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Dear 4-H Legislature Participant,

Welcome to the 51st session of the Florida 4-H Legislature! My name is Taylor Thigpen, and I am thrilled to serve you as the 2022-2023 Legislature Planning Committee Chair as well as your Lieutenant Governor during your week at 4-H Legislature. I am super pumped for an amazing full week long event in our beautiful capitol to be able to lobby and debate bills, build friendships and learn more about the Florida Legislative processes. Whether this is your very first or fourth year at 4-H Legislator, I encourage you to immerse yourself into this event and make the most out of this exciting and unique opportunity. I sincerely hope that you will enjoy your experience as you take on the role of being a Senator, Representative, Public Relations, or Lobbyist. It is a true 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 and legislative processes, build lifelong relationships, connections, and experience personal growth.

This year, our Legislature Planning Committee has worked hard to plan this 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 4-H Legislature, it is most helpful and encouraged to research your bills and know some background knowledge about what the bills entail. 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.

Again, I am beyond excited to spend this week with you making awesome 4-H memories and I look forward to seeing everyone's passion about your roles at LEG. Importantly, come prepared and excited, 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 top notch as we celebrate the 51st session. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Taylor Thigpen
2023 Florida 4-H Legislature Committee Chair



FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Bills Titles by Committee

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- AG02 An act relating to the corporate transparency of pesticides on food labels.
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- HHS07 An act relating to emergency medical care and treatment to minors without parental consent.
- HHS08 An act relating to licensed nurses' access to free counselling.
- HHS09 An act relating to mandating that employers provide paid parental leave.
- HHS10 An act relating to a statewide mandate of safe drug use and treatment in large cities.

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Lobby Bill Pro/Con Chart

Citizens' Committee for Individual Rights (CCIR)

For: AG09 CJ06 CJ09 ED05 HHS02 HHS06 JJ06 JJ08

Against: AG05 AG07 CJ01 CJ03 ED06 GCT04 GCT09 HHS03 JJ09 JJ10

Churches of Florida United (CFU)

For: AG07 CJ04 CJ08 GCT05 HHS06 JJ03 JJ06 JJ07 JJ09

Against: CJ06 GCT03 GCT07 HHS01 HHS03 HHS10 JJ04

Florida Business Association (FBA)

For: AG01 AG09 AG10 CJ06 GCT03 HHS02 JJ05

Against: AG02 AG03 AG08 CJ03 GCT02 GCT04 GCT08 HHS04 HHS08 HHS09

Florida Parents for Education (FPE)

For: ED01 ED02 ED06 ED07 ED09 ED10 HHS05 JJ02 JJ05 JJ08

Against: ED03 ED08 GCT08 JJ10

Law Enforcement Council (LEC)

For: AG04 CJ05 CJ07 ED09 GCT06 GCT07 GCT09 JJ03 JJ04 JJ09

Against: CJ01 CJ02 CJ04 CJ10 GCT03 HHS10 JJ01 JJ05 JJ06 JJ07

Stewards Of Earth (SOE)

For: AG01 AG02 AG03 AG06 AG07 AG10 GCT01 GCT02 GCT04 HHS10

Against: AG05 AG08 AG09 GCT03 HHS04



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Pro Those wanting a loan for a big agricultural project won't have to pay interest up to the due date on loan.

Con Some may feel vehicles should also be considered agricultural Purchases.

AG02 An act relating to the corporate transparency of pesticides on food labels.

Pro This bill will ensure corporate transparency.

Con There may be misinformed concerns surrounding the use of pesticides in crops.

AG03 An act relating to the sale of sunscreen containing oxybenzone and/or octinoxate.

Pro Coral reefs will be in less danger of being damaged by harmful chemicals in sunscreen.

Con This bill could raise the price of sunscreen in Florida.

AG04 An act relating to Animal Welfare.

Pro This will lower the amount of lost pets and/or strays as well as penalize individuals for unnecessarily causing harm to an animal.

Con Shelters, humane organizations, or animal control could get overwhelmed with the amount of animal intake.

AG05 An act relating to banning non-commercial agriculture vehicles on paved public roads.

Pro Prevents the flow of traffic to be changed due to agriculture vehicles.

Con Inconveniences the agriculture community.

AG06 An act relating to the compensation of organic farmers when contaminated.

Pro Will keep organic farmers from losing their certification.

Con Higher taxes for citizens.

AG07 An act relating to owning exotic pets.

Pro This bill will decrease the exotic pet trade, protect wildlife, reduce the spread of disease carried by exotic wildlife, and reduce the risk of human fatality.

Con It is difficult to classify class 3 species. Additionally, the decrease of this trade could have a negative effect on the economy. Lastly, the rights of Floridians will be restricted.

AG08 An act relating to Specialized Agricultural Product Labeling.

Pro Would make locating and preventing outbreaks easier.

Con The cost would be incredibly high, and farms could come under scrutiny.

AG09 An act relating to oil drilling, specifically "fracking," requiring specified amounts of bonds for certain operations in the Everglades Protection Area.

Pro Economic growth in wealth and self-reliance in the oil and gas industries.

Con Drilling operations could inflict harm on the surrounding ecosystem.

AG10 An act relating to nuisance complaints regarding farming operations.

Pro It will be more difficult for legal agricultural processes to be unnecessarily interrupted, which increases farm productivity.

Con It will be more difficult for residents in rural areas to challenge agricultural processes.



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Bill Pro/Con Statements

Criminal Justice Committee

CJ01 An act relating to requiring Florida law enforcement officers to wear body cameras, and for other purposes.

Pro Body camera footage can be used to determine a suspect's innocence.

Con Invades the privacy of citizens and subjects citizens to facial recognition software.

CJ02 An act relating to the elimination of police lineups in the State of Florida.

Pro Traditional suspect lineups have been proven ineffective and lead to false convictions.

Con One-on-one interrogations take more time and valuable police resources.

CJ03 An act relating to the illegal ownership of pit bulldog breeds in the state of Florida.

Pro This will help keep potentially dangerous dog breeds' numbers from expanding.

Con It targets specific breeds and not the behavior.

CJ04 An act relating to the abolition of the death penalty.

Pro: This will reduce the amount of money the state must spend on prison inmates because death row inmates cost more to imprison than inmates in General Population.

Con Some inmates are too dangerous to be released into General Population.

CJ05 An act relating to prohibiting approaching a law enforcement officer after being instructed not to.

Pro Would help protect law enforcement officers from harassment while performing their duties.

Con May have a negative effect on individuals who may wish to peacefully observe or document interactions between law enforcement and the public.

CJ06 An act relating to banning the prosecution of music artists for defamation.

Pro This bill will protect music artists' creative liberties. Additionally, it may increase commentary on political topics (e.g., A Modest Proposal).

Con This bill may result in increased slander through music.

CJ07 An act relating to allowing the use of familial DNA in violent crimes prosecution.

Pro This could help solve many violent and cold cases providing justice and closure for victims.

Con There are many innocent people in the DNA database. Many family members would be unwilling to provide information for investigations. It can be argued that this would violate the 4th Amendment of unreasonable search.

CJ08 An act relating to the introduction of fair prisoner compensation for labor

Pro Prisoners will have a motivation to reform.

Con High costs for prisons.

CJ09 An act relating to allowing teachers and staff of public schools to carry a concealed gun on campus.

Pro Schools would be safer and would lessen the infringement on the second amendment.

Con Some parents might be uncomfortable that their kids are in a school that has guns.

CJ10 An act relating to pregnant women in custody.

Pro: Convicted pregnant women will not have to serve their sentence while pregnant and this provides greater flexibility in care during pregnancy.

Con The convicted women would not face criminal charges for an extended period of time, which could lead to further legal infractions.



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Bill Pro/Con Statements

Education Committee

ED01 An act relating to the graduation requirements of graduating seniors to take a minimum of 1 semester of workforce prep or job shadowing, in their choice of a career path.

Pro Will give high school students real-world experience.

Con Some students already take dual enrollment classes in their desired career path.

ED02 An act relating to Florida public colleges' financial aid.

Pro This bill will help students get higher education despite their financial situation.

Con This bill runs the risk of being abused.

ED03 An act relating to shortening children's sports playing seasons.

Pro This bill will prevent kids from being overworked due to long playing seasons.

Con This bill may discourage kids from competing in school sports programs.

ED04 An act relating to a community service hour minimum for high school graduation.

Pro High school students will have an increased awareness of the needs in their communities.

Con This bill makes it more difficult for high school students to graduate.

ED05 An act relating to the legalization of previously banned books and the prevention of future banned books.

Pro: Gives people freedom to read what they want.

Con: Can subject people to inappropriate materials.

ED06 An act relating to mandatory statewide public school uniforms for all students K-12.

Pro: School uniforms, or standard student attire, are effective at creating a safe and supportive environment by minimizing discipline problems and enabling students to focus on academics.

Con: Increased workload to monitor school compliancy for incentives and increased costs for districts.

ED07 An act relating to parental rights in education.

Pro: Parents will be more knowledgeable of their child's wellbeing.

Con: Some children might not be comfortable with their parents knowing the status of their mental health.

ED08 An act relating to public high school lunch times.

Pro: Students will have more time to eat lunch and rest between periods of instruction.

Con: Students and school staff will need to be at school longer.

ED09 An act relating to sexual abuse education in all public schools for Pre-K through 12.

Pro: Give youth awareness of what is happening to them so they can be informed. Gives youth a safe space.

Con: Families may not approve. Could be triggering or harmful to children.

ED10 An act relating to shortening summer break.

Pro: Shortening summer break will decrease the amount of information students forget between school years. Additionally, increasing breaks within the school year will decrease burnout and increase productivity and efficiency.

Con: It will be more difficult for students to hold summer jobs.



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Government, Commerce, and Transportation Committee

GCT01 An act relating to building bicycle lanes on new roads.

Pro: This bill will encourage pedestrian safety.

Con: Increasing sales taxes may be burdensome on the general public.

GCT02 An act relating to corporate lobbyists.

Pro: This will ensure both public and private interests are fairly represented.

Con: Some may believe this bill to be controlling constitutional freedoms.

GCT03 An act relating to Florida autobahn.

