Bills to reduce the restraint of students with disabilities and to prohibit the use of seclusion in the school system is moving and gaining momentum!

SB 1644 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by Book Co-Sponsors: Flores revises the circumstances and procedures required for restraining students with a disability in public schools and prohibits the use of seclusion. The bill also provides enhanced mechanisms for monitoring specified classrooms. The Council is supporting this bill.

Specifically, the bill requires school districts to:

- Adopt positive behavior interventions and supports for students with a disability and identify all school personnel authorized to use the interventions and supports.
- Provide training to all school personnel authorized to use positive behavior interventions and supports.
- Publish the procedures for training in positive behavior interventions and supports in the district's special policies and procedures manual.
- The development of a crisis intervention plan for a student who has been restrained twice during a semester.
- Schools to install a video camera, upon the request of a parent, in self-contained classrooms where students with a disability are enrolled and specifies the circumstances under which the video recording may be viewed.
- The Department of Education (DOE) to collect information relating to
the installation and maintenance of video cameras in self-contained classrooms.

- Data maintained by the DOE on the use of restraint to be updated monthly and made available to the public through the DOE's website by October 1, 2020.
- The Commissioner of Education to develop recommendations that incorporate instruction regarding emotional or behavioral disabilities into continuing education or Inservice training requirements for instructional personnel.

This bill is on the Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, 02/25/20, 9:00 am, 412 K.

The House bill HB 1231-Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by DuBose is identical. It is already on the House Calendar, on 2nd reading.

We are waiting to hear when Florida's Budget Conference process will begin

The House and Senate Budgets are passed and now the House and Senate come together in Budget Conference to form one budget to send to the Governor. Please click here to see how major funding initiatives for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) compare.

The Senate Budget for APD and the iBudget is larger and covers the deficit, future utilization increases, three different provider rate increases and funding to transition people off the waitlist. The House Budget for APD covers the agencies deficits and funding for the waitlist.

The Council will be encouraging the members appointed as conferees who are usually members of the of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services to hold their position and the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee to meet the Senate's budget.

Important Bills to Watch


Summary

This bill establishes an Independent Living Task Force within the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and provides for duties, membership, and meetings of the task force. The Council would sit on the Task Force. The Task Force must develop and evaluate policy proposals that incentivize developers or contractors to create units within mixed-use developments that may be used as low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals with a disability, while giving special consideration to the needs of individuals who
have a developmental disability or a mental illness. The bill requires the start of meeting by August 1, 2020. The bill requires that the task force submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. **The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.**

**Actions**

08/08/19 HOUSE Filed
09/23/19 HOUSE Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/20/20 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

**Similar Bills**

**SB 0364 Independent Living Task Force by Rader**
02/19/20 - SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays
SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

**HB 551 - Transportation Disadvantaged by Jenne and Co-Sponsors: Caruso, Cortes, Eskamani and CS Sponsors: Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee**

**Summary**

This bill requires community transportation coordinators to increase and support programs that enhance cross-county mobility for transportation disadvantaged. The bill also requires coordinating boards to evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to increase and support such programs. Sensitivity training requirements were amended off the bill. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. **The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.**

**Actions**

11/06/19 HOUSE Filed
11/15/19 HOUSE Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
01/16/20 HOUSE Reference to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee removed; Remaining references: State Affairs Committee
Now in State Affairs Committee
01/30/20 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/06/20 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/12/20
02/13/20 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/19/20 HOUSE in Messages
Similar Bills

**SB 0076 Transportation Disadvantaged by Book**
02/17/20 - SENATE Now in Appropriations

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**HB 79 - Student Elopement by Jenne and Co-Sponsors: Daley, Gottlieb, Mercado, Polo, Raschein**

**Summary**
This bill requires public schools to create School Staff Assistance for Emergencies (SAFE) Team and school elopement plan. The bill provides requirements for the team and the plan. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. The Council is neutral on this proposed legislation at this time.

**Actions**
08/21/19 HOUSE Filed
09/23/19 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

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**Identical Bills**

**SB 0650 Student Elopement by Book**
11/06/19 - SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

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**HB 361 - Developmental Disabilities by Hattersley Co-Sponsors: Polo**

**Summary**
This bill revises the definition of the term "developmental disability." This definition would move Florida closer to using the federal definition for a developmental disability. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

**Actions**
10/15/19 HOUSE Filed
10/23/19 HOUSE Referred to Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Health & Human Services Committee Now in Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee

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**Similar Bills**

**SB 0532 Developmental Disabilities by Cruz**
11/01/19 - SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs;
HB 601 - Public School Transportation by Pritchett and Co-Sponsors: Cortes, Eskamani

Summary

This bill requires district school boards to provide transportation for each public elementary school student through sixth grade, if student’s single parent or guardian has a developmental disability. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

11/12/19 HOUSE Filed
11/25/19 HOUSE Referred to PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education Committee
Now in PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

Identical Bills

SB 0472 Public School Transportation by Bracy
11/01/19 - SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SB 1106 - Universal Changing Places by Baxley

