will make it easier for law enforcement to keep track of firearms in the state of Florida.

Con: This places another regulation on gun owners in Florida, while failing to discourage criminals from owning firearms.

1

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED01
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

2

3

A Bill to Be Entitled

4

An act relating to the implementation of coding courses with the opportunity to earn language credits for post-high school education use.

5

6

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

7

8

Section 1. All State of Florida high school institutions will be required to offer a coding course to all high school students.

9

10

a). Coding course is defined as: A class aimed at teaching the student to read, write, and create code via mainstream coding software.

11

12

Section 2. Coding will now be considered a foreign language course, allowing for the earning of language credits.

13

14

a). Language credits are defined as: The unit of measurement for completion of foreign language courses.

15

16

b). Foreign language courses are defined as: A course aimed at teaching the student to read, write, and speak in a specific foreign language.

17

18

Section 3. All State of Florida post-high school education institutions must accept language credits earned through coding courses as the equivalent to credits earned through traditional foreign language courses.

19

20

This law will take effect on August 1, 2021.

21

22

SUMMARY

23

24

Florida high schools will be required to offer coding courses to their students. The completion of these courses will be considered as language credits, equivalent to traditional foreign language courses. These coding language credits will be accepted just as any traditional foreign language credits at any State of Florida post-high school education institution.

25

Pro: Computer aptitude and knowledge of coding are important skills for work in the global marketplace. Students will now be able to study coding in a course in which they can satisfy their language requirement for admission to any State of Florida post-high school education institution.
--

26

Con: It will be costly for State of Florida schools to create coding classes if they do not already have them.
--

27

28

29

30

31

1

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED02
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

2

3

A Bill to Be Entitled

4

An act relating to the creation of monthly, state issued tests that students are required to pass to advance to their next grade.

5

6

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

7

8

Section 1. This bill will require the Florida Department of Education to administer a General Knowledge Test to students every month, the results of which will determine if the student may proceed in their courses. If the student fails a test, they will be required to take weekend tutoring until the next monthly test, where they will again have the opportunity to pass.

9

10

11

12

Section 2. If a student fails three consecutive tests, they will be required to take a full summer course in the failed subject.

13

14

15

16

17

Section 3. Definitions.

18

19

A. For this bill, “failing” is defined as a score of 60% or lower.

20

21

B. For this bill, “weekend tutoring” is defined as a 2 hour class on Saturday afternoons, taught by volunteer teachers.

22

23

C. For this bill, “General Knowledge Test” is defined as an exam that features core subjects only (math, science, etc.)

24

25

D. “Summer Course” is defined as weekly classes, each one hour in duration, taught by summer school teachers.

26

27

This bill shall take effect on the beginning of the each school district’s Fall Term.

28

29

SUMMARY

30

This bill will require students to take and pass a monthly General Knowledge Test in order to continue their coursework.

31

32

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

33

Pro: This will ensure that students comprehend and understand their classes content, and can apply it to the real world. The test will also help students practice and familiarize themselves with their End of Course materials. It would also allow parents and educators to diagnose any issues in a student’s learning early on.

34

Con: It may inconvenience those students who cannot pass the tests to attend weekend or summer courses.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED03
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to anger management courses being mandatory for any student that has had any record of physical or verbal conflict with another student.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. Any student in grades 9-12 that has had any record of physical or verbal conflict with another student is required to partake in anger-management, conflict resolution, and prevention of dating violence courses.

Section 2. The student will be required to complete 5 hours of each course, for a total of 15 hours. Specific curriculum for the courses will be prepared by the county school board.

This bill shall take effect August 1, 2021

SUMMARY

This bill will make anger management, conflict resolution, and prevention of dating violence courses in schools mandatory for any student that has a record of conflict.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: This will prevent kids from committing physical or verbal conflict in the future.

Con: The school would have to pay for the courses.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED04
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act mandating that all schools in Florida are required to have their students participate in a practical life-skills program for students grades 3-12.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. All public and private schools in Florida must make this life-skills program/class mandatory in order to allow students to gain and apply skills for after their school career, moving into reality and the rest of their adulthood.

Section 2. This class would allow for students to have the life and adulthood skills they need to be successful after school. These skills include ones such as people skills, practical public speaking, filling out checks and learning to file bills and expenses, learning to read professional documents, problem solving, etc.

Section 3. These classes will be introduced starting in the third grade and progressively will get harder and more in depth as they get older. Students will start learning this information at such a young age to allow them to consistently and gradually store this information at a steady rate to eventually call it second nature knowledge and skills.

This bill shall take effect upon the new year, January 1, 2021

SUMMARY

This bill will make reality and life after school more successful and the transition to adulthood easier. Mandating that students take a practical and life-skills program/class from grades 3-12 will help to allow for people to have the knowledge and life skills they need to provide for themselves and become a successful adult.

Pro: The transition from childhood and a school career to adulthood and reality will be smoother, easier and more successful.

Con: It could take time to figure out how to implement this class into the student schedule along with all of their other required classes.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee Bill Number: ED05
County:	Referred Committee: Education

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to the prohibiting of any form of clothing or accessories containing or
5 representing the Confederate Rebel Flag, on any and all school campuses.

6
7 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

8 **Section 1: Prohibition**

- 9 (a) Any form of clothing or accessories containing or representing the Confederate Rebel
10 Flag on all school campuses in the state of Florida, due it being a symbol historically as
11 well as its current use by Neo-Nazi, anti-semetic, white supremacist, and racist groups
12 including, but not limited to, Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and Aryan Nations.

13
14 **Section 2: Penalty & Discipline**

- 15 (a) Individuals found wearing any clothing or accessories containing such symbols will be
16 asked to change or completely cover it up.
- 17 (b) Students who do not cooperate will be asked to leave the premises and be picked up by
18 their legal guardian. Students will face repercussions as determined by the local school
19 district.
- 20 (c) Faculty and staff found not upholding the rule or encouraging the wearing of such
21 symbols, can be fined, at a rate determined by the Commissioner of Education, and may,
22 at the discretion of the local school district or private school management, face
23 replacement.
- 24 (d) Exemptions may be given, by the school principal, when the flag is not the main focus
25 and does not take up a significant amount of the design.

26
27 **Section 3: Classification**

- 28 (a) For the purpose of this act, items that fall under the category of “clothing and
29 accessories” are as listed: any form of clothing, hats/headwear, masks, footwear, jewelry,
30 phone cases and accessories, tattoos, car decals or stickers, and the flag itself.
- 31 (b) For the purpose of this act, the “Confederate Rebel Flag,” shall be defined as the Flag of
32 the Army of Northern Virginia or any variation of flag used by the government of the
33 Confederate States of America.

34
35 **Section 4: Enactment**

36 This bill shall take effect upon August 1st, 2021
37

1 **SUMMARY**

2 This bill will ban and prohibit any and all clothing and/or accessories containing the
3 Confederate/Rebel Flag from being worn on any public/private school campus in the state of
4 Florida. This would help decrease tension among students on the matter and help eliminate
5 visual forms of hate speech in schools.

6

7 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
8 additions.

Pro: This bill would help decrease tension among students on the matter and help eliminate
visual forms of hate speech in schools.

9

Con: A limitation on free speech in schools and an addition to an already strict dress code.

10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED06
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to having uniforms in all public schools.

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

7
8 **Section 1. Requirement**

9 All public schools, as well as any K-12 daily educational institutions receiving funding from the
10 state of Florida, shall require uniforms for students.

11
12 **Section 2. Mandate**

13 (a) School districts, and other educational authorities under the jurisdiction of the state of
14 Florida that meet the specified criteria, are mandated to make appropriate
15 accommodations for all institutions to provide uniforms for all students and require them
16 to be worn while on campus.

17 (b) This shall be in addition to their requirement at any school or district-related events or
18 activities. This shall be unless other clothing is specified as needed by a principal or
19 superintendent.

20
21
22 This bill shall take effect immediately, and school uniforms shall be required beginning in the
23 school year 2022-23.

24 *****

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill will mandate all public schools in Florida require uniforms for all students.

27
28 Pro: Students won't worry about the financial or social implications of what they or their
classmates wear. The distractions different clothing can bring and complications rigid dress
codes can cause will also cease to exist.

29
30
31
32
33
34 Con: Students will have less opportunity to express themselves and have personal choice in
what they wear; will cost already underfunded school districts extra resources.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED07
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to eliminating the dual enrollment program for high school students in the state of
5 Florida.

6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

7
8 Section 1. More than 60,000 Floridians are dual enrolled, and dual enrollment costs the state of
9 Florida approximately \$54 per student. Eliminating dual enrollment can save the state of Florida
10 about \$3,000,000 per school year.

11
12 Section 2. The dual enrollment program will be eliminated within the state of Florida.