Pro: Increase state revenue and fun for the party that is enjoying the system.

Con: Higher death rate due to higher speeds.

GCT04 An act relating to banning all further construction on barrier islands.

Pro: This will protect Florida's barrier islands and Florida's mainland.

Con: Landowners won't have the luxury of living on an island.

GCT05 An act relating to community service used for payment of legal fees.

Pro: Criminals who struggle financially have the opportunity to realistically pay for legal fees.

Con: The government would not be receiving direct monetary compensation for the legal fees that are owed by the individual.

GCT06 An act relating to authorizing the use of digital license plates as an alternative to the standard license plates.

Pro: Digital license plates will allow law enforcement to track criminals and car thieves.

Con: These could also be used to invade the privacy of the public.

GCT07 An act relating to lowering the drinking age to 18.

Pro: Gives cities and the state more money; improves police forces across Florida.

Con: Could cause more DUIs or other alcohol-related crimes.

GCT08 An act relating to reducing the work week to 4 days.

Pro: Employees have more time for rest and personal priorities.

Con: Some agencies may not be able to provide such flexible options.

GCT09 An act relating to requiring evacuation for severe weather events.

Pro: Would help to protect the lives and safety of citizens in the event of a severe weather event. Additionally, may help to reduce the burden on emergency services and search and rescue teams.

Con: Could be unnecessarily disruptive and stressful for an individuals who are required to evacuate. Also, may be seen as a violation of individual's personal rights and freedoms.

GCT10 An act relating to the creation of a semi-truck-only lane on the highway.

Pro: Would make driving on the highway safer for smaller vehicles.

Con: Semi trucks may take longer to make deliveries.



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Bill Pro/Con Statements

Health and Human Services Committee

HHS01 An act relating to gender-neutral bathrooms in public buildings.

Pro Everyone can use the restroom facilities privately. In residential locations, gender-neutral bathrooms are normal.

Con It will be expensive to retrofit the bathrooms in current public buildings.

HHS02 An act relating to prescribing minors without the consent of parents.

Pro This bill will give minors autonomy with medical decisions.

Con Some minors of this age may not have the maturity to make medical decisions.

HHS03 An act relating to the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Pro Individuals at risk for COVID-19 will be better protected. Additionally, these measures should slow the spread of the virus.

Con Individuals over the age of 65 would no longer have the freedom to choose to be vaccinated.

HHS04 An act relating to lactose labels on dairy products.

Pro Lactose intolerant people will be able to easily determine the amount of lactose in dairy products and react accordingly.

Con Manufacturers of the dairy products would be forced to change their labels as well as pay for testing of all dairy products to find the lactose amounts, which would increase expenses.

HHS05 An act relating to female menstrual products.

Pro Menstrual products will be free for people that cannot afford them.

Con Will be very expensive for companies that make menstrual products.

HHS06 An act relating to removing the ability to order the vaccination of individuals during a public health emergency.

Pro Removing the ability of the State Health Officer to order the vaccination of individuals and allowing individuals to make their own decisions about vaccination respects their ability to make choices about their own bodies and healthcare.

Con If the authority to mandate vaccination during a public health emergency is removed, it may be more difficult to control the spread of disease. This could lead to more illness and potentially even fatalities, particularly among vulnerable populations.

HHS07 An act relating to emergency medical care and treatment of minors without parental consent.

Pro In an emergency situation, a minor can quickly get treatment.

Con The minor might be unaware of if they are allergic to medications that might be administered.

HHS08 An act relating to licensed nurses' access to free counseling.

Pro This bill will decrease the number of nurses resigning due to burnout and stress.

Con It will be financially burdensome for employers to pay for counseling.

HHS09 An act relating to mandating that employers provide paid parental leave.

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.

HHS10 An act relating to a statewide mandate of safe drug use and treatment in large cities, as defined.

Pro Chances of infection and disease transfer will severely decrease among drug-users, allowing for safer and cleaner environments in communities.

Con There will be a 4% increase in sales tax.



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Bill Pro/Con Statements

Juvenile Justice Committee

JJ01 An act relating to amending the exemption of juveniles from the requirements for suits by prisoners.

Pro This will allow juveniles under the age of 22 to receive reduced punishments.

Con This bill will allow a larger amount of people the lenience of being charged as a juvenile instead of an adult.

JJ02 An act relating to those caught underage drinking will be required to attend a minimum of 48 hours of counseling on their first offense.

Pro Those struggling with mental health problems that are using drinking as a coping method will get the help they need. Also helps to prevent underage drinking and driving.

Con This punishment might be added on to punishments already assigned.

JJ03 An act relating to the suspension of an underage drinker's license until the age of 21.

Pro This bill would prevent potential drunk driving cases by limiting at risk drivers until they are of an age where they can be expected to drink responsibly.

Con For some minors, license suspension may be excessive.

JJ04 An act relating to juvenile detention.

Pro This bill will provide reliable monitoring of a child in juvenile detention.

Con Some might find this bill to be overstepping the child's boundaries.

JJ05 An act relating to the punishment of minors who are found guilty of shoplifting.

Pro This bill will give minors who have been found guilty of shoplifting a second chance.

Con The lack of punishment may encourage minors to commit other crimes.

JJ06 An act relating to the trying of minors as adults in criminal proceedings.

Pro Would allow minors to experience life after their sentences.

Con Some minors might not take their consequences seriously because they are less severe.

JJ07 An act relating to prohibiting deception in interrogations of minors under the age of 16.

Pro Protects the rights and well-being of vulnerable individuals.

Con Makes it more difficult for law enforcement to obtain important information and solve crimes.

JJ08 An act relating to access to Florida Dual Enrollment while in Juvenile Detention.

Pro This bill will increase access to higher education.

Con Some youth may not complete classes, resulting in financial loss for their school district.

JJ09 An act relating to the immediate suspension for a minimum of one week and the requirement of a drug course for students in schools with marijuana.

Pro This will limit the amount of students using and on campus with marijuana.

Con A successful course for students will have to be in place; students will miss instructional time.

JJ10 An act relating to installing metal detectors and conducting backpack searches at all public schools.

Pro This bill will provide more security in school settings and discourage prohibited items from being brought to school.

Con Metal detectors and backpack searches add time to the start of the school day. More personnel will be needed to operate it.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to agricultural loans being excluded from interest.

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6 Section 1. When getting a loan for agricultural purposes, there will be no interest on the loan.

7 This will only qualify if the loan is paid in full by the due date.

8 Section 2. The items that will be counted as an agricultural loan will be tractor maintenance, land
9 maintenance, rebuilding of barns, etc. The things not accepted are things like vehicle purchases.

10 (EX: trucks and cars) (Accepted "Vehicles": ATV's, 4-wheelers, side by side.)

11 Section 3. When paying back your loan, you will have to bring back the receipt/invoice or proof.
12 of what was purchased.

13 Section 4. Definitions

14 Loan- money borrowed from the bank.

15 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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17 **SUMMARY**

18 When giving a loan for agricultural purposes, the bank will not charge interest on the loan. For
19 this to be valid you must pay the loan on time and have proof as to what the loan was used for.

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

22 Pro: Those wanting a loan for a big agricultural project won't have to pay interest up to the due
23 date on loan.

24 Con: Some may feel vehicles should also be considered agricultural purchases.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the corporate transparency of pesticides on food labels.

Section 1. Produce grown or packaged in Florida must list pesticides used in production of any primary or secondary ingredients on label to be sold. This bill will especially apply to raw produce for sale and produced in the state of Florida.

Section 2. For this bill, primary and secondary ingredients will be defined as the whole (not processed) ingredients that remain most abundant in each food product.

Section 3. Labels must state the brand and variety of pesticides used in production.

Section 4. Respectively unaffiliated sellers and distributors will not be responsible for the contents of the label should this bill be passed. The responsibility and consequences will belong to the producers, corporations and farmers involved in food production.

Section 5. Small business or family-owned farms will not be exempt from this bill.

Section 6. Any organization found to be in violation of this bill will be forced to remove the offending product from circulation until the labels are updated accordingly.

This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

SUMMARY

This bill will require Florida farms and producers to list the specific pesticides used in production on labels.

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Pro: This bill will ensure corporate transparency.

Con: There may be misinformed concerns surrounding the use of pesticides in crops.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG03
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the sale of sunscreen containing oxybenzone and/or octinoxate.

Section 1. Sunscreens containing oxybenzone and/or octinoxate cannot be sold or distributed in the state of Florida.

Section 2. Funding will be the responsibility of the sunscreen manufacturer.

Section 3: "Sunscreen" means any product with an SPF rating.

This bill shall take effect upon Aug 1, 2023.

SUMMARY

This bill will eliminate the sale of sunscreens containing oxybenzone and/or octinoxate.

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

Pro: Coral reefs will be in less danger of being damaged by harmful chemicals in sunscreen.

Con: This bill could raise the price of sunscreen in Florida.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to Animal Welfare.

5 Section 1. Natural disasters, such as hurricanes, may result in an increase in owned dogs and
6 cats becoming lost or stray. Dog and cat owners statewide should be afforded the opportunity to
7 claim their lost pets quickly and reliably. It is therefore declared to be the public policy of the
8 state that animal control agencies and humane organizations shall adopt policies and procedures
9 to help return lost cats or dogs to identified owners.

10 Section 2. A public or private animal shelter, humane organization, or animal control agency
11 operated by a humane organization or by a county, municipality, or other incorporated political
12 subdivision that takes any lost or stray dogs or cats shall adopt written policies and procedures to
13 ensure that every reasonable effort is made to return owned animals quickly and reliably to their
14 owners. Such policies and procedures shall include:

- 15 a. Immediate screening of lost or stray dogs and cats for identification, including tags,
16 licenses, implanted microchips, and tattoos.
- 17 b. Public notice of lost or stray dogs and cats received, provided at the shelter or on the
18 Internet, as appropriate, within 48 hours of the animal’s admission.

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20 Section 3. A person who unnecessarily overloads, overdrives, torments, deprives of necessary
21 sustenance or shelter, or unnecessarily mutilates, or kills any animal, or causes the same to be
22 done, or carries in or upon any vehicle, or otherwise, any animal in a cruel or inhumane manner,
23 commits animal cruelty, a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by a fine of not more than
24 \$5,000.