Summary

The bill requires new, large public buildings to install and maintain at least one universal changing place that can accommodate an adult. This legislation was created by Sabrina Kimball, a former Partners in Policymaking graduate. Ms. Kimball has worked on this proposed legislation in the past. New Hampshire used her bill language and passed it and now she wants to try again to get this legislation passed in Florida. The bill would require that large, high use public offices and venues offer changing tables for adults who need them. The bill specifies requirements for a universal changing place. Effective Date: 7/1/2020. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

12/03/19 SENATE Filed
12/13/19 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

Similar Bills

HB 0669 Universal Changing Places by Newton
12/03/19 - HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee
HB 787 - Driver Licenses by Tomkow

Summary

This bill authorizes person with specified disabilities to have capital letter "D" placed on his or her driver license and provides requirements for placement of such letter on person's driver license. This bill would provide fees (see linked bills) for placement of specified letter on driver license of person who has a developmental disability. The license would be voluntary for adults with no guardians and is intended to alert law enforcement to unusual behaviors and responses. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. The Council narrowly voted to stay neutral on this bill.

Actions

11/26/19 HOUSE    Filed
12/16/19 HOUSE    Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
                  Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee
01/30/20 HOUSE    On Committee agenda - Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, 02/03/20, 3:00 pm, 102 H
02/03/20 HOUSE    Favorable by Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
                  Now in State Affairs Committee

Identical Bills

SB 1692 Driver Licenses by Flores
02/18/20 - SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

Linked Bills

HB 0789 Driver License Fees by Tomkow
02/03/20 - HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

Compare Bills

SB 1694 Driver License Fees by Flores
02/18/20 - SENATE Subcommittee Recommendation: Favorable with CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

SB 1198 - Purple Alert by Berman

Summary

This bill redefines the term "missing endangered person". The bill requires the Department of Law Enforcement, in cooperation with the Department of
Transportation, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of the Lottery, and local law enforcement agencies, to establish and implement the Purple Alert. The bill authorizes local law enforcement agencies to broadcast information concerning certain missing adults; requiring local law enforcement agencies to notify certain media and alert subscribers if a Purple Alert is determined to be necessary and appropriate.

APPROPRIATION: $322,836 Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect July 1, 2020, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

Actions

12/10/19 SENATE Filed
12/18/19 SENATE Referred to Infrastructure and Security; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules
01/27/20 SENATE Favorable by Infrastructure and Security; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/11/20 SENATE Favorable with CS by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/12/20 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed Now in Rules

Similar Bills

HB 0899 Purple Alert by Casello
12/19/19 - HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

SB 1344 - Intermediate Care Facilities by Harrell

Summary

The bill requires certain facilities that have been granted a certificate-of-need exemption to demonstrate and maintain compliance with specified criteria. The bill provides an exemption from a certificate-of-need requirement for certain intermediate care facilities. The bill prohibits the Agency for Health Care Administration from granting an additional exemption to a facility unless a certain condition is met. Effective Date: 7/1/2020. The Council is neutral on this proposed legislation.

Actions

12/27/19 SENATE Filed
01/13/20 SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations
01/28/20 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/29/30 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
Similar Bills

**HB 1163 Intermediate Care Facilities by Burton**
02/11/20 - HOUSE Favorable by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays Now in Health & Human Services Committee

**HB 1349 - Social Services Estimating Conference by Ausley**

**Summary**

This bill specifies information Social Services Estimating Conference must develop related to a certain Medicaid waiver services program related to the iBudget for the home-based and community-based Medicaid waiver services program and must include iBudget enrollment, the number of current waiver recipients, the size of the waitlist, the rate of utilization of program services, and expenditure information that the conference determines is needed to plan for and project future budgets and the drawdown of federal matching funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2020. The Council is supporting this proposed legislation.

**Actions**

01/13/20 HOUSE Filed

01/17/20 HOUSE Referred to Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee Now in Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

**Identical Bills**

**SB 1780 Social Services Estimating Conference by Berman**
01/17/20 - SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations

**SB 1644 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by Book Co-Sponsors: Flores**

**Summary**

This bill requires school districts to prohibit the use of seclusion on students with disabilities in public schools; prohibits specified restraint techniques; requires a video camera to be placed in specified classrooms upon the request of a parent; requiring continuing education and inservice training for instructional personnel teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020. The Council is studying this proposed legislation.
Actions

01/09/20 SENATE Filed
01/17/20 SENATE Referred to Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations
02/10/20 SENATE Favorable by Education; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
    Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
02/20/19 SENATE In Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, 02/25/20, 9:00 am, 412 K

Identical Bills

HB 1231 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by DuBose
02/12/20 - HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 828 - Florida ABLE Program by Benacquisto

Summary

This bill extends the support and review of the Florida ABLE program until 2025.

Actions

02/20/20 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/26/20

Compare Bills

HB 0887-Florida ABLE Program by Rodrigues (R)
01/30/20 - HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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