13
14 Section 3. Definitions. Dual enrollment is defined as an acceleration program that allows
15 students in grades 6-12, including home education and private school students and special needs
16 students, to take postsecondary coursework and simultaneously earn credit toward a high school
17 diploma, a career certificate, an industry certification, or an associate or baccalaureate degree at a
18 Florida public or eligible private postsecondary institution.

19
20 This act shall take effect July 31st, 2021.

21 *****

22 **SUMMARY**

This bill will eliminate the dual enrollment program in the state of Florida.

23 Coding: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
24 additions.

25
Pro: By eliminating dual enrollment, the state of Florida can allocate more funds to equal
education for all students.

26
Con: Students would lose access to an affordable college option.

27
28
29
30
31

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED08
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

2
3 **A Bill to be Entitled**

4 An act relating to the availability of in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants.

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

7
8 Section 1.

9 All post-high school educational institutions within the State of Florida may not grant in-state
10 tuition benefits to students who are undocumented immigrants.

11
12 Section 2.

13 This will not apply to aforementioned students already enrolled prior to August 1, 2021, who
14 were granted in-state tuition benefits at the time of enrollment.

15
16 Section 3.

17 Post-high school educational institutions: any educational institution or establishment, in
18 particular one providing higher education or specialized professional or vocational training.

19
20 Undocumented immigrant: person living in Florida without U.S. citizenship or other legal
21 immigration status

22
23 In-state tuition benefits: rate of payment for students specifically with a permanent residence
24 within the state in which their educational institution is located, as opposed to a higher rate paid
25 by students without permanent residence within the state.

26
27 This bill shall take effect August 1, 2021

28
29 *****

30 **SUMMARY:** This Bill will ban universities in Florida from granting in-state tuition to
31 undocumented immigrants.

Pros: will provide incentive for undocumented immigrants to become naturalized; potentially
decrease cost of in-state tuition for legal Florida residents

Con: prevent opportunities

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED09
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to eliminating and restricting homework for elementary students.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

- Section 1. Educators will not assign homework to early elementary students.
- Section 2. Older elementary students can only be given up to 20 minutes of homework a night. If older elementary students don't finish in 20 minutes, the student does not have to complete it. Homework will count as a participation grade and will not be graded based on how much they completed.
- Section 3. Educators can provide personalized packets to struggling students to take home, but the work will not be graded.
- Section 4. Reading every night is an encouraged practice and shall not be considered homework.
- Section 5. The following are definitions for this legislation:
 - A. "Homework" is assigned academic work, submitted for a grade, that students work on at home.
 - B. "Early elementary students" are students in kindergarten through 2nd grade.
 - C. "Older elementary students" are students in 3rd through 5th grade.
 - D. "Participation grade" shall count as a class grade as a whole instead of an assignment grade.

This bill shall take effect August 1, 2020.

SUMMARY:

This bill will support research that shows no or limited homework for elementary students is beneficial and will provide more opportunities for play and social learning.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Students will have more opportunity for social learning after school and will have better mental health in relation to school.

Con: Students could see a decrease in mastery and preservation of skills in certain academic areas.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED10
County:	Referred to Committee: Education

2
3 **A Bill to be Entitled**

4 An act relating to the “Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math in Extracurricular
5 Activities Act.”

6
7 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

8 Section 1. Title

9 (a) This act shall be entitled, the “Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math in
10 Extracurricular Activities Act.”

11 (b) This act may be cited by the short title of, the “S.T.E.A.M. Extra Act”

12 Section 2. Recognitions

13 The Florida 4-H Legislature recognizes the following:

14 (a) That the United States has fallen behind in terms of S.T.E.A.M. education and that this
15 state is included within that fall in education;

16 (b) That schools alone cannot reasonably provide for the increasing of these grades;

17 (c) That extracurricular activities and organizations have provided quality supplemental
18 education in the fields of S.T.E.A.M.;

19 (d) That after-school and extracurricular activities provide youth who might be inclined to
20 commit criminal or unsavory acts an outlet to better focus their efforts in a creative,
21 productive, and otherwise positive outlet.

22 Section 3. Definitions

23 (a) For the purpose of this act, “S.T.E.A.M.” shall be defined as the education of any
24 individuals, regardless of age, in the fields of science, technology, engineering, the arts,
25 and mathematics.

26 (b) For the purpose of this act, “extracurricular activity” and “S.T.E.A.M. extracurricular
27 activity” shall be defined as any activity, organization, or group of individuals operating
28 separate from normal school operations that provides S.T.E.A.M. education, guidance, or
29 instruction and has registered as a “S.T.E.A.M. extracurricular activity” with the Director
30 of the S.T.E.A.M. Extra Administration, as defined in section 4, subsection (d).

31 (c) For the purpose of this act, “alcohol products” shall be defined as products which contain
32 alcohol and are intended for human consumption.

33 (d) For the purpose of this act, “membership count” shall be defined as the total number of
34 persons under the age of twenty-one (21), that have been active in the organization or
35 activity within the past calendar year.

1 Section 4. S.T.E.A.M Extra Compensation Fund

2 (a) All organizations operating within the State of Florida or the jurisdiction thereof that
3 qualify as S.T.E.A.M. extracurricular activities shall be entitled to receive
4 compensational funding. This funding shall be known as the “S.T.E.A.M. Extra
5 Compensation Fund,” which shall from here on be referred to as “the fund.”

6 (b) S.T.E.A.M. extracurricular activities that are in violation of the following restrictions
7 shall not qualify for the fund:

8 I. Are currently, or have within the last calendar year, restricted
9 registration on account of race, national origin, sexual orientation, family
10 relations, faith or religious belief, education, or other considerable division.
11 Extracurricular activities that are considered to be non-coed shall not be found in
12 breakage of this subsection or subsection;

13 II. Are currently in violation of respective municipal, county, state,
14 federal, or customary international law;

15 III. Are currently, if they are currently receiving monies from the fund,
16 failing to distribute these funds relatively proportionally across their respective
17 programs within the State of Florida.

18 (c) The fund shall be financed by an additional five percent (5%) tax on the retail sale of
19 alcoholic products, to be added onto all current applicable taxes on alcohol within the
20 State of Florida.

21 (d) Ten percent (10%) of the fund shall be used for administration of the fund. The fund shall
22 be administered by a S.T.E.A.M. Extra Administration, which shall be led by an
23 appointee of the governor with the title of, “Director of the S.T.E.A.M. Extra
24 Administration.” In addition to the general administration of the fund, the director of the
25 S.T.E.A.M. Extra Administration shall be required to do the following:

26 I. To hire a staff and create an organizational structure;

27 II. To organize the distribution of the fund among the extracurricular
28 activities

29 III. To catalog a list of all registered S.T.E.A.M. extracurricular
30 activities;

31 IV. To report annually to the commissioner of education and the
32 governor a public report detailing the distribution of the fund.

33 (e) All remaining monies within the fund shall be distributed by dividing the funds among
34 the total membership count of all of the S.T.E.A.M extracurricular activities within the
35 State of Florida and then distribute those funds based upon the membership count of each
36 respective extracurricular activity.

37 Section 6. Enactment

1 This act shall become effective on the first day of the year following passage of this act.

2 *****

3 **SUMMARY**

4

Provides extra funding to extracurricular activities that provide S.T.E.A.M education or instruction

5

6 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
7 additions.

8

Pro: Increases education levels and knowledge in S.T.E.A.M. fields, decreases crime rates by giving teenagers a creative outlet and a place to go after school

9

Con: Raises a sizable tax on alcohol and products including alcohol in order to achieve the goal

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT01
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the requirement for firearm assembly kits to be considered to be firearms.
Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. Definitions

A firearm assembly kit shall, for the purpose of this act, be defined as any combination of parts designed or intended for use in converting any device into a firearm and/or from which a firearm may be readily assembled.

Section 2. Designation

A firearm assembly kit shall henceforth be classified as a firearm for safety purposes.

Section 3. Enactment

This act shall take effect January 1st, 2022.

SUMMARY

This bill will legally classify firearm assembly kits into a firearm.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Would be beneficial for safety reasons, without limiting gun rights

Con: Make be considered restrictive by hobby gun makers

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT02
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the ban in sales of combustion cars.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. The State of Florida recognizes that transportation is the largest contributor of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. In an effort to curb the State of Florida’s contribution to greenhouse gases, the State will ban the sale of full or partial combustion vehicles.

Section 2. The terms above are defined as follows:

- (a) Full combustion vehicle: A vehicle that is fully powered under the combustion process.
- (b) Partial combustion vehicle: Vehicles which are not completely combustion powered, primarily of the hybrid variety.

Section 3.

This law will take effect January 1, 2025.

SUMMARY

This bill will prohibit the sale of combustion cars in the State of Florida.

Pro: The State of Florida’s greenhouse gas emissions will decrease drastically as the use of combustion cars decreases.