25 a. In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, a person who is convicted of a violation of
26 this section may be prohibited by the court from owning, possessing, keeping, harboring, or
27 having custody or control over any animal for a period of time determined by the court.

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29 This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

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31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill will ensure that an animal or pet that is lost shall be returned to their owners as well as
33 ensure the wellbeing of an animal.

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Pro: This will lower the number of lost pets and/or strays as well as penalize individuals for unnecessarily causing harm to an animal.

Con: Shelters, humane organizations, or animal control could get overwhelmed with the amount of animal intake.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to banning non-commercial agriculture vehicles on paved public roads.

Section 1. Non-commercial agriculture vehicles will be banned from paved public roads.

Section 2. Non-commercial agriculture vehicles on paved public roads will be fined \$500 for each violation.

Section 6: Definitions.

- Non-commercial agriculture vehicles: vehicles such as tractors, side-by-side, and ATVs.
- Paved public roads: a paved road supported by county or state tax dollars.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming a July 1, 2023.

SUMMARY

This bill will ban non-commercial agriculture vehicles on paved public roads.

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Pro: Prevents the flow of traffic being changed due to agriculture vehicles.

Con: Inconveniences to the agriculture community.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the compensation of organic farmers when contaminated.

Section 1. Florida Certified Organic Farmers will be compensated when GMO products or banned fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides contaminate their farm and cause them to lose their certification.

Section 2. Organic Farmers can sue local GMO farms responsible for contamination.

Section 3. The Florida Department of Agriculture will subsidize organic farmers facing bankruptcy due to contamination.

Section 4: Definitions.

- “Certified Organic Farmer” refers to a farmer certified by the USDA who follows regulations for all products on farms.
- “Subsidize” will be defined as paying part of the cost of transitioning back to organic.

This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

SUMMARY

This bill will allow Florida Organic Farmers to receive compensation for their farm when contaminated.

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

Pro: Will keep organic farmers from losing their certification.

Con: Higher taxes for citizens.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to owning exotic pets.

5 Section 1. The purchase or ownership of class 1, 2, and 3 exotic wildlife shall be prohibited for
6 Florida individuals.

7 Section 2. Any Floridian found in possession of class 1, 2, or 3 exotic wildlife shall be fined a
8 minimum of \$250,000. Additionally, they shall face a possible minimum of a five year prison
9 sentence.

10 Section 3. This bill does not pertain to or detract from current rights and laws attributed to
11 accredited zoos.

12 Section 4: Definitions.

13 (a) "Class 1 Exotic Wildlife" shall be defined as "species that are considered to present a real
14 or potential threat to human safety". The list of Class 1 Exotic Wildlife can be found on
15 MyFWC.com.

16 (b) "Class 2 Exotic Wildlife" shall be defined as "species that are considered to present a real
17 or potential threat to human safety". The list of Class 2 Exotic Wildlife can be found on
18 MyFWC.com.

19 (c) "Class 3 Exotic Wildlife" shall be defined as "any non-domesticated animal not classified
20 as a Class 1 or Class 2 animal". The list of Class 3 Exotic Wildlife can be found on
21 MyFWC.com.

22 This bill shall take effect on July 1st, 2024.

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24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill will make it illegal to own or purchase exotic wildlife in Florida.

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

28 Pro: This bill will decrease the exotic pet trade, protect wildlife, reduce the spread of disease
29 carried by exotic wildlife, and reduce the risk of human fatality.

30 Con: It is difficult to classify class 3 species. Additionally, the decrease of this trade could have a
31 negative effect on the economy. Lastly, the rights of Floridians will be restricted.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to Specialized Agricultural Product Labeling.

5 Section 1. All producers, growers, and shippers of fresh fruits and vegetables and honey in this
6 state shall be permitted to mark each individual fruit, vegetable, or package of honey in a
7 conspicuous place as legibly, indelibly, and permanently as the nature of the fruit, vegetable, or
8 package of honey will permit, in such a manner as to indicate to an ultimate purchaser that the
9 product was produced in Florida. Such marks must state which farm produced the product. Any
10 fresh fruit, fresh vegetable, package of bee pollen, or package of honey offered for retail sale in
11 Florida shall be marked individually in a conspicuous place as legibly, indelibly, and
12 permanently as the nature of the fruit or vegetable, or package of honey will permit, in such
13 manner as to indicate to an ultimate purchaser the farm and county of origin.

14 Section 2. All retail vendors engaged in the business of selling products labeled or identified as
15 to origin shall be prohibited from willfully and knowingly removing such labels or identifying
16 marks.

17 Section 3. Definitions.

- 18 • Distributor- One that markets or sells merchandise, especially a retailer.
- 19 • Penalties - Any person or persons, who willfully and knowingly removes any labels or
20 identifying marks from fruits, vegetables, or honey so labeled is guilty of a noncriminal
21 violation as defined in. 775.08(3) and upon conviction shall be punished as provided in s.
22 775.082(5) by a civil fine of not more than \$500. Any corporation or distributors engaged
23 in the business of the retail vending of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, or honey who
24 willfully and knowingly removes any labels or identifying marks from fruits, vegetables,
25 or honey so labeled is guilty of a noncriminal violation as defined in s. 775.08(3) and
26 upon conviction shall be punished as provided in s. 775.082(5) by a civil fine of not more
27 than \$100,000.
- 28 • Enforcement –The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall be
29 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this part.

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31 This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2024

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33 **SUMMARY**

1 This bill will require distributors of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and honey to label the farm in
2 which the label was produced.

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

5 Pro: Would make locating and preventing outbreaks easier.

6 Con: The cost would be incredibly high, and farms could come under scrutiny.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to oil drilling, specifically “fracking,” requiring specified amounts of bonds for
6 certain operations in the Everglades Protection Area.

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8 Section 1. The process of drilling for, and extraction of, oil, gas, or other petroleum products
9 through the means of “fracking” in the Everglades Protection Area shall be allowed through the
10 submission of an application and a proper drilling permit.

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12 Section 2. The Department of Environmental Protection shall review all applicant submissions
13 and visit each proposed access route and drilling site in the Everglades Protection Area.

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15 Section 3. The Department of Environmental Protection shall ensure that the exploration and
16 production activities will not cause any permanent impact on the water resources, vegetation, or
17 the wildlife of the area, with a special emphasis placed on rare and endangered species.

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19 Section 4. Any violation of these rules shall have a penalty of a minimum of \$500,000 per
20 operation or, for a blanket penalty, a minimum of \$5 million.

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22 Section 4. Definitions.

23 (a) “Fracking” shall be defined as an invasive mining operation performed by injecting
24 large volumes of fluids at a high rate into a rock formation at pressures that exceed
25 the fracture gradient of the rock to propagate hydraulic fractures.

26 (b) “Everglades Protection Area” shall be defined as Water Conservation Areas 1, 2A,
27 2B, 3A, and 3B; the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge; and

1 the Everglades National Park.

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3 This bill shall take effect on May 1st, 2024.

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5 **SUMMARY**

6 This bill will allow fracking, a process of extracting oil, gas, or other petroleum products, by
7 requiring a proper drilling permit and a completed application reviewed and accepted by the
8 Department of Environmental Protection. Any violations of the rules stated above result in a fine
9 of \$500,000 or more per drilling operation.

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

13 Pro: Economic growth in wealth and self-reliance in the oil and gas industries.

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15 Con: Drilling operations could inflict harm on the surrounding ecosystem.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: AG10
County:	Referred to Committee: Agriculture

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled
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5 An act relating to nuisance complaints regarding farming operations.
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7 Section 1.

8 The act would prohibit farms from being held liable for legal nuisance complaints except under
9 certain circumstances; institute the need for substantial proof that the farming operations are
10 outside of the legal boundaries; provide requirements for and limitations on damages.
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12 Section 2.

13 All 50 U.S. states have enacted "Right to Farm" laws that protect farmers and ranchers from
14 nuisance lawsuits filed by individuals who move into a rural area where normal farming
15 operations exist and then use legal actions to stop or interfere with ongoing farming operations.
16 There is a possibility for increased complaints regarding farming practices such as harvesting,
17 transporting crops, conducting controlled burning, and agritourism activities, despite the use of
18 best management practices, due to a rise in population in rural areas.
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20 Section 3.

21 Legal boundaries for complaints:

- 22 1. The presence of untreated or improperly treated human waste, garbage, dead animals,
23 dangerous waste materials, or gases which are harmful to human or animal life.
- 24 2. The presence of improperly built or maintained septic tanks, water closets, or privies.
- 25 3. The keeping of diseased animals which are dangerous to human health unless such
26 animals are kept in accordance with a current state or federal disease control program.
- 27 4. The presence of unsanitary places where animals are slaughtered, which may give rise
28 to diseases which are harmful to human or animal life.
- 29 5. Any property belonging to the plaintiff is damaged in any way.
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31 Section 4.

32 When the alleged nuisance from a farm operation is proven, the compensatory damages that may
33 be awarded to a plaintiff for a private nuisance action must be measured by the reduction in the
34 fair market value of the plaintiff's property caused by the nuisance but may not exceed the fair
35 market value of the property.
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37 Section 5: Definitions.

38 Nuisance - any interference with reasonable use and enjoyment of land, including, but not
39 limited to, noise, smoke, odors, dust, fumes, particle emissions, or vibration.
40 Agritourism activities - there is a longstanding tradition of using agritourism activities, such as
41 hayrides, corn mazes, winery tours, and farm festivals, to supplement income received from
42 growing crops and raising farm animals.
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44 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

SUMMARY

This bill will help to prevent unnecessary nuisance lawsuits against legally approved agricultural activities and practices due to an increase in population in rural areas.

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

Pro: It will be more difficult for legal agricultural processes to be unnecessarily interrupted, which increases farm productivity.

Con: It will be more difficult for residents in rural areas to challenge agricultural processes.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to requiring Florida law enforcement officers to wear body cameras, and for other
6 purposes.

