



# 2024 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

December 4 - 6, 2024  
Tampa Marriott Water Street  
Hillsborough County

2024 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

**MOVING FLORIDA  
FORWARD**

# A FAC Preview of the 2025 Legislative Session

---



Amir Warren  
FAC Policy Analyst



# Introductions

---

- Policy Analyst for the Association and now FAC Staff lead for FACHSA
- Graduated from The Florida State University with a B.S. in Economics and now pursuing a dual graduate degree in MSP and MPA.
- Hobbies: Research, The 3 F's (Faith, Family and, fitness!)



# Presentation Overview

---

Icebreaker

2024  
Session  
Recap

The what  
and who are  
new in the  
Florida  
Legislature

Preview  
2025  
Session





# But First, Icebreaker!





slido



**In the context of  
Florida's Health  
and Human  
Services  
Industry what are  
you most thankful  
for ?**

① Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.



# House Bill 7021 – Mental Health and Substance Abuse

## Baker Act Reform

- Combines outpatient and inpatient involuntary treatment procedures.
- Courts can order outpatient, inpatient, or both as necessary.
- Prohibits placement in state mental health facilities without co-occurring mental illness.
- Witnesses and parties allowed to participate remotely.
- Courts can evaluate patient history and behavior reports.

# House Bill 7021 – Mental Health and Substance Abuse

---

## Marchman Act Reform

- Repeals separate provisions for assessments and stabilization; creates consolidated involuntary treatment procedures.
- Enhances accessibility in court proceedings.
- Civil patients no longer require transfer evaluations for mental health treatment facility placement.



# House Bill 1365 - Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping

---

**Civil Action:** Residents, business owners, or the Attorney General may sue to prevent counties or municipalities from permitting public camping or sleeping on public property.

**Designating Camping Areas:** Counties can designate public property for camping or sleeping, with a one-year limit, via a majority vote.

**DCF Certification:** Requires Department of Children and Families (DCF) approval for such designations, based on:

- Property not adjacent to residential areas per land use maps.
- Insufficient shelter beds for the homeless population.
- No significant impact on nearby property values, safety, or security.
- A county plan to maintain the designated property.



# FAC Legislative Updates

## Legislative Timeline:

November 5 <sup>th</sup> 2024	General Election
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> of 6 committee weeks
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Session Begins
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Senate 50 <sup>th</sup> day rule
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Regular Session





# FAC Legislative Updates

---



## WHATS NEW IN THE CHAMBERS:

### Florida House of Representatives

- 85 Republicans / 35 Democrats
- Continued GOP Supermajority

### Florida Senate

- 28 Republicans / 12 Democrats
- GOP Supermajority

2024 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE  
**MOVING FLORIDA  
FORWARD**



# House Leadership

Speaker Daniel Perez (Miami)

Speaker Pro Tempore Wyman Duggan

Majority Leader Tyler Sirois

Deputy Majority Leader John Snyder

House Minority Leader—Fentrice Driskell (2nd term)

Minority Leader Pro Tempore—Dodie Joseph

Minority Whip—Christine Hunschofsky

Minority Policy Chair—Kelly Skidmore



2024-2026 Speaker of the House, Daniel Perez

# House Committee Structure—New Committees

---



Renamed  
'Budget'  
Committees



Housing,  
Agriculture &  
Tourism  
Subcommittee



Intergovernmental  
Affairs Subcommittee



Natural  
Resources &  
Disasters  
Subcommittee



Security &  
Threat  
Assessment  
Committee

# Priority House Policy Committees

---

Budget Committee—Chair Lawrence McClure

Rules & Ethics Committee—Chair Sam Garrison  
(Speaker Designate)

Judiciary Committee—Chair Chuck Brannan

Ways & Means—Speaker Pro Tempore Wyman  
Duggan

Commerce Committee—Chair James Buchanan

State Affairs Committee—Chair Will Robinson

Health and Human Service Committee—Josie  
Tomkow



# Senate Leadership

---

President Ben Albritton

President Pro Tempore—Jason Brodeur

Majority Leader Jim Boyd

Minority Leader—Jason Pizzo

Minority Leader Pro Tempore—Tracie Davis



2024-2026 Senate Pres.  
Ben Albritton

**P** Commerce and Tourism — Sen. Tom Leek

Finance & Tax — Sen. Bryan Avila

Ethics and Elections — President Don Gaetz

Government Oversight and Accountability — Sen. Randy Fine

Judiciary — Sen. Clay Yarborough

Environment and Natural Resources — Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez

Community Affairs — Sen. Stan McClain

# Preview of the 2025 Session

## Senate President and House Speaker Policy Priorities



- Anticipate more scrutiny over Appropriations
- Streamlined House Rule Processes



- "Rural Renaissance"
- Florida Property Insurance Landscape



# Preview of the 2025 Session

---

## Emergency Management

- **Total Damage Across Three Hurricanes: \$4.8 Billion** in assessed damages.
- **Breakdown by Hurricane (statewide)**
  - Hurricane Debby: **\$232 Million**
  - Hurricane Milton: **\$2.7 Billion**
  - Hurricane Helene: **\$1.9 Billion**
- **79,854 Homes Damaged**; includes destroyed, majorly damaged, and minorly damaged homes.



# Preview of the 2025 Session

## Healthcare Innovation Council

- This council was the birth child of past Senate President Kathleen Passidomo and her Live Healthy Initiative
- The council seeks to increase access and improve quality in Florida's health care system by leveraging new technologies and other innovative solutions.
- This council can authorize \$50 million in low interest loans for implementation purposes



# FAC Public Policy Staff

Davin Suggs | Deputy Executive Director | [dsuggs@afl-counties.com](mailto:dsuggs@afl-counties.com)

Jeff Scala | Deputy Director of Public Policy | [jscala@afl-counties.com](mailto:jscala@afl-counties.com)

Eddy Labrador | Senior Legislative Counsel | [elabrador@afl-counties.com](mailto:elabrador@afl-counties.com)

Jared Grigas | Senior Policy Analyst | [jgrigas@afl-counties.com](mailto:jgrigas@afl-counties.com)

Courtney Mooney | Policy Analyst | [cmooney@afl-counties.com](mailto:cmooney@afl-counties.com)

Amir Warren | Policy Analyst | [awarren@afl-counties.com](mailto:awarren@afl-counties.com)

Jason Mann | Public Policy Coordinator | [jmann@afl-counties.com](mailto:jmann@afl-counties.com)







# Questions?

① Start to display the poll results on this slide.