Con: After the year 2025, individuals will have to purchase primarily electric vehicles. This has the potential of taking jobs from combustion car companies if they cannot adjust to manufacture and sell electric vehicles.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT03
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the legalization of all licensed ATV and ROV vehicles on all public roads and highways.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. This bill will make it legal for any Florida citizen(s) to operate their ATV or ROV on public roads and highways, as long as the driver(s) have proper registration for the vehicle and a Florida Driver’s License.

Section 2. All ATVs and ROVs will be required to be modified to include necessary safety lights (turning signals, brake lights, hazard lights, etc.), and a visible license plate.

Section 3. ATVs and ROVs will no longer be given the right-of-way and will have to abide by all standard vehicular road procedures.

Section 4. Definitions.

(a) “ATV” is defined as any motorized off-highway vehicle, that is 50 inches or less in width and under 1,200 pounds in dry weight, that travels on three or more tires and is designed for use by a single operator and no passenger.

(b) “ROV” is defined by Florida law as a motorized recreational off-highway vehicle under 60 inches in width that travels on four or more non-highway tires and has non-straddle seating and a steering wheel.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law

SUMMARY

This bill will legalize driving licensed ATV and ROV vehicles on public roads and highways.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: This will allow those who cannot easily afford cars or trucks to have modes of personal transportation. It will also benefit the companies who make ATVs and ROVs, allowing them to sell more products.

Con: Some people may abuse the right to drive recreational vehicles on public roads, posing a hazard to themselves and other drivers.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT04
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to the implementation of ranked-choice voting in the state of Florida.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. All federal elections in the state of Florida shall be determined by ranked-choice voting.

Section 2. Voters will rank the candidates in order of preference and, if no candidate has a majority of No. 1 ballots, the candidates with the fewest No. 1 ballots are eliminated and their votes redistributed based upon the voters No. 2 rankings until one candidate has a majority.

Section 3. Voters may rank as few candidates as they desire with one write in option.

Section 4. The elimination of candidates will occur in rounds. In the first round, all candidates with less than five percent of No. 1 ballots are eliminated. In the following rounds, candidates are eliminated one by one beginning with the candidate who received the fewest No. 1 ballots.

This bill shall take effect August 1, 2020

SUMMARY

This bill will implement ranked-choice voting in Florida.

Pro: Ensures that the most popular candidate will be elected

Con: Is considered unconstitutional by many

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee Bill Number: GCT05
County:	Referred Committee Government, Commerce, and Transportation

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to free public transportation for students attending any college or university in the state of Florida.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Payment

- (a) Students enrolled and attending any college or university in the state of Florida shall be granted the right to free public transportation, as a privilege to help lighten the financial burden that comes with college tuitions.
- (b) The transportation bills will be covered by a grant from the state.

Section 2. Requirements, Reasons For Denial, and Rules

- (a) Eligible students shall be defined as those with a passing GPA and grades, qualified for financial aid or reach the requirements for the “Florida Bright Futures Scholarship,” and have no criminal record.
- (b) Students that are failing, not showing up to class for a set amount of time in a semester (unless they have a medical, family emergency such as a hospitalization or death of a member of the family, or school related reasons, or a viable reason approved by the students teacher, for missing their classes), and having a criminal record exceeding any misdemeanors with a fine of \$200 or more or imprisonment will be denied this privilege.
- (c) Students will receive an ID card that states that they may receive free public transportation. The student will show to the driver or place it on a scanner to verify its allowance.
- (d) Those found misusing this privilege, could face loss of the privilege and possibly be fined, as determined by the operator of the transportation.

Section 3: Definitions

- (a) Public transportation is defined as; trolleys, shuttles, buses, rentable electric scooters, or metro trains.

Section 4: Enactment

This bill shall take effect upon August 1st, 2022.

SUMMARY

1 This bill will give free public transportation for students attending any college or University in
2 the state of Florida. This will help lighten the financial burden that comes with college tuitions
3 and life.

4

5 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
6 additions.

Pro: This bill will help lighten the financial burden that comes with college tuitions and life for students.

7

Con: The state would be having to set aside a large amount of money for the grant which could pose a problem for the state economically.

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

1

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT06
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

2

3

A Bill to be Entitled

4

An act relating to the Florida High-Speed Rail Act

5

6

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

7

Section 1. Name and Title

8

(a) This act shall be referred to as the “Florida High-Speed Rail Act.”

9

(b) This act may be referred to by the short title of the “SunTrak Act.”

10

Section 2. Recognitions

11

The Florida 4-H Legislature recognizes the following:

12

(a) That the State of Florida is in critical need of improved inter-city travel;

13

(b) That automotives alone cannot fill this need and that air travel is inefficient for distances of less than approximately 200 miles;

14

15

(c) That Amtrak service has been discontinued throughout the north of Florida since

16

Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and that many parts of Florida still do not receive regular

17

passenger rail service;

18

(d) That, therefore, there exists an essential need to improve high-speed intercity rail service.

19

Section 3. Definitions

20

(a) For the purpose of this act, “high-speed rail service” and “high-speed intercity rail

21

service” shall be defined as rail service traveling at a maximum speed of at least two-

22

hundred (200) kilometers per hour, or one-hundred-and-twenty (120) miles per hour,

23

between at least two (2) counties or municipalities.

24

Section 4. SunTrak (High-Speed Rail Service for North Florida)

25

(a) Hereby established is the “Northern Florida Rail Company,” to be referred to as

26

“SunTrak.” SunTrak shall act as an entity within the Florida Department of

27

Transportation, to be operated as a public non-profit rail corporation. SunTrak shall be

28

tasked with creating, and then providing, high-speed rail service in North Florida.

29

(b) SunTrak shall open several lines in order to best serve the underserved people of Florida.

30

SunTrak shall build the following high-speed rail lines:

31

I. A “Gulf Line” following the Gulf of Mexico, with stops in New Orleans, Biloxi,

32

Mobile, Pensacola, Navarre, Panama City Beach or Panama City, Apalachicola,

33

Tallahassee, Lake City, and Jacksonville.

34

II. An “Orchard Line” connecting the Gulf Line and points north with the active and

35

proposed high-speed rail systems of Central Florida, with stops at the Orlando

36

International Airport and in Ocala, Gainesville, Lake City, and Atlanta.

37

(c) SunTrak construction shall be funded by bonds, which shall be financed by a half-percent

38

(0.5%) increase in state sales tax. This tax shall expire once all bonds are repaid. In order

39

to keep fares as low as possible, operations will additionally be subsidized by an

40

additional quarter-percent (0.25%) increase in state sales tax.

41

(d) Additional lines, stops, and stations may be built or designated as financially reasonable.

1 However, with the exception of stations and stops listed in subsection (b) of this section,
2 any line operating out-of-state will not make stops elsewhere outside the State of Florida,
3 unless the state in question contributes at least twenty-five (25%) of costs associated with
4 constructing, maintaining, and operating the segment of the line located within their state.

5 Section 5. SunTrak Stars (Subsidy for High-Speed and Intercity Rail throughout Florida)

6 (a) Hereby established, is the SunTrak Stars subsidies, which shall act as an agency within
7 SunTrak. SunTrak Stars shall be tasked with distributing subsidies to any and all
8 agencies, companies, and organizations providing intercity passenger rail service within
9 the State of Florida. This shall include the National Railroad Passenger Corporation,
10 otherwise known as Amtrak.

11 (b) SunTrak Stars shall be granted the ability to determine all formulas, calculations, and
12 computations required to determine the distribution of funds detailed within this section.

13 (c) SunTrak Stars shall be funded by an additional quarter-percent (0.25%) increase in state
14 sales tax.

15 Section 6. Administration

16 (a) Two-percent (2%) of all proceeds from the sales taxes prescribed within this act shall be
17 derived to go to the administration of SunTrak.

18 (b) SunTrak shall be led by a “President of the Northern Florida Railroad Company” and a
19 “Board of Directors of the Northern Florida Railroad Company,” which shall be
20 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Florida Senate.

21 (c) The President of SunTrak shall be tasked with organizing the agency, in order to best
22 meet the tasks delegated to it.

23 (d) The President of SunTrak shall appoint a “Vice President of SunTrak Stars,” with the
24 advice and consent of the Governor and Florida Senate, who shall be delegated all
25 responsibility of SunTrak Stars and who shall also be tasked with organizing the agency,
26 in order to best meet those tasks and responsibilities.
27
28

29 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

30 *****

31 **SUMMARY**

Provides funding for bettering intercity rail transportation.

32 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
33 additions.

Pro: Provides funding for high and medium speed intercity rail transit, a great stimulator of
tourism, business, and the economy.