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8 Section 1. Short Title

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10 This Act may be cited as the “Florida Police Camera and Accountability Act.”
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12 Section 2. Requirements for Florida law enforcement officers regarding the use of body
13 cameras.

14 (1) MINOR. —The term “minor” means any individual under 18 years of age.

15 (2) SUBJECT OF THE VIDEO FOOTAGE. —The term “subject of the video footage”—

16 (A) means any identifiable Florida law enforcement officer or any identifiable suspect,
17 victim, detainee, conversant, injured party, or other similarly situated person who appears on
18 the body camera recording; and

19 (B) does not include people who only incidentally appear on the recording.

20 (3) VIDEO FOOTAGE. —The term “video footage” means any images or audio recorded
21 by a body camera.

22 (4) FACIAL RECOGNITION OR OTHER BIOMETRIC SURVEILLANCE. —The term
23 “facial recognition or other biometric surveillance” means an automated or semiautomated
24 process that captures or analyzes biometric data of an individual to identify or assist in
25 identifying an individual or an automated or semiautomated process that generates, or assists in
26 generating, surveillance information about an individual based on biometric data.

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28 Section 3. PATROL VEHICLES WITH IN-CAR VIDEO RECORDING CAMERAS.

29 (1) AUDIO RECORDING. —The term “audio recording” means the recorded conversation
30 between a Florida law enforcement officer and a second party.

31 (2) EMERGENCY LIGHTS. —The term “emergency lights” means oscillating, rotating, or
32 flashing lights on patrol vehicles.

1 (3) ENFORCEMENT OR INVESTIGATIVE STOP. —The term “enforcement or
2 investigative stop” means an action by a Florida law enforcement officer in relation to
3 enforcement and investigation duties, including traffic stops, pedestrian stops, abandoned vehicle
4 contacts, motorist assists, commercial motor vehicle stops, roadside safety checks, requests for
5 identification, or responses to requests for emergency assistance.

6 (4) IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERA. —The term “in-car video camera” means a
7 video camera located in a patrol vehicle

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9 This bill shall take effect on March 31, 2024

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11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill will establish requirements for Florida law enforcement officers to wear body cameras
13 and for Florida law enforcement agencies to install video cameras in patrol cars.

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

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18 Pro: Body camera footage can be used to determine a suspect’s innocence.

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20 Con: Invades the privacy of citizens and subjects’ citizens to facial recognition software.
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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to the elimination of police lineups in the State of Florida.

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7 Section 1. This will replace the conventional suspect lineup with one-on-one police
8 interrogations, which can be recorded or otherwise viewed by the witness for a testimony.

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10 Section 2. Unlike typical police interrogations, police will be strictly prohibited from the use of
11 standard intimidation methods including false evidence, threats, or coercion. Offenders will be
12 dealt with at the discretion of their superiors.

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14 Section 3. Officers must inform the suspect of their right not to be intimidated, threatened,
15 coerced, or lied to. When this requirement is violated, the suspect has the right to sue or inform
16 the officer’s superior and may be owed restitution depending on the outcome of the case.

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18 Section 4. For the purposes of this bill, a suspect is not the same as a traditional suspect with a
19 reasonable premise for conviction. These “suspects” are anyone who matches the description of
20 the criminal the same as those in a lineup.

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22 Section 5. The witness must watch all suspect interrogations before making a statement. The
23 witness can rewatch recordings as many times as they would like. The witness may be present
24 for interrogations (behind glass) or see only the footage after the fact.

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26 This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

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28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill replaces conventional police lineups with one-on-one recorded interrogations,
30 consisting of standardized questions and answers.

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32 Pro: Traditional suspect lineups have been proven ineffective and lead to false convictions.

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34 Con: One-on-one interrogations take more time and are valuable police resources.
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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to the illegal ownership of pit bulldog breeds in the state of Florida.

5 Section 1. It shall hereby be unlawful for any person/s to breed, sell, or show any pit bulldog in
6 the state of Florida due to their reputations of aggressive and violent demeanors and doing so
7 will now be considered a safety hazard to the public.

8 Section 2. Any person/s to be found breeding, selling, and/or showing this dog breed will be
9 issued a \$500 fine and this will result in permanent removal of animals from the owners'
10 possession.

11 Section 3. Definitions.

12 Pitbull - a dog of an American variety of bull terrier, noted for its muscular build.

13 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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15 SUMMARY

16 This bill will make the ownership of pit bulldog breeds illegal.

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

19 Pro: This will help keep potentially dangerous dog breeds' numbers from expanding.

20 Con: It targets specific breeds and not the behavior.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to the abolition of the death penalty.

5 Section 1. The death penalty will be abolished in the State of Florida. The death sentence will
6 not be a viable sentence in all criminal trials and proceedings.

7 Section 2. Inmates that received a death sentence prior to the enactment of this bill will all be
8 given a re-sentencing of life without parole. Their death sentences will be discontinued, and they
9 will be moved to their respective prison's General Population.

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11 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill will remove the death sentence from jury decisions.

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

17 Pro: This will reduce the amount of money the state must spend on prison inmates because death
18 row inmates cost more to imprison than inmates in General Population.

19 Con: Some inmates are too dangerous to be released into General Population.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to prohibiting approaching a law enforcement officer after being instructed not to.

5 Section 1. It is unlawful for any person, after receiving a warning from a law enforcement
6 officer not to approach, to violate such warning and approach or remain within 30 feet of a law
7 enforcement officer who is engaged in the lawful performance of any legal duty with the intent
8 to:

9 a. Interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with the law enforcement officer's ability
10 to perform such duty.

11 b. Provoke a physical response from the law enforcement officer; or

12 c. Directly or indirectly harass the law enforcement officer.

13 Section 2. A person who violates this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.

14 Section 3: Definitions.

15 Law enforcement officer shall be defined as any person who is elected, appointed, or employed
16 full-time by any municipality or the state or any political subdivision thereof; who is vested with
17 authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and
18 detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state.

19 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill will make it unlawful for any person to approach a law enforcement officer or remain
23 within a specified distance of such officer with specified intent after receiving a warning not to
24 approach.

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

27 Pro: Would help protect law enforcement officers from harassment while performing their
28 duties.

29 Con: May have a negative effect on individuals who may wish to peacefully observe or
30 document interactions between law enforcement and the public.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to banning the prosecution of music artists for defamation.

6 Section 1. All court cases regarding defamation of public and private figures in song lyrics and
7 music videos shall be dismissed.

8 Section 2. Music artists cannot be sued for defamation if the alleged libel or slander was made in
9 music form (i.e., songs and lyrics).

10 Section 3. Music artists can still be sued for defamation if the alleged libel or slander was made
11 outside of music form (i.e., songs and lyrics).

12 Section 4: Definitions.

13 (a) "Music artist" shall be defined as "anyone who writes, produces, collaborates on, or
14 publishes music independently or through a record label". Such individuals shall include
15 but not be limited to music producers, rappers, songwriters, and vocalists.

16 (b) "Defamation" shall be defined as "the act of making or publishing a false statement to a
17 third-party, resulting in harm to another's reputation".

18 (c) "Public figure" shall be defined as "an individual who has assumed a role of prominence
19 in society or voluntarily or involuntarily thrust themselves into the public spotlight".
20 Such individuals include government officials, celebrities, and individuals made famous
21 due to controversy.

22 (d) "Private figure" shall be defined as "anyone who does not qualify as a public figure and
23 is not in the public spotlight".

24 (e) "Libel" shall be defined as "a written or published communication of a false statement of
25 fact to a third party, resulting in harm to another's reputation".

26 (f) "Slander" shall be defined as "a spoken communication of a false statement of fact to a
27 third party, resulting in harm to another's reputation".

28 This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill will protect music artists from being sued for defamation in music.

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

3 Pro: This bill will protect music artists' creative liberties. Additionally, it may increase
4 commentary on political topics (e.g., *A Modest Proposal*).

5 Con: This bill may result in increased slander through music.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to be Entitled

4 An act relating to allowing the use of familial DNA in violent crimes prosecution.

5 Section 1. DNA from violent crimes shall be run through the FBI’s National DNA Index System
6 to look for familial matches. DNA from genealogical databases will not be allowed.

7 Section 2. DNA matches must have at least 10 of the 20 markers to be considered a familial
8 connection. Only people with at least this many markers can be interviewed in relation to the
9 case.

10 Section 3. The cost of using familial DNA searches will be incurred by the prosecuting law
11 enforcement agency.

12 Section 4. The following are definitions for this legislation:

- 13 A. “Violent crimes” shall be defined as murder, rape, child rape, and terrorism.
- 14 B. “Familial DNA search” is a search by law enforcement in DNA databases for genetic
15 information indicating a relative of a person they seek to identify.

16 This bill shall take effect immediately.

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill will provide a wider investigative opportunity for violent crimes.

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

22 Pro. This could help solve many violent and cold cases providing justice and closure for victims.

23 Con: There are many innocent people in the DNA database. Many family members would be
24 unwilling to provide information for investigations. It can be argued that this would violate the
25 4th Amendment of unreasonable search.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to be Entitled

An act relating to the introduction of fair prisoner compensation for labor.

Section 1. Prisoners are worked daily for no compensation; this bill proposes that prisoners will be paid 25¢ an hour. This would provide an incentive to work more hours which would lead to better prison conditions.

Section 2. Prisoners would then spend their money at the store, which would increase the prison's economy.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law upon January 1, 2024

SUMMARY

This bill will introduce fair prisoner compensation for labor which would better prison conditions and attitude.

Pro: Prisoners will have the motivation to reform.

Con: High costs for prisons.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: CJ09
County:	Referred to Committee: CJ

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to allowing teachers and staff of public schools to carry a concealed gun on campus.

Section 1. Florida Residents employed at public schools may carry a gun (1 gun maximum) on campus if they complete all of the following requirements.

- (a) The employee must be currently employed by the government to work at the public school.
- (b) The employee must complete the NRA firearm training Personal Protection Course. The Personal Protection Course must be retaken at the beginning of every school year. Additionally, the employee may appeal to the school board to request an alternate gun safety course that will fulfill this requirement.
- (c) The employee must have a concealed carry permit.
- (d) The employee may only carry a gun with a legal concealed carry permit.
- (e) The employee must legally own a gun.
- (f) The employee must always keep the gun on their person while on school property.
- (g) The employee must notify the school Principal(s) of their concealed weapon; however, the employee is under no obligation to tell another employee or student. It is the principal’s obligation to inform safety officers that the employee is carrying.
- (h) The employee may not discharge the weapon on school property except in cases of self-defense.

