



FRACCA 2024 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP

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Abstract

This document contains a recap of the Florida legislature's 2024 session. All bills that passed and overall budget.

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Budget

Total Budget: \$117.46 billion

- Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Scholarship - \$7 million
- School District Workforce
 - Total: \$812.1 million
 - Workforce Development - \$451.2 million o Workload increase - \$24.6 million
 - Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - \$20 million
 - Increase for “Grow Your Own Teacher” Apprenticeship Program - \$5 million
 - Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program - \$5 million
 - Student Success in Career and Technical Education Incentive Funds - \$2.5 million
- \$346,326,390 home energy rebate programs provided in Public Law 117-169.. The Home Efficiency Rebate Program shall provide home energy upgrades using a measured energy savings methodology. The Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate Program shall provide for the purchase of and installation of home appliances and equipment. The department shall provide a detailed implementation plan for the programs and receipt of the federal award. This section is effective upon becoming a law.

Priority Bills

HB 0481 Building Construction Regulations and System Warranties by Maggard/Hooper

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HB 0149 Continuing Contracts by Alvarez

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HB 0917 Career and Technical Education by Snyder

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Miscellaneous Bills

HB 0623 Home Warranty Transfers by Steele/Burgess

Mandates builders to provide warranties for newly constructed homes, covering construction defects for one year after conveyance of title or occupancy.

- Defines "builder," "material violation," and "newly constructed home," including residential properties and manufactured buildings not previously occupied.



- Excludes defects under manufacturer warranties, normal wear and tear, house settling within acceptable practices, damages by owners or acts of God from the warranty coverage.
- Requires builders to remedy, at their expense, any covered defects and restore damaged work. Builders may purchase a warranty from a home warranty association to fulfill this requirement.
- Ensures the warranty obligation persists for one year regardless of home ownership changes.
- Allows express written warranties provided by builders that offer the same or greater scope and coverage than the statutory warranty to supersede the law's provisions.
- Limits enforcement to private civil actions by purchasers against builders who fail to comply.

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HB 0049 **Employment and Curfew of Minors** by Chaney/Burgess

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HB 0433 **Employment Regulations** by Esposito/Trumbull

The bill seeks to establish statewide preemption over employment regulations and workplace heat exposure requirements, invalidating local government ordinances that exceed or conflict with state or federal labor laws.

- Prohibits local governments from setting minimum wages different from state or federal levels and from influencing or dictating the wage policies of businesses in contracts or business relations with the local government.



- Allows local governments to set their own employee standards that exceed state or federal laws, but restricts them from applying these standards to external businesses or in business contracts.
- Preempts the regulation of employment terms and conditions to the state, stating local ordinances, rules, or policies that conflict with state or federal laws on employment terms are void.
- Specific to workplace heat exposure, designates the state's responsibility to regulate and voids any local regulations, but mandates the Department of Commerce to adopt rules if the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hasn't by July 1, 2028.
- Permits local governments to implement heat exposure requirements for their own employees, and exempts instances where compliance would hinder the distribution of federal funds or is inconsistent with federal requirements.

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SB 7032 **Education** by Education Postsecondary

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HB 0267 **Building Regulations** by Esposito/DiCeglie

Amends the Florida Building Code to simplify the process for installing replacement windows, doors, and garage doors by exempting the need for sealed drawings by design professionals, requiring installations to follow manufacturer's instructions, and submitting these instructions with permit applications.

- Removes requirements for building permits for specific residential dwellings.
- Defines "private provider firm" and revises timeframes and procedures for issuing permits involving private providers, including specifics on when a permit application is deemed approved and limiting the frequency of private provider audits by local building code enforcement agencies.
- Revises procedures and timelines for approving or denying building permits, prohibiting local governments from requiring waivers of these timeframes, and specifying circumstances under which permit applications are deemed complete and approved.
- Allows local governments to use certain fees for technology upgrades.
- Standards for unvented attic and unvented enclosed rafter assemblies are established, contingent on meeting specific requirements, including insulation levels and ventilation systems.
- Reports on the review and consideration of thermal efficiency standards for these assemblies are to be delivered to the Legislature.



Effective Date: January 1, 2025

HB 1335 Department of Business and Professional Regulation by Maggard/Hooper

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SB 0770 Improvements to Real Property by Martin/Trabulsy

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SB 1600 Interstate Mobility by Collins/Plasencia

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SB 0812 Expedited Approval of Residential Building Permits by Ingoglia/McClain

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SB 1628 Local Government Actions by Collins/McClure

The bill mandates that bond referenda above \$500 million by counties, districts, or municipalities must occur during general elections and updates provisions for the enactment of county and municipal ordinances.

- Requires bond referenda involving issues greater than \$500 million by counties, districts, or municipalities to be held at general elections.
- If a bond referendum coincides with a regularly scheduled election, the concerned body pays only its pro rata share of directly related election costs.
- Specifies exceptions to certain procedures for the enactment or adoption of county and municipal ordinances, including those needed for compliance with laws, relating to debt, budgets, implementing agreements, emergency situations, procurement, and development orders or permits.
- Enumerates specific ordinances not subject to general enactment procedures, including those for development orders and permits as defined, comprehensive



plan amendments, and other regulations initiated by private applications, plus sections related to the Florida Building and Fire Prevention Codes.

Effective Date: 10/1/2024

SB 1142 Occupational Licensing by Hooper/Mooney

Extends dates and provides new registration guidelines for certain contractors in Florida.

- Extends local government occupational licensing requirement expiration to July 1, 2025.
- Delays the Construction Industry Licensing Board's establishment of voluntary licensure categories for specific certified specialty contractors to July 1, 2025.
- Allows for the issuance of registrations to eligible applicants who comply with local licensing requirements and do not require an examination.
- Specifies that the Construction Industry Licensing Board is responsible for disciplining registrants and must make licensure and disciplinary information available through an automated system.
- Sets the fees for applications, registration, renewal, and recordkeeping for applicants seeking registration under these new provisions, aligning them with existing board-established fees.

Effective Date: 7/1/2024

SB 0382 Continuing Education Requirements by Hooper/Melo

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SB 1688 **Career-themed Courses** by Osgood/Dunkley

Enhances the Florida Career and Professional Education Act by revising strategic plan requirements, annual review data inclusion, and informational provisions to students and parents.

- Requires strategic plans to include strategies for informing and promoting career and technical education opportunities to students, parents, the community, and stakeholders.
- Mandates the Department of Education to collect student achievement and performance data in industry-certified career education programs and career-themed courses as part of the annual review.
- Obligates school districts to inform students and parents during middle school course selection of the career and professional academy or career-themed courses available within the district.

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HB 0705 **Public Works Projects** by Shoaf/Grall

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