34
Con: Increases state sales tax from 6.0% to 7.0%

35
36
37
38

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT07
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the Florida National Popular Vote Act

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Title and Effect

- (a) This bill shall be referred to as the “Florida National Popular Vote Act.”
- (b) This bill shall make it so that, during Presidential elections, the electoral votes of Florida will be cast for whoever wins the popular vote nationwide.

Section 2. National Popular Vote

- (a) The State of Florida shall, in all elections for President and Vice President of the United States after the enactment of this act, cast all electoral votes apportioned to it to the winner of the national popular vote.
- (b) If the state popular vote may not align with the national popular vote, the national popular vote shall be prioritized.

Section 3. Definitions

- (a) For the purpose of this act, “national popular vote” shall be defined as the popular vote of all voters in all states of the United States;
- (b) For the purpose of this act, “electoral votes apportioned” shall be defined as the total number of Congressional representatives and senators apportioned to Florida by the Congress of the United States, as based upon the United States Census.

Section 4. Enactment

This act shall take effect as directed within section 2, subsection (a) of this act.

SUMMARY

This bill will have Florida cast its electoral votes with the national popular vote
Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Florida’s choice for President will be whoever has the most votes nationwide

Con: Will sometimes disregard the state popular vote, in favor of the nation’s popular vote

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT08
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the requirement of headphone use on public transportation and in public venues/locations.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Requirement

The use of any electronic devices emitting sound in public locations/on public transportation will be strictly prohibited if headphones are not used to prevent the nuisance of the sound spreading to other members of the public.

Section 2. Enactment

This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SUMMARY

This bill will require headphone use on any form of public transportation and in any public venues/locations in order to prevent sound spreading and disturbing others.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Prevention of the disturbance, distraction, and annoyance that potentially results for members of society from the lack of headphone use by individuals listening to audio on their electronic devices.

Con: Individuals will be responsible for providing their own headphones.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT09
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to funding self-driving technology.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Research

The state of Florida shall commit \$50 million towards autonomous vehicle research funding. This research will include self-driving, efficient transportation systems, non-autonomous vehicle integration, and navigation technology.

Section 2. Funding

This funding will be paid for by a 0.5% increase in the state sales tax.

Section 3. Requirement

This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2022.

SUMMARY

This bill will fund research for autonomous driving technology.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Funding for self-driving technology could provide economic opportunities in the years to come in terms of Florida’s transportation system.

Con: People purchasing or renting goods in Florida must pay an additional 0.5% sales tax.

1

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT10
County:	Referred to Committee: Government, Commerce, and Transportation

2

3

A Bill to Be Entitled

4

An act relating to a bill to be entitled, the “Confederate Repeal Act”

5

6

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

7

8

Section 1. Recognitions

9

The Florida 4-H Legislature hereby and, barring future repeal, forever recognizes the following:

10

(a) That the State of Florida continues to recognize several holidays celebrating the traitorous rebellion known as the Confederate States of America;

11

(b) That this dubious rebellion’s primary purpose, per statements made by the Vice President of the Confederacy Alexander Stevens, among other Confederate rebel leaders, was to defend the evil tenants of slavery and discrimination;

12

(c) That, while the history of these incidents and of the horrors of the American Civil War should be remembered and learned, the Confederacy should not be celebrated with state holidays and honors;

13

(d) That, therefore, for the better future of the State of Florida and the United States of America, the celebration of these holidays, and the allowance of the flying of its flag on government property, should hereby be repealed and rebuked.

14

15

Section 2. Definitions

16

(a) For the purpose of the Florida Statutes, “the Confederacy” and “Confederate States” shall be defined as the rebellion known as the Confederate States of America;

17

(b) For the purposes of this act, “State of Florida,” “State,” and “Florida” shall be defined as the State of Florida;

18

(c) For the purposes of this act, “Legislature,” shall be defined as the Legislature of the State of Florida;

19

(d) For the purposes of this act, “Confederate flag,” shall be defined as any flag or emblem of the Confederate States of America, or any flag or emblem used by the Confederate States of America or its military or militia forces.

20

21

Section 3. Holiday Repeal

22

(a) The State shall hereby no longer, and may not without repeal of this act, recognize any holidays or special observances that celebrate or glorify the Confederacy.

23

(b) Florida Statutes s. 683.01(1)(e), 683.01(1)(j), and 683.01(1)(l) shall hereby be repealed and struck from the Florida Statutes. This shall have the effect of repealing all current celebrations of holidays and special observances that celebrate or glorify the Confederacy.

24

(c) Whenever a new holiday or special observance is established by the Legislature, a

25

1 Commission, to be referred to as the “Holiday Approval Commission,” which shall be
2 made up of one (1) delegate appointed by the governing body of each county of the State,
3 shall confirm that the holiday does not celebrate or glorify the Confederacy.
4

5 Section 4. Restriction of use of Confederate Flag on government property

6 (a) The display of the Confederate flag on any building, structure, real property, or personal
7 property owned or leased by the state, a county, a municipality, or other governmental
8 unit of this state is prohibited.

9 (b) Displays of the Confederate Flag within the interior of museums that may be owned or
10 leased by an applicable government shall not be prohibited.
11

12 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

13 *****

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill will make it so the State of Florida no longer recognizes a number of holidays whose
16 sole purpose is to celebrate the Confederacy, as well as ban the display of the Confederate flag
17 on government property
18

19 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
20 additions.
21

22 Pro: Ends the celebration and veneration of a traitorous and racist rebellion

23 Con: May be upsetting to modern Confederate sympathizers
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS01
County:	Referred to Committee: Health & Human Services

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to funding cloning research.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. Funding

The State of Florida will fund projects directly related to the cloning of humans and human embryos. Those eligible include universities and independent studies/institutions. Application is necessary.

Section 2. Requirements

If funding is granted, recipients must agree to conduct research and projects that do not harm living organisms.

Section 3. Enactment

This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SUMMARY: The government will fund research relating to cloning humans

Pro: This could result in large future technological advances.

Con: Experimentation could be considered unethical or inhumane

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS02
County:	Referred to Committee: Health & Human Services

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to discontinuing the use of single-use plastics in public dining facilities.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Requirement

All Florida dining establishments open to the public must discontinue the use of single-use plastics in their facility for both in-house and to-go dining.

Section 2. Definitions

These terms are defined as follows:

- a. "Dining establishment" shall be defined as an establishment that sells prepared meals to patrons, regardless if a patron consumes the meal on the premises or takes it to-go.
- b. "Single-use plastics" shall be defined as to include, but not be limited to, plastic straws, cups, utensils, and other cutlery.
- c. "In-house" shall be defined as a diner who consumes their meal in the dining establishment.
- d. "To-go" shall be defined as a diner who consumes their meal out of the dining establishment.

Section 3. Enactment

This bill shall take effect as of January 1st, 2022.

SUMMARY: This bill will mandate the elimination of single-use plastics in Florida dining establishments.

Pro: Eliminating single-use plastics will benefit our oceans and environment.

Con: Businesses will have to pay out-of-pocket to obtain acceptable replacements for the single-use plastics outlawed in this bill.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS03
County:	Referred to Committee: Health & Human Services

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to establishing mental health programs in schools.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. All 9-12 grade public schools in the state of Florida will be funded to create a mental health awareness program.

Section 2. The program will be funded by the state.

Section 3. The program will be run by a psychologist and provide counseling, therapy, and support groups to any students who request it.

This bill shall take effect on August 1, 2021

SUMMARY

The state will provide funding to schools to create a mental health program.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: It will help spread awareness about mental health

Con: The government has to fund it.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS04
County:	Referred to Committee: Health & Human Services

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to parental consent for abortions by minors.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1: Physicians in the state of Florida shall be required to obtain notarized written consent by a parent or legal guardian before performing a termination of the pregnancy of a minor.

Section 2: Any physician found in violation of this law may be charged with a third-degree state felony.

Section 3: This law will take effect on January 1, 2022.

SUMMARY

This bill will require minors in the state of Florida to have parental consent in order to have an abortion.

Pro: Parents will be allowed to have input on their under-age children’s decision to terminate their pregnancy.

Con: Some minors may not be allowed to have an abortion.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee Bill Number: HHS05
County:	Referred Committee: Health & Human Services

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to the legalization of the selling and purchasing of THC cannabis products for
5 recreational use in the state of Florida.

6
7 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

8
9 **Section 1. Eligibility and rules**

- 10 (a) Any person of the age 18 and over and not a student enrolled in high school or middle
11 school, and have a form of proof of identity, through government issued ID, are eligible
12 and allowed to legally purchase and use THC cannabis products.
- 13 (b) Using these products, or being heavily under the influence of its effects, in public areas
14 and such will be considered unlawful. Those found as such will be fined and asked to be
15 picked up to be taken home. Those who are unable to find transportation to their
16 home/living residence will be taken by a police officer.
- 17 (c) Public areas of exception are stores and businesses that have a designated area in which
18 users can stay until the effects have worn off and facilities that allow it.