Section 2. If all the above requirements are met, the school can in no way prohibit an employee from carrying a gun on campus. If the requirements are not met, such as leaving a gun laying around (f), then the employee may be subject to immediate termination.

Section 3. Costs described in this bill such as the Personal Protection Course, purchasing of a concealed carry permit, guns, ammo, or other accessories etc. shall not fall upon the state or school but instead upon the employee.

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2 **SUMMARY**

3 School employees may carry a personal defense weapon so long as they do so safely.

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

6 Pro: Schools would be safer and would lessen the infringement on the second amendment.

7 Con: Some parents might be uncomfortable that their kids are in a school that has guns.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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3 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
4 A Bill to Be Entitled

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6 An act relating to pregnant women in custody.

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8 Section 1.

9 The bill provides that every female who is arrested and not released on bond within 72 hours
10 after an arrest can be administered a pregnancy test upon her request. Each detention facility
11 needs to notify each arrested female upon booking at the facility of her right to request a
12 pregnancy test; if the convicted woman is proven to be pregnant, she will be given the
13 opportunity to postpone the imposed sentence until a specified time after delivery.

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15 Section 2.

16 The maximum period that the incarceration can be postponed for pregnancy will be 12 weeks
17 after the delivery of the child. In the instance of a miscarriage or other such premature
18 completion of the pregnancy, the incarceration can at a maximum be postponed until 12 weeks
19 directly following the end of the pregnancy.

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21 Section 3.

22 The funding for the pregnancy tests and all other involved costs will be provided by reallocating
23 federal funds within the detention facilities themselves on an individual basis.

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25 Section 4: Definitions.

26 Pregnant woman - a juvenile or adult woman whose pregnancy has been verified by a pregnancy
27 test or through a medical examination conducted by a health care practitioner.

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29 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill will provide pregnant women who are arrested with the opportunity to postpone their
33 sentence until after the pregnancy has ended.

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

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38 Pro: Convicted pregnant women will not have to serve their sentence while pregnant and this
39 provides greater flexibility in care during pregnancy.

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41 Con: The convicted women would not face criminal charges for an extended period, which could
42 lead to further legal infractions.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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3 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
4 A Bill to Be Entitled
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6 An act relating to the graduation requirements of graduating seniors to take a minimum of 1
7 semester of workforce prep or job shadowing, in their choice of a career path.

8 Section 1. This will require all students in high school before they graduate to take at least 1
9 semester of training or job shadowing in the selected career path.

10 Section 2. Students will select a career path of their choice and take classes, work with
11 professionals, etc. If they wish to choose to shadow a professional, they will have a monitored
12 number of hours they will have to complete with that professional.

13 Section 3. These classes will only be available to 11th and 12th grade students.

14 Section 6: Definitions.

15 Job shadowing- working closely with and learning from a professional in their selected career
16 path.

17 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill will help high school students decide what field of work or of education they want to
21 pursue. They would get real world experience and learn whether they want to go into that field,
22 or not. This would help us get more students interested in going into the workforce, and/or
23 universities, or colleges.

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

26 Pro: Will give high school students real-world experience.

27 Con: Some students already take dual enrollment classes in their desired career path.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to Florida public colleges’ financial aid.

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7 Section 1. This will prevent public colleges from weighing the income of siblings in a household
8 as part of the gross household income when calculating financial aid.

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10 Section 2. A student applying for financial aid will not have personal income weighed if their
11 personal income is less than \$5,000. If their personal income is more than \$5,000 but less than
12 \$15,000, it will be added to the gross household income and not weighed as a separate source of
13 income. This prevents the discrimination of minors contributing to household income for
14 financial reasons and allows students access to higher education regardless of their
15 responsibilities.

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17 Section 3. The situation in Section 2 applies only to families with a gross household income of
18 less than \$40,000.

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20 Section 4. This bill will not affect the financial aid decisions of private colleges.

21 This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

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24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill prevents public colleges from weighing the income of siblings and separates income
26 contributing to the household when calculating financial aid.

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28 Pro: This bill will help students get higher education despite their financial situation.

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30 Con: This bill runs the risk of being abused.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to shortening children’s sports playing seasons.

5 Section 1. Youth sports in public schools may not have playing seasons longer than 3 months.

6 Section 2. Funding will come from funds allotted to public school sports.

7 Section 3. Definitions. “Playing season” is defined as the period between the date on which the
8 first competitive fixture is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in
9 the competition is played.

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11 This bill shall take effect upon Aug 1, 2023.

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13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill will set a limit on playing seasons for youth sports.

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

17 Pro: This bill will prevent kids from being overworked due to long playing seasons.

18 Con: This bill may discourage kids from competing in school sports programs.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED04
County:	Referred to Committee: Criminal Justice

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled
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5 An act relating to a community service hour minimum for high school graduation.

6 Section 1. In addition to the educational requirements for a standard public high school diploma
7 as defined in FSS 1003.4282 and FSS 1002.3105, all high school students are required to earn a
8 minimum of 75 community service hours through service-learning activities.

9 Section 2. "Service-learning activities" refers to student-centered, research-based teaching and
10 learning strategy that engages students in meaningful service activities in their schools or
11 communities.

12 Section 3. High school students who do not meet the minimum of 75 community service hours
13 are prohibited from receiving a standard public high school diploma as prescribed by the State
14 Board of Education until they have met this requirement.

15 Section 4. Definitions

16 Community service - voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area.

17 This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill will require all high school students to earn a minimum of 75 community service hours
21 to receive a standard public high school diploma.

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

24 Pro: High school students will have an increased awareness of the needs in their communities.

25 Con: This bill makes it more difficult for high school students to graduate.
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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: ED05
County:	Referred to Committee:

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the legalization of previously banned books and the prevention of future banned books.

Section 1. Allows access to all public books.

Section 2. Public schools and libraries will be penalized if they make any book illegal.

Section 3. Definitions.

- Banned: not allowed in public spaces.
- Legalization: the action of making something that was previously illegal permissible by law.
- Prevention: the action of stopping something from happening or arising.
- Penalized: subject to some form of punishment.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

SUMMARY

This bill will make banning books illegal in state public spaces.

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

Pro: Gives people the freedom to read what they want.

Con: Can subject people to inappropriate materials.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to mandatory statewide public-school uniforms for all students K-12.

5 Section 1. Institute a mandatory statewide public-school uniform for students K-12.

6 (a) A selected committee will determine uniform criteria and standards appropriate for the
7 fall and spring seasons.

8 (b) Determine reasonable accommodations based on a student’s religion, disability, or
9 medical condition.

10 Section 2. Create an incentive payment program, in the amount of \$10 per student in
11 kindergarten through grade 12, for districts that implement a district-wide, K-12, standard
12 student attire policy. The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Education to make payments to
13 districts on a first-come, first-served basis, as district school superintendents submit certification
14 that their district has implemented a complying policy.

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16 This bill shall take effect on August 1st, 2024.

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill will develop, incentivize, and implement a statewide student uniform policy to help
20 foster academic achievement.

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

23 Pro: School uniforms, or standard student attire, are effective at creating a safe and supportive
24 environment by minimizing discipline problems and enabling students to focus on academics.

25 Con: Increased workload to monitor school compliancy for incentives and increased costs for
26 districts.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to parental rights in education.

5 Section 1. Schools will adopt procedures to notify a student’s parent if there is a change in the
6 student’s services or the student’s mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. The
7 school should provide a safe and supportive learning environment for the student. School district
8 personnel should work to encourage a student to discuss issues relating to his or her well-being
9 with his or her parent or to facilitate discussion of the issue with the parent. The school may not
10 prohibit parents from accessing any of their student’s education and health records created,
11 maintained, or used by the school district.

12 Section 2. A school district may not adopt procedures or student support forms that prohibit
13 school district personnel from notifying a parent about his or her student’s mental, emotional, or
14 physical health or well-being or that encourage a student to withhold from a parent such
15 information. School district personnel may not discourage or prohibit parental notification of and
16 involvement in critical decisions affecting a student’s mental, emotional, or physical health or
17 well-being. This does not prohibit a school district from adopting procedures that permit school
18 personnel to withhold such information from a parent if a person would believe that disclosure
19 would result in abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

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21 This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

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23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill will keep parents aware of their child’s health and well-being while keeping them
25 involved in their child’s education.

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

28 Pro: Parents will be more knowledgeable of their child’s wellbeing.

29 Con: Some children might not be comfortable with their parents knowing the status of their
30 mental health.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to public high school lunch times.

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7 Section 1.

8 This bill requires that all high school students must be given an extended uninterrupted meal or
9 rest period of a specified time throughout the school day.

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11 Section 2.

12 The minimum amount of time that can be allotted for school lunch is ~~half an hour~~ one hour for
13 each four-hour time that the students have continuously worked.

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15 Section 3.

16 The necessary funding which would provide for the extended length of time school staff would
17 need to be paid for, among other things would come from a minor raise in taxes regarding
18 education.

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20 Section 4. Definitions.

21 Public High School Student - a student in the grade range from 9th grade to 12th grade who is
22 enrolled in a public education system.

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25 This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill will allow public high school students more time in their school day without instruction
29 due to an extended time for lunch.

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

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34 Pro: Students will have more time to eat lunch and rest between periods of instruction.

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36 Con: Students and school staff will need to be at school longer.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to sexual abuse education in all public schools for Pre-K through 12.

5 Section 1. Sexual abuse education will begin in Pre-K and continue, building through 12th
6 Grade.

7 Section 2. Students will be taught awareness and signs of abuse in all forms and how to cope
8 with abuse and report it.