19
20 **Section 2. Approved Stores & Businesses, Regulation.**

- 21 (a) Only stores and businesses that are registered and approved by the Florida Department of
22 Health and have a license to sell and distribute THC products will be allowed to sell
23 recreational THC cannabis products.
- 24 (b) Stores and businesses that will not be able and eligible are gas stations, rest stops,
25 convenience stores, grocery stores, and other stores that have a history and pose a risk of
26 being shoplifted from regularly, or if they are found to have, within the past 5 years, sold
27 tobacco or nicotine to minors.
- 28 (c) Stores and businesses will need to acquire a license, that will be regulated by the Florida
29 Department of Health, to be able to sell recreational THC cannabis products.

30
31 **Section 3. Enactment**

32 This bill shall take effect upon January 1st, 2022.

33
34 **SUMMARY**

1 This bill will legalize and regulate the selling and purchasing of recreational THC cannabis
2 products in the state of Florida. This would help lower cases of illegal use as it would no longer
3 be tahbo, and as well help boost the economy.
4

5 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
6 additions.

Pro: has the potential to lessen cases and would as well boost the economy through the new industry.

7

Con: Can be seen as a way to encourage illegal usage of marijuana.

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29]

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS06
County:	Referred to Committee: Health & Human Services

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to mandating that employers provide paid parental leave.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Requirement

All businesses in the state of Florida are hereby required to provide paid parental leave to all employees. Mothers shall receive at least thirty (30) days of paid leave prior to giving birth, and at least ninety (90) days of paid leave after. Fathers shall receive at least fifteen (15) days of paid leave prior to birth, and at least thirty (30) days of paid leave after.

Section 2. Adoption Provision

Employees adopting or receiving a child via adoption shall receive at least ninety (90) days of paid leave upon reception, contingent on the child being one year old or younger upon reception. If an adopted child is older than twelve (12) months and younger than thirty six (36) months, employees shall receive at least thirty (30) days of paid leave.

Section 3. Premature and Late-Birth Provision

In the case of leave based on birth or surrogacy, the birth date will be determined ahead of time and certified by a medical professional. If the birth is premature, subsequent post-birth leave shall come into effect immediately. If birth occurs after the expected date, employees shall receive up to ten (10) more days of paid leave and subsequent mandatory unpaid leave until birth.

This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SUMMARY

This bill will make mandatory paid parental leave a requirement for all employers in the state of Florida. Mothers and fathers will receive paid time off before and after birth.

Pro: People will face less stress and have more time to focus on building their families without worrying about their employment.

Con: Employers will have to pay workers without receiving their service in return, as well as having to hold their job for an extended period.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS07
County:	Referred to Committee: Health & Human Services

2
3 **A Bill to be Entitled**

4 An act relating to free birth control to those in need for medical reasons.

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

7
8 Section 1. Those who are suffering from conditions, other than wanting to prevent pregnancy,
9 will have access to free birth control when prescribed by a doctor.

10
11 Section 2. The free birth control will be provided by the states funds, and will be given by level
12 of need.

13
14 Section 3. Individuals receiving birth control under this law will be required to have a yearly
15 checkup concerning birth control and its effect upon them.

16
17
18 This bill shall take effect January 1st, 2022.

19
20 *****

21 **SUMMARY**

22
23 Upon enactment, would provide free birth control to those who have a medical reason and
24 prescription by their doctor.

25
26 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
27 additions.

28
29 Pro: Can prevent irregular menstrual cycles, pain, unclear skin, cancer risk, ovarian cysts,
premenstrual syndrome (PMS), Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) relief, abnormal
endometriosis, and menstrual migraine.

30
31 Con: Can increase the risk of cardiovascular problems, such as blood clots, deep vein
thrombosis (DVT), a clot on the lung, and a stroke or heart attack.

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS08
County:	Referred to Committee: Health & Human Services

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to providing gynecological services at all colleges and universities in the state of Florida.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. Gynecological services will be required to be provided for students at all Florida colleges and universities.

Section 2. All people looking to use these services are required to show a valid, current student ID that correlates with the college or university.

Section 3. Definitions.

(a) For this bill, “college” and “university” are defined as any school institution that provides postsecondary education for students in the state of Florida. This includes undergraduate degrees, associate degrees, and doctorate programs.

(b) For this bill, “gynecological services” include having a gynecologist on site. The services must include regular exams, prescribing birth control and specialty counseling services.

This act shall take effect July 31st, 2021.

SUMMARY

This bill will require all colleges and universities in the state of Florida to provide gynecological services to their students.

Coding: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Students now have access to all forms of medical care, therefore, the students are better protected in their day-to-day lives.

Con: Colleges or universities must find, employ, and pay a qualified gynecologist.

1

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS09
County:	Referred to Committee: Health & Human Services

2

3

A Bill to be Entitled

4

5 An act relating to Pandemic Emergency Response.

6

7 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

8 Section 1. Title

9 This act may be cited as the "Pandemic Emergency Response Act."

10

11 Section 2. Recognitions

12 The Florida 4-H Legislature hereby recognizes the following:

13 (a) That the State of Florida and the United States were critically unprepared for the COVID-
14 19 pandemic;

15 (b) That this unpreparedness resulted in the deaths of thousands of Floridians;

16 (c) That more clarified and effective powers granted to the Governor and to localities would
17 likely have prevented many of these deaths;

18 (d) That, therefore, these efforts must be furthered.

19

20 Section 3. Definitions

21 For the purpose of this act, the following definitions shall apply throughout the entire act:

22 (a) "State," shall be defined as the State of Florida, and "Localities," shall be defined as all
23 counties and municipalities in the state;

24 (b) "Legislature" shall be defined as the Florida Legislature;

25 (c) "Locality" shall be defined as any and all municipalities and counties;

26 (d) "Public water facilities" shall be defined as water parks, pools, water slides, splash pads,
27 whirlpools, hot tubs, bathhouses, and all other water-based facilities that are accessible by
28 the public at any given time;

29 (e) "Trusted authority" shall be defined as one of the following: the World Health
30 Organization, the Surgeon-General of the United States, the Surgeon-General of the State
31 of Florida, or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

32 (f) "Declaration of a pandemic" shall be defined as the official designation of a public health
33 threat as a pandemic by a trusted authority.

34

35 Section 4. Immediate Engagement

36 Upon the declaration of a pandemic, the following immediate action will be undertaken and
37 enforced by all applicable state authorities and localities within the state, and shall continue until
38 certified safe by a trusted authority:

39 (a) If the disease spreads through the air or if the way in which the disease spreads is
40 unknown:

41 I. A mandatory facemask mandate shall be imposed in all public areas;

- 1 II. A requirement for all non-family members to stay at least six (6) feet apart from
- 2 each other while in all public areas.
- 3 (b) If the disease spreads through bodily fluids or water or if the way in which the disease
- 4 spreads is unknown:
- 5 I. A requirement for all non-family members to stay at least an arms-length apart
- 6 from each other while in all public areas;
- 7 II. All public recreational water facilities, not including gulf and ocean beaches, will
- 8 be closed until certified as safe by a trusted authority.
- 9

10 Section 5. Emergency Powers of the Governor

11 Upon the declaration of a pandemic, the Governor shall be granted the power to:

- 12 (a) Close any and all places of business for up to six (6) months, to be extendable by a
- 13 simple majority vote of the Legislature;
- 14 (b) Suspend Florida Statute 286 for a period of six (6) months, to be extendable by a two-
- 15 thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Legislature.
- 16

17 Section 6. Emergency Powers of Localities

18 Upon the declaration of a pandemic, the Mayor or a simple majority of a County Commission

19 shall be granted the following powers:

- 20 (a) To enact a temporary five (5) mill property tax, to last a maximum of one (1) year,
- 21 extendable by a simple majority vote of the Legislature, to pay for the provision of free
- 22 disease testing, healthcare for those infected with the disease, the suspension of fees for
- 23 ambulances and emergency medical services, low-income supplemental income
- 24 assistance, and the funding of local businesses affected by the pandemic;
- 25 (b) To provide for the organization, management, and administration of all operations
- 26 funding by subsection (a) of this section;
- 27 (c) To close any and all businesses not closed by the Governor for up to six (6) months, to be
- 28 extendable by the Legislature;
- 29 (d) To issue bonds, not exceeding the total budget of the locality in the prior fiscal year, of
- 30 which the state shall be responsible for paying interest and principal, and of which it shall
- 31 be accepted as the debt of the state. All funds raised by these bonds must be used for the
- 32 operation of the local general government and the service it operated in the previous
- 33 fiscal year.
- 34

35 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

36 *****

37 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill will allow for various powers to be given to the Governor and localities during a

39 pandemic

40

41 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are

42 additions.