9 Section 3. Certified social workers will administer the class.

10 Section 4. All school staff will receive trauma-informed care training.

11 Section 6: Definitions.

- 12 • Gender: biological assignment at birth
- 13 • Abuse: mental/physical, emotional/ verbal, sexual, financial/economic, and cultural
14 identity.
- 15 • Trauma-informed care: Trauma-Informed Care understands and considers the pervasive
16 nature of trauma and promotes environments of healing and recovery rather than
17 practices and services that may inadvertently re-traumatize.

18 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law on July 1, 2023.

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20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill will provide mandatory sexual abuse education to all students ages pre-K through 12th
22 grade. It will be taught by trained professionals who have undergone trauma-informed care
23 training.

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

26 Pro: Give youth awareness of what is happening to them so they can be informed. Gives youth a
27 safe space.

28 Con: Families may not approve. Could be triggering or harmful to children.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to shortening summer break.

6 Section 1. Rescheduling the School Calendar

- 7 (a) Summer break shall be shortened to a four-week long vacation.
- 8 (b) Spring break shall be extended to a two-week long vacation.
- 9 (c) Winter (Christmas) break shall be a three-week long vacation.
- 10 (d) Fall (Thanksgiving) break shall be a three-day vacation (Thanksgiving, the day before
- 11 Thanksgiving, and the day after Thanksgiving).

12 Section 2. The minimum number of school days shall be increased to two hundred (200) days.

13 Section 3. Days that have not been allocated to the breaks detailed in Section 1 or the minimum
14 number of school days in Section 2 can be allocated towards school days, vacation days, and
15 teacher workdays at the discretion of county governments and private schools.

16 This bill shall take effect on July 1st, 2024.

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill will shorten summer break, increase spring break, and increase the amount of school
20 days.

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

23 Pro: Shortening summer break will decrease the amount of information students forget between
24 school years. Additionally, increasing breaks within the school year will decrease burnout and
25 increase productivity and efficiency.

26 Con: It will be more difficult for students to hold summer jobs.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to building bicycle lanes on new roads.

5 Section 1. All future state roads, as well as those currently under construction, must include a
6 bicycle lane on both sides of the road. Bicycle lanes must be at least 4 feet wide. Roads subject
7 to this bill do not include the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense
8 Highways.

9 Section 2. Funds to build bicycle lanes will come from a 1 percent statewide sales tax increase.

10 Section 3. "State road" means a street, road, highway, or other way open to travel by the public
11 and dedicated to public use according to law or by prescription and designated by the Florida
12 Department of Transportation, as provided by law, as part of the State Highway System.

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14 This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill will ensure that new roads are fitted with bicycle lanes.

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

20 Pro: This bill will encourage pedestrian safety.

21 Con: Increasing sales taxes may be burdensome to the public.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to corporate lobbyists.

Section 1. This bill will limit the number of lobbyists a corporation can hire to officially represent them in a year. If passed, businesses would be allowed no more than 20 official lobbyist representatives a year.

Section 2. Public interest lobbyists and nonprofits would be exempt from the bill, should it pass. Only self-interest corporations would be limited to 20 hired lobbyists a year.

Section 3. This bill will apply to corporations and companies that are not, for legal purposes, considered "Small Businesses".

Section 4. This bill excludes family-owned businesses.

This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

SUMMARY

This bill will limit a corporation's hired lobbyists to 20 a year.

Pro: This will ensure both public and private interests are fairly represented.

Con: Some may believe this bill to be controlling constitutional freedoms.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the Florida autobahn.

Section 1. A speed limitless highway system between major cities with no commercial vehicles allowed.

Section 2. State-controlled access highway system limited to only registered personal vehicles meeting weight restriction of 3.5 tons and minimum speed requirement of 50 mph.

Section 3. Temporary permitting will be allowed for out-of-state vehicles if they meet the above criteria and standards.

Section 4. Funding will be provided by the car permitting process and toll-by-plate system.

Section 5. Definitions.

Autobahn - a German, Austrian, or Swiss expressway.

Toll-by-plate - video tolling is a form of electronic toll collection, which uses video or still images of a vehicle's license plate to identify a vehicle liable to pay a road toll.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

SUMMARY

This bill will effectively create a place where car enthusiasts will be able to safely enjoy the performance capabilities of their vehicles.

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

Pro: Increase state revenue and fun for the party that is enjoying the system.

Con: Higher death rate due to higher speeds.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to banning all further construction on barrier islands.

5 Section 1. All future construction of commercial, private, and public buildings will be prohibited
6 on the Florida barrier islands.

7 Section 2. Construction on barrier islands erodes the beaches faster and can cause the mainland
8 to be hit by natural disasters harder.

9 Section 3. Construction companies will be fined \$5 million for violating the barrier island
10 construction code.

11 Section 4. Definitions.

- 12 • Barrier islands: coastal landforms and dune systems made of sand that are formed by
13 waves, wind, and tidal action parallel to the mainland coast.

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15 This bill shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill will ban all construction on barrier islands and construction companies will be fined \$5
19 million for violations.

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

23 Pro: This will protect Florida's barrier islands and Florida's mainland.

24 Con: Landowners won't have the luxury of living on an island.

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2 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

3 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
4 A Bill to Be Entitled

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6 An act relating to community service used for payment of legal fees.

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8 Section 1. An individual seeking to defer payment of fees, service charges, court costs, or fines
9 imposed by operation of law or order of the court under any provision of general law shall apply
10 to a clerk for enrollment in a payment plan.

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12 Section 2. The monthly payment amount for the payment plan cannot exceed two percent of the
13 individual's annual net income.

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15 Section 3. The clerk shall establish all terms of a payment plan, and the court may review the
16 reasonableness of the payment plan and, on its own motion or by petition, may waive, modify, or
17 convert the outstanding fees, service charges, court costs, or fines to community service if it
18 determines that the individual is, due to compelling circumstances, unable to comply with the
19 terms of the payment plan.

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21 Section 4. Definitions.

22 Annual Net Income - The total compiled amount of income that an individual earns throughout
23 the course of a year.

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25 This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill will allow impoverished criminals to have the opportunity to pay for legal fees with
29 community service instead of monetary compensation.

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

33 Pro: Criminals who struggle financially can realistically pay for legal fees.

34 Con: The government would not be receiving direct monetary compensation for the legal fees
35 that are owed by the individual.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to authorizing the use of digital license plates as an alternative to the standard license plates.

Section 1. The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles will allow vehicles to be equipped with an approved digital license plate in place of a physical plate. Digital plates will be equipped with a motor vehicle’s validation and can be used for electronic toll collection. They will also display parking permits.

Section 2. The digital plates will be designed to display the information included on a physical license plate; They will be designed to be placed on a motor vehicle registered in place of a physical license plate; They will also be designed to display any other information that the department, in consultation with law enforcement agencies, determines may improve public safety; and they will have a display readable by current toll collection systems and current law enforcement automated license plate recognition hardware and software.

This bill shall take effect upon July 1st, 2024.

SUMMARY

This bill will allow for the use of digital license plates instead of physical plates.

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

Pro: Digital license plates will allow law enforcement to track criminals and car thieves.

Con: These could also be used to invade the privacy of the public.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: GCT07
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3 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
4 A Bill to Be Entitled:

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6 An act relating to lowering the drinking age to 18.

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8 Section 1. The drinking age will be lowered to 18 to promote responsible drinking habits.

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10 Section 2. All future alcoholic beverages will have a 13 percent increase in tax which will not
11 include sales tax.

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13 Section 3. Said taxes will be put towards improving state infrastructure and state and local police
14 forces.

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16 Section 4. Definitions.

17 Infrastructure: roads, sewers, and electrical, both state and county operated.
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22 This bill shall take effect upon January 1st, 2024.

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24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill will lower the drinking age while also increasing the alcohol tax to promote safe
26 drinking and allocations of funds to state and local infrastructure.

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

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31 Pro: Gives cities and the state more money; improves police forces across Florida.
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33 Con: Could cause more DUIs or other alcohol-related crimes.
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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to reducing the work week to 4 days.

Section 1. State employees will reduce their work week from 40 hours to 32 hours.

Section 2. The work week will be from Monday through Thursday.

Section 3. Definitions.

A. "Work Week" is the total number or hours, or days worked in a week.

This bill shall take effect January 1, 2024.

SUMMARY

This bill will reduce the work week from 5 days to 4 days.

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

Pro: Employees have more time for rest and personal priorities.

Con: Some agencies may not be able to provide such flexible options.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to requiring evacuation for severe weather events.

Section 1. In the event of a severe weather event, the state governor may issue a mandatory evacuation order for any area that is at severe risk of being affected by the event.

The mandatory evacuation order shall be issued by the appropriate state authorities and shall specify the area that is to be evacuated, the timeframe for the evacuation, and the designated evacuation routes.

All individuals within the specified area are required to comply with the mandatory evacuation order and to relocate to a safer location as directed.

Section 2. Enforcement.

Any individual who fails to comply with a mandatory evacuation order may be subject to a fine of up to \$500.

The state or local authorities may use any necessary means to enforce the mandatory evacuation order, including but not limited to law enforcement and the activation of the National Guard.

Section 3. Funding.

The state or local government shall provide the necessary funding to implement and enforce the provisions of this Act, including the costs of evacuating and housing individuals during a severe weather event.

Section 4. Definitions.

- a) "Severe weather event" means any weather event that poses a significant risk to the health or safety of the public, including but not limited to hurricanes, tropical storms, tornadoes, and wildfires.
- b) "Mandatory evacuation" means the compulsory relocation of all individuals from a specified area to a safer location in anticipation of a severe weather event.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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2 **SUMMARY**

3 This bill will require evacuations for severe weather events.

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

6 Pro: Would help to protect the lives and safety of citizens in the event of a severe weather event.
7 Additionally, may help to reduce the burden on emergency services and search and rescue teams.

8 Con: Could be unnecessarily disruptive and stressful for individuals who are required to
9 evacuate. Also, may be seen as a violation of an individual’s personal rights and freedoms.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

Sponsors: Committee/Bill Number: GCT10

County: Referred to Committee: Government,
Commerce & Transportation

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the creation of a semi-truck-only lane on the highway.

Section 1. On all Florida highways, the furthest right lane will be designated as a semi-truck-only lane, all semi-trucks that drive on the highway must stay in that lane. Semi-trucks are not allowed to leave this lane, unless they must move over for a stopped emergency vehicle or other roadblock on that side of the road.

Section 2. Semi-trucks must adhere to a separate speed limit of 60 miles per hour on the highway.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

SUMMARY

This bill will minimize the amount of semi-truck accidents on Florida highways by keeping them to one lane and having them follow a slower speed limit. Semi-trucks will not be allowed to pass other vehicles on the highway and drive at dangerous, high speeds.

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

Pro: Would make driving on the highway safer for smaller vehicles.

Con: Semi trucks may take longer to make deliveries.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to gender-neutral bathrooms in public buildings.

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7 Section 1. All newly constructed public buildings will have gender-neutral bathrooms or shower
8 facilities.

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10 Section 2. Current public buildings will have 5 years from the date of enactment to retrofit
11 bathrooms to gender neutral.

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14 Section 3. Gender-neutral bathrooms will consist of stalls with floor-to-ceiling walls and doors
15 with no cracks to see through. Urinals will be placed in stalls.

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17 Section 4. Gender-neutral shower facilities will consist of two-part stalls with floor-to-ceiling
18 walls and doors with no cracks to see through. One part will consist of the shower area and the
19 second part will consist of a dressing area.

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21 Section 5. Gender-neutral bathrooms will have shared hand washing stations.

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23 Section 6. Definitions.

- 24 ● “Gender neutral” will be defined as suitable for, applicable to, or common to both male and
- 25 female genders.
- 26 ● “Public buildings” will be defined as buildings for public use at the city, county, or state level.

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30 This bill shall take effect upon January 4th, 2024.

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32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill will provide gender neutral bathrooms or shower facilities in public buildings in
34 Florida.

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

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39 Pro: Everyone can use the restroom facilities privately. In residential locations, gender neutral
40 bathrooms are normal.

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42 Con: It will be expensive to retrofit the bathrooms in current public buildings.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to prescribing minors without the consent of parents.

Section 1. This will allow minors of the age 16 and older to take prescribed medicine or treatments without parental consent.

Section 2. A child who is receiving the medicine or treatment must be informed and in a good state of mind.

Section 3. The child involved must sign a consent form before accepting the prescription their parents deny them.

Section 4. Parents may not be present during the confidential discussion between doctor and child.

Section 5. This bill relates specifically to situations where a parent is against treatment and the treatment is covered by insurance.

This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

SUMMARY

This bill will allow minors to take prescriptions their parents do not consent to.

Pro: This bill will give minors autonomy with medical decisions.

Con: Some minors of this age may not have the maturity to make medical decisions.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Section 1. Individuals over the age of 65 living in Florida must be fully vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus.

Section 2. The procedure can be performed by a supervised medical physician or licensed medical professional at an authorized location such as a hospital, clinic, nurse’s station or other medical facility.

Section 3. “Fully vaccinated” includes taking any necessary booster shots and/or extra doses.

Section 4. It is the responsibility of licensed medical professionals to ensure their patients are up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations.

This bill shall take effect upon December 1, 2023.

SUMMARY

This bill will require individuals over the age of 65 to be fully vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus.

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

Pro: Individuals at risk for COVID-19 will be better protected. Additionally, these measures should slow the spread of the virus.

Con: Individuals over the age of 65 would no longer have the freedom to choose to be vaccinated.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to lactose labels on dairy products.

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7 Section 1.

8 This bill requires that all dairy products commercially sold are labeled by the manufacturer to
9 state the lactose content measured by weight of the product.

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11 Section 2.

12 The lactose content for each dairy product will be listed on the nutrition facts label and will show
13 the average amount of lactose in each serving size of the product.

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15 Section 3.

16 There is a large population of lactose intolerant people who should be able to easily find the
17 lactose content in dairy products. The necessary labeling would aid the lactose intolerant
18 population in being able to observe and regulate their intake of lactose to help prevent health
19 issues.

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21 Section 4.

22 All funding for the change on the labels and the testing which would determine the lactose
23 amounts per serving size will be provided by the manufacturers themselves.

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25 Section 5.

26 There will be a grace period of one year after this bill becomes a law in which the manufacturers
27 of dairy products will be able to switch to the new labels for dairy products which include the
28 lactose contents, in which the manufacturers will not be penalized for being out of compliance
29 with this bill.

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31 Section 6. Definitions.

32 Lactose - a sugar present in milk. It is a disaccharide containing glucose and galactose units.
33 Lactose Intolerant - partial or total inability to digest lactose, which may result in mild to severe
34 abdominal pain, after consuming milk and other dairy products and is caused by deficiency of
35 the digestive enzyme lactase.
36 Dairy - containing or made from milk.

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39 This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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1 **SUMMARY**

2 This bill will ensure that the lactose content on dairy products is labeled in the nutrition facts.

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

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7 Pro: Lactose intolerant people will be able to easily determine the amount of lactose in dairy
8 products and react accordingly.

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10 Con: Manufacturers of the dairy products would be forced to change their labels as well as pay
11 for testing of all dairy products to find the lactose amounts, which would increase expenses.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: HHS05
County:	Referred to Committee:

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to female menstrual products.

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7 Section 1. All menstrual products will be free for all who need it.

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9 Section 2. Menstrual products will be offered in all public bathrooms, including schools and
10 work buildings.

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12 Section 3. Menstrual products will be provided at pharmacies.

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14 Section 4. Definitions.

- 15 • Menstrual products: Feminine hygiene products are personal care products used during
16 menstruation, vaginal discharge, and other bodily functions related to the vulva and
17 vagina. This could include menstrual pads, tampons, pantyliners, menstrual cups,
18 menstrual sponges, and period panties.

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20 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law July 1, 2023.

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22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill will make menstrual products free and provided in all public bathrooms.

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

27 Pro: Menstrual products will be free for people that cannot afford them.

28 Con: Will be very expensive for companies that make menstrual products.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to removing the ability to order the vaccination of individuals during a public
5 health emergency.

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7 Section 1. The State Health Officer shall no longer have the authority to order the vaccination of
8 individuals upon declaration of a public health emergency.

9 Section 2. In the event of a public health emergency, the State Health Officer may make
10 recommendations to the public regarding vaccination but shall not have the power to mandate it.

11 Section 3. Definitions.

- 12 a. Public health emergency shall mean a situation in which the State Health Officer declares
- 13 that an outbreak of a disease poses a serious and immediate threat to the public health.
- 14 b. Vaccination shall mean the administration of a vaccine to an individual for the purpose of
- 15 preventing the spread of a disease.

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18 This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill will remove the authority of the State Health Officer to order the vaccination of
22 individuals upon declaration of a public health emergency.

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

26 Pro: Removing the ability of the State Health Officer to order the vaccination of individuals and
27 allowing individuals to make their own decisions about vaccination respects their ability to make
28 choices about their own bodies and healthcare.

29 Con: If the authority to mandate vaccination during a public health emergency is removed, it
30 may be more difficult to control the spread of disease. This could lead to more illness and
31 potentially even fatalities, particularly among vulnerable populations.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to emergency medical care and treatment of minors without parental consent.

Section 1. The absence of parental consent notwithstanding, a physician or an osteopathic physician may render emergency medical care or treatment to any minor who has been injured in an accident or who is suffering from an acute illness, disease, or condition if, within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, delay in initiation or provision of emergency medical care or treatment would endanger the health or physical well-being of the minor, and provided such emergency medical care or treatment is administered in a hospital or in a college health service.

Section 2. Emergency medical care or treatment may also be rendered in the prehospital setting by paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and other emergency medical services personnel.

This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

SUMMARY

This bill will allow medical care to be administered to a minor in an emergency without requiring a parent to consent.

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

Pro: In an emergency, a minor can quickly get treatment.

Con: The minor might be unaware of if they are allergic to medications that might be administered.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to licensed nurses’ access to free counseling.

Section 1. Licensed nurses who work in hospitals, urgent care facilities, or nursing homes must have access to free mental health counseling by a Florida licensed Mental Health Counselor.

Section 2. Counselling must be provided at the request of the nurse during off duty hours. The counselling will be paid for by the employer.

Section 3: A “licensed nurse” refers to any nurse who is licensed by the Florida Board of Nursing.

This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

SUMMARY

This bill will provide working nurses with free access to mental health services.

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

Pro: This bill will decrease the number of nurses resigning due to burnout and stress.

Con: It will be financially burdensome for employers to pay for counseling.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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

5 Section 1. Requirement.

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

10 Section 2. Adoption Provision.

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

15 Section 3. Premature and Late-Birth Provision.

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

21 This bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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23 **SUMMARY**

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

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

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

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

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to a statewide mandate of safe drug use and treatment in large cities.

5 Section 1. All cities with a population of 150,000 residents and above are required by law to
6 provide safe, clean needles for heroin and other drug use.

7 Section 2. Cities with a population above 150,000 residents in Florida are Jacksonville, Miami,
8 Tampa, Orlando, St. Petersburg, Hialeah, Tallahassee, Port St. Lucie, Cape Coral, Fort
9 Lauderdale, Pembroke Pines, and Hollywood.

10 Section 3. To support this mandate, the State of Florida will increase the current Sales Tax rate
11 from the current 6% to 10%.

12 Section 4. The additional funding raised will be put into a separate account, where cities may
13 draw a maximum of \$250,000 per 50,000 residents when the local government deems it
14 necessary.

15 Section 5. Any additional funding will be put into education.

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17 This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.

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19 SUMMARY

20 This bill will mandate that cities provide clean needles in open environments to their citizens for
21 free.

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

24 Pro: Chances of infection and disease transfer will severely decrease among drug-users, allowing
25 for safer and cleaner environments in communities.

26 Con: There will be a 4% increase in sales tax.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ01
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

2 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to amending the exemption of juveniles from the requirements for suits by
6 prisoners.