Pro: Provides for an immediate health response to pandemics

Con: May give the Governor and localities too much unchecked power

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS10
County:	Referred to Committee: Health and Human Services

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the use of lethal force in self-defense.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Anyone may use lethal force in an act of “self-defense” if necessary. Any individual who has had to use lethal force in an act of self-defense will not be tried in a court of law for, including but not limited to, murder, manslaughter, or criminal negligence. The state will require 5 hours counseling treatment such as but not limited to counseling similar to that which is offered for PTSD patients. The state may request the victim be required to attend more counseling hours if deemed necessary by the counselor.

Section 2. Definitions

- (a) Self-defense is the act of defending one’s person, property, family, or interests through means including physical force.
- (b) The use of lethal force is any force that is deemed to potentially cause death and or bodily harm that would lead to death.

Section 3. Jurisdiction

Determination of whether such action was in self-defense will be made by trained officials such as, but not limited to - doctors, therapists/counselors, and our judicial system.

This bill shall take effect upon January 1, 2022.

SUMMARY

This bill will protect any victim in a self-defense case. This will also allow anyone to use lethal force in self-defense.

Pro: Victims in self-defense cases would be protected by law.

Con: False claims of “self-defense” may be used by criminals in murder and manslaughter cases.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

2 Sponsors: _____ Committee/Bill Number: JJ01 _____

3 County: _____ Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

4
5 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

6 An act relating to the age requirements for social media

7
8 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

9 **Section 1. Age Requirement**

10 Children under the age of 16 within the State of Florida shall hereby not be allowed to have a
11 social media account

12
13 **Section 2. Social Media Requirement**

14 Social media apps shall be required to change their age requirements.

15
16 **Section 3. Enactment**

17 This act shall take effect 180 days after this act is enacted

18 *****

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill will make it to where children under the age of 16 cannot legally have a social media
21 account

22
23 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
24 additions.

25
26 Pro: It can prevent cyberbullying.

27
28 Con: It can help with depression, anxiety, and other illnesses and is an invasion of personal rights
29 and liberties.

30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ02
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the banning of face tattoos on minors.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. Minors shall not obtain tattoos from the jaw up, regardless of parent permission.

Section 2. Minors in violation of this act will receive up to 3 weeks in juvenile detention and their parents or guardians must pay a \$500 fine. Further violations will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

This bill shall take effect upon January, 1st 2021

SUMMARY

This bill will ban minors from obtaining face tattoos.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Help prevent minors from making life-altering decisions

Con: Takes choice away from minors

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ03
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to ending permanent marijuana and alcohol possession charges on all minors.

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

7
8 Section 1. This bill will prevent any drug or alcohol charge from remaining on a minor’s
9 permanent record. Minors will instead be charged a fine and be required to take a drug and
10 alcohol safety course. If the minor is on drugs, therapy will be mandatory.

11 Section 2. The fines will depend on the amount of drug and alcohol in the minor’s possession
12 and will be instated as follows:

- 13 A. One twelve-ounce container of alcohol: \$300
- 14 B. Six or more twelve-ounce containers of alcohol: \$1,200, fine increases by \$300 for every
15 two bottles.
- 16 C. Under five grams of marijuana: \$500
- 17 D. Five or more grams of marijuana: \$1,000, fine increases by \$500 every two grams.

18 Section 3. This bill will not make it legal for vendors to sell alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs to
19 minors.

20 Section 4. Definitions.

- 21 A. For this bill, “minor” and “youth” are defined as anyone under the age of 18.
- 22 B. For this bill, “alcohol” is defined as any beverage containing any percentage of alcohol
23 per volume.

24
25 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

26 *****

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill will prevent minors from suffering permanent drug or alcohol charges if found with an
29 illegal substance.

30 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
31 additions.

Pro: This will allow youth to learn from their mistakes if they were persuaded by friends to participate in illegal activities. It will also prevent youth from suffering from the consequences of having a criminal record if wrongly convicted of possession.

Con: This makes it less dangerous for youth to attempt to gain access to any form of drug. Furthermore, it makes parents (those who will likely pay for their child's fine(s) financially responsible for their child’s criminal behavior.
--

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ04
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to anger management and conflict resolution in schools.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1. Each student in K-12 grades shall be required to receive instruction on anger management, conflict resolution, and prevention of dating violence.

Section 2. Specific curriculum shall be provided by the school board.

Section 3. If a student commits an act of violence after these classes, they shall be required to take them again.

This bill shall take effect August 1, 2020

SUMMARY:

Pro: Will prevent acts of violence among students

Con: May be unnecessary for some students

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ05
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

2
3 **A Bill to Be Entitled**

4 An act relating to out-of-school suspension and expulsion of students to address truancy.

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

7
8 Section 1: The use of out-of-school suspension by Florida public schools to address the truancy
9 of students shall be prohibited.

10
11 Section 2: Expulsion of students by Florida public schools based solely on truancy shall be
12 prohibited.

13
14 Section 3: “Truancy” is defined as a student’s failure to attend school on a regular basis.

15
16 Section 4: For this bill, “out-of-school suspension” shall be defined as the banning of a student
17 from school premises for a limited amount of time. “Public schools” shall be defined as schools
18 supported by public funds.

19
20 Section 5: This law will take effect on August 1, 2021.

21
22
23
24 **SUMMARY**

25 Public schools in Florida will no longer be allowed to use out-of-school suspension and/or
26 expulsion as a punishment for the truancy of their students.

27
28
29 **Pro:** Students who are failing to attend school regularly will not be punished with more time out
30 of school.

31
32 **Con:** May not address the root issue of truancy of students.
33
34
35
36
37

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ06
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

2
3 **A Bill to be Entitled**
4

5 An act relating to changing the legal driving age to eighteen (18).

6
7 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

8 Section 1. The legal driving age will now change from sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years of age.

9
10 Section 2.

11 (a) Those that are under the age of eighteen (18) will be allowed to get a restricted license at
12 age sixteen (16).

13 (b) Individuals with a restricted driver's license can operate a vehicle within certain
14 guidelines, as currently defined by state law.

15
16 Section 3. This bill will begin to affect those who were born in the year 2007 and after.

17 This bill shall take effect January 1st, 2022
18

19 *****

20 **SUMMARY**

The legal driving age will become eighteen (18), with the opportunity for a restricted license beginning at age sixteen (16).

21 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
22 additions.

Pro: Drivers would be of an older, more mature age. This could lead to more responsible driving and less accidents.

23
Con: Kids who are in a public school system would have more difficulty getting to school, as well as being able to have a job or participating in other extracurricular activities.

24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ07
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

2
3 **A Bill to be Entitled**

4 An act relating to raising the age of a juvenile offender to be tried as an adult.

5
6 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

7 Section 1.

8 Non-violent offenders will hereby proceed through the juvenile justice system until the age of
9 21.

10 Section 2.

11 A juvenile offender that commits a violent crime will be tried as an adult at the discretion of the
12 prosecutor.

13 Section 3.

14 An individual that has a physician-diagnosed neurodevelopmental disorder and commits a
15 misdemeanor will be tried as a minor no matter their age.

16 Section 4.

17 The following are definitions for this legislation:

- 18 ● “Violent crimes” refer to crimes where the perpetrator uses or threatens to use force on
19 the victim.
- 20 ● “Neurodevelopmental disorder” are impairments of the growth and development of the
21 brain and/or central nervous system. This could affect emotion, learning ability, self-
22 control, and memory.

23
24 This bill shall take effect February 21, 2021.

25
26 *****

27 **SUMMARY:**

This bill will raise the age limit that juvenile offenders will be tried as minors to 21.

28 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
29 additions.

Pro: Will support juveniles under the age of 21 while their brains are still not fully developed.

30
Con: Juveniles may take advantage of this law.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ08
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to providing legal rights for female minors to have autonomy regarding termination of their own pregnancy.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

Section 1. This bill would allow female minors to ultimately make the decision if they wish to terminate their pregnancy.

Section 2. By the minor having authority over this decision, this would mean that they can legally have an abortion without the requirement of having a parent or legal guardian’s permission/approval.

This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

SUMMARY

This bill will give young women more control over their own lives, and will give them the opportunity to not have to keep and raise a child that was unplanned.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: Minor females who unintentionally become pregnant will not be forced to keep the pregnancy if they do not wish. This will improve mental health rates, and will allow young women to have more control of their lives.

Con: If a minor wishes to terminate her pregnancy without the approval of her parent/legal guardian, she must still determine how to pay for the operation.

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34

FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ09
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to the punishment of minors driving under the influence of alcohol.

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature:

Section 1: Any individual under 18 years of age caught driving under the influence of alcohol will have their license revoked and not be allowed to get a new license until 5 years from the day their license was taken away.

Section 2: If the individual caught does not have a license, he/she will be fined \$1,000 and their chance of getting a license will be taken away for 1 year.

Section 3: If an individual who has previously been pulled over for driving under the influence and has violated their 1 year license revocation by getting pulled over again, will have their license revoked for an additional 3 years.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SUMMARY

This bill sets the punishments for a minor driving under the influence.

Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are additions.

Pro: This bill will make the roads safer to drive on.

Con: The punishment might be too harsh for a minor.



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Lobby Bill Pro/Con Chart

Citizens Committee for Equal Rights (CCIR)				
For	CJ02	CJ07	ED07	GCT10
	CJ05	CJ08	GCT03	HHS07
	CJ06	ED05	GCT07	HHS08
Against	AG05	ED03	GCT02	JJ01
	CJ09	ED06	GCT04	JJ06
	ED02	ED08	HHS04	
Churches of Florida (CFU)				
For	CJ09	JJ01		
	HHS04	JJ03		
	HHS06	JJ04		
Against	CJ07	ED09	HHS01	JJ07
	ED04	GCT07	HHS03	JJ08
	ED05	GCT10	HHS07	
Florida Business Association (FBA)				
For	AG01	CJ03	GCT04	
	AG04	ED02	GCT06	
	AG10	ED04		
Against	AG02	AG08	ED10	HHS02
	AG03	AG09	GCT05	HHS06
	AG07	CJ06	GCT09	HHS09
Florida Parents for Education (FPE)				
For	AG05	ED01	ED10	HHS03
	CJ04	ED08	GCT01	JJ02
	CJ10	ED09	GCT08	JJ07
Against	AG01	CJ03	ED07	JJ03
	AG04	CJ08	HHS05	JJ04
	CJ01	ED06	HHS08	JJ05
Law Enforcement Council (LE)				
For	AG06	HHS05	JJ05	
	CJ01	HHS09	JJ06	
	ED03	HHS10	JJ09	
Against	CJ02	CJ10	GCT08	
	CJ04	GCT01	JJ10	
	CJ05	GCT03		
Stewards of the Earth				
For	AG02	AG08	GCT05	HHS02
	AG03	AG09	GCT09	JJ08
	AG07	GCT02	HHS01	JJ10
Against	AG06	ED01	JJ02	
	AG10	HHS10	JJ09	
	GCT06	JJ01		



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bill Pro/Con Statements

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

AG01 Foods shipped to public schools must be locally sourced.

Pro Florida's farming economy will increase. Local, smaller farms, will receive more business

Con Depending on what foods are produced locally, some schools may lack diversity and balance in their menu, as they would be limited on where they could source school food products

AG02 Florida property owners will be required to utilize renewable energy sources in order to be eligible for an agricultural property tax exemption

Pro Florida property owners will have a financial incentive to transition to the use of renewable energy

Con Florida property owners will have to incur major expenses to purchase, install, and maintain renewable energy equipment

AG03 All homeowners in Florida will be required to plant a new sapling every year

Pro The continued planting of trees would combat global warming by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen

Con Not all homeowners have enough land to plant multiple trees, so they would be responsible for finding other locations to plant the saplings

AG04 It will be mandatory for public colleges and universities to purchase a minimum of ten percent of their food from local farms

Pro This bill would benefit local farmers in the state of Florida by increasing their business

Con Certain foods from Florida farms may not be available year-round

AG05 Children will be better educated in beekeeping and other forms of agriculture. Funding will be provided to schools that participate in promoting beekeeping and agriculture

Pro Will help to promote beekeeping and agriculture through firsthand experience in schools as well educate children on beekeeping and how their food is produced

Con Could pose a financial burden for the state as there are over 4,000 public schools in Florida.

AG06 This bill will allow livestock owners and their employees to protect livestock from protected predators.

Pro This would allow livestock owners to protect their livestock and in turn their livelihood from protected predators.

Con This bill could cause issues related to poaching protected animals.

AG07 This bill will reduce the amount of clear cutting in the state of Florida.

Pro The state is able to preserve more land, and therefore, maintain a healthier environment.

Con Development will occur slower.

AG08 This bill will support conservation efforts in critically important lands throughout Florida.

Pro Critical wildlife and plant species will be protected throughout Florida.

Con Land purchases and management are very expensive.

AG09 Raises taxes on non-biodegradable fishing line and netting, in an effort to guide consumers to more environmentally friendly alternatives.

Pro Can potentially save the lives of thousands of seabased organisms and prevent the introduction of tens of thousands of kilograms of plastic into the oceans.

Con Raises considerable taxes on the fishing industry, which is a large and valuable industry in Florida

Bill Pro/Con Statements

AG10 This bill will prevent the false labeling and advertising of plant sourced beverages in the state of Florida

Pro Consumers will not be disillusioned by the inaccurate labeling of plant beverages as "milk".

Con It will cost plant industries substantial amounts of money to go through the process of changing their labeling of products



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bill Pro/Con Statements

Criminal Justice Committee

CJ01 This bill puts in place support and rehabilitation for prisoners

Pro This bill will help prisoners rehabilitate faster and lead better lives after their release

Con Government money that could be used elsewhere will be used to support a project that may have limited success.

CJ02 This bill will prohibit any police officer in the State of Florida from using a carotid restraint or chokehold

Pro This will ensure that citizens will not die by use of a chokehold at the hands of police officers.

Con Police officers will no longer have the option of using a chokehold or carotid restraint in effecting a lawful arrest

CJ03 This bill will allow workplaces to have a concealed firearm on the property.

Pro This would allow workplaces to be able to protect themselves and their employees.

Con Intruders to the workplace may be unnecessarily harmed.

CJ04 This bill will make it impossible for minors to be charged as adults in criminal cases.

Pro If passed, minors will no longer have to worry about being placed in adult jails, protecting them from any physical, mental, and sexual harm that could be done to them in adult jails.

Con Juvenile correctional facilities will be forced to increase maximum capacity, which will likely result in decreased care and maintenance.

CJ05 This bill changes the penalty for capital murder to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Pro This bill would protect human life.

Con Some believe the death penalty provides justice.

CJ06 This bill will require gun owners to have a license to purchase and own any and all high-power semi-automatic and fully automatic rifles.

Pro This bill would help lower firearm-related crime and would encourage firearm safety in the state of Florida.

Con Some will see this as taking away 2nd Amendment rights.

CJ07 Decriminalizes the possession of marijuana for all Florida residents.

Pro Would allow police to focus on more violent crimes.

Con May encourage individuals to obtain more marijuana.

Bill Pro/Con Statements

CJ08 This bill will restate the legal drinking age as eighteen.

Pro There will be less underage drinking.

Con Drinking could lead to a lack of development of the human brain and could cause teens to do poorly in life.

CJ09 This bill would eliminate reduced sentencing in cases where the defendant is considered to be mentally ill.

Pro This bill would keep mentally ill, dangerous individuals from further harming others.

Con Imprisonment can further degrade an individual's mental stability.

CJ10 This bill will require parents and guardians who are gun owners to register their weapons with their child's school district.

Pro This will make it easier for law enforcement to keep track of firearms in the state of Florida.

Con This places another regulation on gun owners in Florida, while failing to discourage criminals from owning firearms.



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bill Pro/Con Statements

Education Committee

ED01 Florida high schools will be required to offer coding courses to their students.

Pro Computer aptitude and knowledge of coding are important skills for work in the global marketplace. Students will now be able to study coding in a course in which they can satisfy their language requirement for admission

Con It will be costly for State of Florida schools to create coding classes if they do not already have them.

ED02 This bill will require students to take and pass a monthly General Knowledge Test in order to continue their coursework.

Pro This will ensure that students comprehend and understand their classes content, and can apply it to the real world. The test will also help students practice and familiarize themselves with their End of Course materials.

Con It may inconvenience those students who cannot pass the tests to attend weekend or summer courses.

ED03 This bill will make anger management, conflict resolution, and prevention of dating violence courses in schools mandatory for any student that has a record of conflict.

Pro This will prevent kids from committing physical or verbal conflict in the future.

Con The school would have to pay for the courses.

ED04 This bill will mandate that students take a practical and life-skills program/class from grades 3-12 will help to allow for people to have the knowledge and life skills they need to provide for themselves and become a successful adult.

Pro The transition from childhood and a school career to adulthood and reality will be smoother, easier and more successful.

Con It could take time to figure out how to implement this class into the student schedule along with all of their other required classes.

ED05 This bill will ban and prohibit any and all clothing and/or accessories containing the Confederate/Rebel Flag from being worn on any public/private school campus in the state of Florida.

Pro This bill would help decrease tension among students on the matter and help eliminate visual forms of hate speech

Con A limitation on free speech in schools and an addition to an already strict dress code.

ED06 This bill will mandate all public schools in Florida require uniforms for all students.

Pro Students won't worry about the financial or social implications of what they or their classmates wear. The distractions different clothing can bring and complications rigid dress codes can cause will also cease to exist.