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8 **Section 1. EXEMPTION OF JUVENILES FROM THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUITS**
9 **BY PRISONERS.**

10 Section 7 of the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act ([42 U.S.C. 1997e](#)) is amended—
11 (1) in subsection (h), by striking “sentenced for, or adjudicated delinquent for,” and inserting “or
12 sentenced for”; and
13 (2) by adding at the end, the following:
14 “(i) Exemption of Juvenile Prisoners. —This section shall not apply to an action pending on the
15 date of enactment of the Justice for Juveniles Act or filed on or after such date if such action is—
16 “(1) brought by a prisoner who has not attained 22 years of age; or
17 “(2) brought by any prisoner with respect to a prison condition that occurred before the prisoner
18 attained 22 years of age.”.
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20 **Section 2. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

21 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-
22 You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary
23 Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
24 by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been
25 submitted prior to the vote on passage.

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27 This bill shall take effect on March 2nd, 2024.

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29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill will exempt juvenile prisoners (i.e., inmates who are under 22 years of age) from
31 various requirements of the inmate grievance procedure, including the requirement to exhaust
32 administrative remedies before filing a federal lawsuit regarding the condition of their
33 confinement.
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35 Coding: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underlined are
36 additions.

37 Pro: This will allow juveniles under the age of 22 to receive reduced punishments.

38 Con: This bill will allow a larger number of people the lenience of being charged as a juvenile
39 instead of an adult.
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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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3 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
4 A Bill to Be Entitled
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6 An act relating to those caught underage drinking will be required to attend a minimum of 48
7 hours of counseling on their first offense.

8 Section 1. For a juvenile’s first offense when caught underage drinking, they are required by law
9 to attend a minimum of 48 hours of counseling with an assigned licensed counselor.

10 Section 2. This will be paired with any punishments that might be placed/are already in place for
11 underage drinking.

12 Section 3. Definitions.

13 Underage drinking – consuming alcohol while under 21 years of age.

14 Counseling - mental health treatment.

15 This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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17 **SUMMARY**

18 Minors caught underage drinking will be required to go through counseling sessions with a
19 licensed counselor.

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

22 Pro: Those struggling with mental health problems that are using drinking as a coping method
23 will get the help they need. Also helps to prevent underage drinking and driving.

24 Con: This punishment might be added on to punishments already assigned.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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3 Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature
4 A Bill to Be Entitled

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6 An act relating to the suspension of an underage drinker’s license until the age of 21.

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8 Section 1. This bill will only affect minors convicted more than once of underage drinking and
9 will not be the standard penalty, but an option for particularly severe cases (usually in which the
10 minor has a somewhat extensive record or history of delinquency).

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12 Section 2. A minor who holds a license at the time of the conviction may have their license
13 suspended until the age of 21 (legal drinking age).

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15 Section 3. A minor who does not hold a license may have their ability to hold a license in the
16 future suspended until the age of 21 (legal drinking age).

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18 Section 4. In circumstances of lower severity, a minor’s license, or ability to hold a license can
19 be suspended for any amount of time between the minor’s age and 21. A standard period of
20 suspension might be 1 year.

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22 Section 5. This bill will affect minors aged 14 and older. Younger minors will not be penalized
23 with suspension unless future instances occur.

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25 This bill shall take effect January 1st, 2024.

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27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill will authorize a court to suspend the license of a minor convicted of underage drinking
29 after their first offense. The suspension may last until the legal drinking age or an established
30 period no longer than 5 years. If the minor does not hold a license, the suspension will remove a
31 minor’s ability to until 21.

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34 Pro: This bill would prevent potential drunk driving cases by limiting at-risk drivers until they
35 are of an age where they can be expected to drink responsibly.

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37 Con: For some minors, license suspension may be excessive.
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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

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5 An act relating to juvenile detention.

6 Section 1. This will authorize a court to order a child on supervised release detention care to
7 comply with specified conditions. It will authorize a dependent child with an allegation of
8 delinquency to be placed in secure detention care. This would also require a court to conduct a
9 hearing to determine the continued need for secure detention care in certain circumstances and
10 authorize specified people to conduct electronic monitoring.

11 Section 2. A child who is placed on supervised release detention care may be required to comply
12 with any available condition established by the department or ordered by the court, including
13 electronic monitoring, if the court finds such a condition is necessary to preserve public safety or
14 to ensure the child’s safety or appearance in court.
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16 This bill shall take effect July 1st, 2024.

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill will allow courts to order a child that’s on supervised detention care to comply with
20 certain conditions such as electronic monitoring.

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

23 Pro: This bill will provide reliable monitoring of a child in juvenile detention.

24 Con: Some might find this bill to be overstepping the child’s boundaries.
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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to the punishment of minors who are found guilty of shoplifting.

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6 Section 1. A minor found guilty of shoplifting in the state of Florida shall be exempt from
7 criminal punishment and other penalties (probation, diversion, counseling, confinement, etc.) if
8 he/she returns the stolen goods undamaged.

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10 Section 2. If the minor returns the stolen goods undamaged, the court must also withhold
11 adjudication, meaning the minor’s criminal record can be expunged.

12 Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 only apply to first-time offenders.

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14 Section 4. A “minor” shall be defined as “any individual under the age of eighteen (18)”.

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16 This bill shall take effect upon becoming law.

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill creates a chance for minors who commit the crime of shoplifting to return the
20 (undamaged) stolen product without punishment.

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

23 Pro: This bill will give minors who have been found guilty of shoplifting a second chance.

24 Con: The lack of punishment may encourage minors to commit other crimes.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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5 An act relating to the trying of minors as adults in criminal proceedings.
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7 Section 1. Minors shall not be tried as adults in any criminal proceeding. The circumstances of
8 the case do not influence the trying of the minor.

9 Section 2. Cases predating the enactment of this bill will maintain the original sentencing given
10 at the original trial.
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12 Section 3. Definitions.

13 For the purposes of this bill, "minors" in Section 1 will be defined as persons under the age of
14 eighteen.
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16 This bill shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill will not allow minors to be tried as adults. This will bar them from facing long prison
20 sentences and excessive consequences at a young age.

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

23 Pro: Would allow minors to experience life after their sentences.

24 Con: Some minors might not take their consequences seriously because they are less severe.
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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to prohibiting deception in interrogations of minors under the age of 16.

5 Section 1.

6 (a) No law enforcement officer or other person conducting an interrogation of a minor under the
7 age of 16 may use any deceptive tactic or technique.

8 (b) Any confession or other statement made by a minor during an interrogation in which
9 deception was used shall be deemed inadmissible as evidence in any criminal proceeding.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 "Interrogation" means any questioning or other communication between a law enforcement
12 officer or other person and a minor, whether in person, by phone, or in writing, with the intent to
13 elicit a response that may be used as evidence in a criminal proceeding.

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill will prohibit the use of deception in interrogations of minors under the age of 16.

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

22 Pro: Protects the rights and well-being of vulnerable individuals.

23 Con: Makes it more difficult for law enforcement to obtain important information and solve
24 crimes.

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FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE

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

Be it hereby enacted by the Florida 4-H Legislature

A Bill to Be Entitled

An act relating to access to Florida Dual Enrollment while in Juvenile Detention.

Section 1. Minors being detained in juvenile detention must have access to online dual enrollment education.

Section 2. Detainees seeking dual enrollment must meet minimum GPA requirements (3.0 to enroll in credit-bearing college courses, 2.0 to enroll in career certificate courses), and pass the appropriate section of the college placement test.

Section 3. The cost of books and supplies will be borne by the detainee’s home school district.

Section 4. “Dual Enrollment” refers to Florida’s program which allows high school students to simultaneously earn credit towards high school completion and a career certificate or associate or baccalaureate degree at a Florida public higher education institution.

This bill shall take effect upon Jan 1, 2024.

SUMMARY

This bill will ensure that minors in Juvenile Detention will have access to Dual Enrollment resources.

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

Pro: This bill will increase access to higher education.

Con: Some youth may not complete classes, resulting in financial loss for their school district.

1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

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

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to the immediate suspension for a minimum of one week and the requirement of a
5 drug course for students in schools with marijuana.

6 Section 1. The student who has been found distributing or consuming marijuana on school
7 property will be immediately suspended for at least one week.

8 Section 2. The suspended student will also be required to take and complete a drug safety course
9 via online or in person programs approved by the state of Florida.

10 Section 3. Schools and districts will determine if they feel a longer suspension, or a greater
11 punishment should be added.

12 Section 4. The funding for these programs will be paid through government grant programs and
13 allotted county funding.

14 Section 5. "Marijuana products" include but are not limited to edibles, marijuana, marijuana
15 vapes and other CBD/THC products.

16 This bill shall take effect upon July 3, 2024.

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill will ensure the suspension and requirement of drug courses for students found with
20 marijuana on school campuses.

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

23 Pro: This will limit the number of students using and on campus with marijuana.

24 Con: A successful course for students will have to be in place; students will miss instructional
25 time.

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1 **FLORIDA 4-H LEGISLATURE**

Sponsors:	Committee/Bill Number: JJ10
County:	Referred to Committee: Juvenile Justice

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

3 A Bill to Be Entitled

4 An act relating to installing metal detectors and conducting backpack searches at all public
5 schools.

6 Section 1. Metal detectors will be installed at all K-12 public schools.

7 Section 2. Backpack searches will randomly be conducted at all K-12 public schools as the
8 building is entered.

9 Section 3. Metal detector use and backpack searches will be conducted by school security
10 personnel and supervised by the School Resource Officer.

11 Section 4. All prohibited items found with metal detectors or backpack searches will be
12 confiscated.

13 Section 5. All persons found with prohibited items will be held by the School Resource Officer
14 for further questioning or discipline.

15 Section 6. Offenses will be disciplined according to the level of severity of prohibited item.

16 Section 7. Definitions.

- 17 ● “Metal detectors” will be defined as technology to scan persons for prohibited items.
- 18 ● “Backpack” will be defined as any size bag brought into the school.
- 19 ● “Prohibited items” will be defined as drugs, alcohol, weapons, hate items, or
20 pornography.

21 This bill shall take effect on August 1, 2023.

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23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill will improve school entry safety by installing metal detectors and conducting random
25 backpack searches at all K-12 public schools.

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

28 Pro: This bill will provide more security in school settings and discourage prohibited items from
29 being brought to school.

30 Con: Metal detectors and backpack searches add time to the start of the school day. More
31 personnel will be needed to operate it.

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