Con Students will have less opportunity to express themselves and have personal choice in what they wear; will cost already underfunded school districts extra resources.

ED07 This bill will eliminate the dual enrollment program in the state of Florida.

Pro By eliminating dual enrollment, the state of Florida can allocate more funds to equal education for all students.

Con Students would lose access to an affordable college option.

ED08 This Bill will ban universities in Florida from granting in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants.

Pro Will provide incentive for undocumented immigrants to become naturalized; potentially decrease cost of in-state tuition for legal Florida residents

Con Prevent opportunities for higher education for this segment of the population

ED09 This bill will support research that shows no or limited homework for elementary students is beneficial and will provide more opportunities for play and social learning.

Pro Students will have more opportunity for social learning after school and will have better mental health in relation to school.

Con Students could see a decrease in mastery and preservation of skills in certain academic areas.

ED10 Provides extra funding to extracurricular activities that provide S.T.E.A.M education or instruction

Pro Increases education levels and knowledge in S.T.E.A.M. fields, decreases crime rates by giving teenagers a creative outlet and a place to go after school

Con Raises a sizable tax on alcohol and products including alcohol in order to achieve the goal



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bill Pro/Con Statements

Government, Commerce, and Transportation Committee

GCT01 This bill will legally classify firearm assembly kits into a firearm.

Pro Would be beneficial for safety reasons, without limiting gun rights

Con Make be considered restrictive by hobby gun makers

GCT02 This bill will prohibit the sale of combustion cars in the State of Florida.

Pro The State of Florida's greenhouse gas emissions will decrease drastically as the use of combustion cars decreases.

Con After the year 2025, individuals will have to purchase primarily electric vehicles. This has the potential of taking jobs from combustion car companies if they cannot adjust to manufacture and sell electric vehicles.

GCT03 This bill will legalize driving licensed ATV and ROV vehicles on public roads and highways

Pro This will allow those who cannot easily afford cars or trucks to have modes of personal transportation. It will also benefit the companies who make ATVs and ROVs, allowing them to sell more products.

Con Some people may abuse the right to drive recreational vehicles on public roads, posing a hazard to themselves and other drivers.

GCT04 This bill will implement ranked-choice voting in Florida

Pro Ensures that the most popular candidate will be elected

Con Is considered unconstitutional by many

GCT05 This bill will give free public transportation for students attending any college or University in the state of Florida. This will help lighten the financial burden that comes with college tuitions and life.

Pro This bill will help lighten the financial burden that comes with college tuitions and life for students.

Con The state would be having to set aside a large amount of money for the grant which could pose a problem for the state economically.

GCT06 Provides funding for bettering intercity rail transportation.

Pro Provides funding for high and medium speed intercity rail transit, a great stimulator of tourism, business, and the economy.

Con Increases state sales tax from 6.0% to 7.0%

GCT07 This bill will have Florida cast its electoral votes with the national popular vote

Pro Florida's choice for President will be whoever has the most votes nationwide

Con Will sometimes disregard the state popular vote, in favor of the nation's popular vote

GCT08 This bill will require headphone use on any form of public transportation and in any public venues/locations in order to prevent sound spreading and disturbing others.

Pro Prevention of the disturbance, distraction, and annoyance that potentially results for members of society from the lack of headphone use by individuals listening to audio on their electronic devices.

Con Individuals will be responsible for providing their own headphones.

GCT09 This bill will fund research for autonomous driving technology.

Pro Funding for self-driving technology could provide economic opportunities in the years to come in terms of Florida's transportation system.

Con People purchasing or renting goods in Florida must pay an additional 0.5% sales tax

GCT10 This bill will make it so the State of Florida no longer recognizes a number of holidays whose sole purpose is to celebrate the Confederacy, as well as ban the display of the Confederate flag on government property

Pro Ends the celebration and veneration of a traitorous and racist rebellion

Con May be upsetting to modern Confederate sympathizers



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bill Pro/Con Statements

Health and Human Services Committee

HHS01 The government will fund research relating to cloning humans

Pro This could result in large future technological advances.

Con Experimentation could be considered unethical or inhumane

HHS02 This bill will mandate the elimination of single-use plastics in Florida dining establishments.

Pro Eliminating single-use plastics will benefit our oceans and environment.

Con Businesses will have to pay out-of-pocket to obtain acceptable replacements for the single-use plastics outlawed in this bill.

HHS03 The state will provide funding to schools to create a mental health program.

Pro It will help spread awareness about mental health

Con The government has to fund it.

HHS04 This bill will require minors in the state of Florida to have parental consent in order to have an abortion.

Pro Parents will be allowed to have input on their under-age children's decision to terminate their pregnancy

Con Some minors may not be allowed to have an abortion.

HHS05 This bill will legalize and regulate the selling and purchasing of recreational THC cannabis products in the state of Florida. This would help lower cases of illegal use as it would no longer be taboo, and as well help boost the economy.

Pro Has the potential to lessen cases and would as well boost the economy through the new industry.

Con Can be seen as a way to encourage illegal usage of marijuana

HHS06 This bill will make mandatory paid parental leave a requirement for all employers in the state of Florida. Mothers and fathers will receive paid time off before and after birth.

Pro People will face less stress and have more time to focus on building their families without worrying about their employment.

Con Employers will have to pay workers without receiving their service in return, as well as having to hold their job for an extended period.

HHS07 Upon enactment, would provide free birth control to those who have a medical reason and prescription by their doctor.

Pro Can prevent irregular menstrual cycles, pain, unclear skin, cancer risk, ovarian cysts, premenstrual syndrome (PMS), Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) relief, abnormal endometriosis, and menstrual migraine.

Con Can increase the risk of cardiovascular problems, such as blood clots, deep vein thrombosis (DVT), a clot on the lung, and a stroke or heart attack.

HHS08 This bill will require all colleges and universities in the state of Florida to provide gynecological services to their students.

Pro Students now have access to all forms of medical care, therefore, the students are better protected in their day-to-day lives.

Con Colleges or universities must find, employ, and pay a qualified gynecologist.

HHS09 This bill will allow for various powers to be given to the Governor and localities during a pandemic

Pro Provides for an immediate health response to pandemics

Con May give the Governor and localities too much unchecked power

HHS10 This bill will protect any victim in a self-defense case. This will also allow anyone to use lethal force in self-defense

Pro Victims in self-defense cases would be protected by law.

Con False claims of "self-defense" may be used by criminals in murder and manslaughter cases.



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bill Pro/Con Statements

Juvenile Justice Committee

JJ01 This bill will make it to where children under the age of 16 cannot legally have a social media account

Pro It can prevent cyberbullying.

Con It can help with depression, anxiety, and other illnesses and is an invasion of personal rights and liberties.

JJ02 This bill will ban minors from obtaining face tattoos.

ProHelp prevent minors from making life-altering decisions

Con Takes choice away from minors

JJ03 This bill will prevent minors from suffering permanent drug or alcohol charges if found with an illegal substance.

Pro This will allow youth to learn from their mistakes if they were persuaded by friends to participate in illegal activities.

It will also prevent youth from suffering from the consequences of having a criminal record if wrongly convicted of possession.

Con This makes it less dangerous for youth to attempt to gain access to any form of drug. Furthermore, it makes parents (those who will likely pay for their child's fine(s)) financially responsible for their child's criminal behavior.

JJ04 Each student in K-12 grades shall be required to receive instruction on anger management, conflict resolution, and prevention of dating violence.

Pro Will prevent acts of violence among students

Con May be unnecessary for some students

JJ05 Public schools in Florida will no longer be allowed to use out-of-school suspension and/or expulsion as a punishment for the truancy of their students.

Pro Students who are failing to attend school regularly will not be punished with more time out of school.

Con May not address the root issue of truancy of students.

JJ06 The legal driving age will become eighteen (18), with the opportunity for a restricted license beginning at age sixteen (16).

Pro Drivers would be of an older, more mature age. This could lead to more responsible driving and less accidents.

Con Kids who are in a public school system would have more difficulty getting to school, as well as being able to have a job or participating in other extracurricular activities.

JJ07 This bill will raise the age limit that juvenile offenders will be tried as minors to 21.

Pro Will support juveniles under the age of 21 while their brains are still not fully developed.

Con Juveniles may take advantage of this law.

JJ08 This bill will give young women more control over their own lives, and will give them the opportunity to not have to keep and raise a child that was unplanned.

Pro Minor females who unintentionally become pregnant will not be forced to keep the pregnancy if they do not wish.

This will improve mental health rates, and will allow young women to have more control of their lives.

Con If a minor wishes to terminate her pregnancy without the approval of her parent/legal guardian, she must still determine how to pay for the operation.

JJ09 This bill sets the punishments for a minor driving under the influence.

Pro This bill will make the roads safer to drive on.

Con The punishment might be too harsh for a minor.