



## Legislative Report for February 16, 2024

### [CS/CS/HB 619: Sovereign Immunity for Professional Firms](#)      Senate Companion Bill: [CS/SB 1534](#)

GENERAL BILL by Transportation & Modals Subcommittee ; Civil Justice Subcommittee ; Tuck  
Sovereign Immunity for Professional Firms; Provides applicability; requires that contracts with certain professional firms must, to extent permitted by law, provide indemnity to DOT. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

#### **Committee Referrals:**

- **Civil Justice Subcommittee (Passed 1/11/24)**
- **Transportation and Modals Subcommittee (Passed 1/25/24)**
- **Judiciary Committee (Passed 2/7/24)**
- **On Second Reading Calendar**

### [CS/SB 1534: Sovereign Immunity](#)

House Companion Bill: [CS/CS/HB 619](#)

GENERAL BILL by Judiciary ; [Bradley](#)

Sovereign Immunity; Revising applicability; requiring that contracts with such firms must, to the extent permitted by law, provide indemnity to the department, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

#### **Committee Referrals:**

- **Judiciary Committee (Passed, 1/29/24)**
- **Community Affairs Committee (Passed, 2/6/24)**
- **Rules Committee (Passed 2/14/24)**
- **On Second Reading Calendar**

### [CS/CS/SB 266: Department of Transportation](#)

House Companion Bill: [CS/CS/HB 287](#)

GENERAL BILL by Sen. Hooper

Department of Transportation; Prohibiting the department from annually committing more than a certain percentage of revenues derived from state fuel taxes and motor vehicle license-related fees to public transit projects; replacing the term “public-private partnership agreement” with the term “comprehensive agreement”; prohibiting additional metropolitan planning organizations from being designated in this state after a specified date; creating within the department a local agency program for a specified purpose, etc.

#### **Committee Referrals:**

- **Transportation Committee (1/17/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Passed 2/8/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee**

### [CS/CS/HB 287: Department of Transportation](#)

Senate Companion Bill: [CS/SB 266](#)

GENERAL BILL by Rep. Esposito

Department of Transportation; Prohibiting the department from annually committing more than a certain percentage of revenues derived from state fuel taxes and motor vehicle license-related fees to

public transit projects; replacing the term “public-private partnership agreement” with the term “comprehensive agreement”; prohibiting additional metropolitan planning organizations from being designated in this state after a specified date; creating within the department a local agency program for a specified purpose, etc.

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (Passed 1/11/24)**
- **Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 2/1/24)**
- Infrastructure Strategies Committee

**CS/CS/CS/HB 149: Continuing Contracts**

**Senate Companion Bill: CS/CS/SB 656**

GENERAL BILL by State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee ; Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee ; Alvarez ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Bankson ; Garcia ; Salzman

Continuing Contracts; Revises maximum estimated construction cost of construction projects for which governmental entity may enter into continuing contract; revises definition of term "continuing contract".

Effective Date: 7/1/24

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (Passed 1/11/24)**
- **State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 1/25/24)**
- **State Affairs Committee (Passed 8/14/24)**

**CS/CS/SB 656: Continuing Contracts**

**House Companion Bill: CS/CS/CS/HB 149**

GENERAL BILL by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; DiCeglie

Continuing Contracts; Revising the maximum estimated construction cost of construction projects for which a governmental entity may enter into a continuing contract; revising the definition of the term “continuing contract” to increase the maximum dollar value of such contract, to require the Department of Management Services, beginning on a specified date and annually thereafter, to adjust the maximum dollar value allowed under such contracts using a specified index, and to publish the new dollar value on its website, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee (Passed 1/29/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, & General Government (Passed 2/13/24)**
- Fiscal Policy Committee

**CS/HB 479: Alternative Mobility Funding Systems**

**Senate Companion Bill: SB 688**

GENERAL BILL by Commerce Committee; Robinson, W.

Alternative Mobility Funding Systems; Authorizes local governments to adopt alternative mobility plan & fee system; provides requirements for application of adopted alternative system; prohibits alternative system from imposing responsibility for funding existing transportation deficiency upon new

development; prohibits local governments that do not issue building permits from charging for transportation impacts associated with development; requires local governments that issue building permits to collect for extrajurisdictional impacts; prohibits local governments from assessing multiple charges for same transportation impact; revises requirements for calculation of impact fees by local governments & special districts. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Local Administration, Federal Affairs, and Special Districts Subcommittee (Passed 1/10/24)**
- **Ways and Means Committee (Passed 1/17/24)**
- **Commerce Committee (Passed 1/30/24)**
- **Now on Second Reading Calendar**

**SB 688: Alternative Mobility Funding Systems**

**House Companion Bill: CS/HB 479**

GENERAL BILL by [Martin](#)

Alternative Mobility Funding Systems; Authorizing certain local governments to adopt an alternative mobility planning and fee system or an alternative system in certain circumstances; prohibiting an alternative system from imposing responsibility for funding an existing transportation deficiency upon new development; providing that only local governments issuing building permits may charge for transportation impacts; revising requirements for the calculation of impact fees by certain local governments and special districts, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Community Affairs (Passed 01/09/24)**
- **Transportation Committee (On Agenda, 1/30/24)**
- Rules Committee

**CS/SB 472: Sovereign Immunity**

**House Companion Bill: CS/CS/HB 569**

GENERAL BILL by Governmental Oversight and Accountability ; [Brodeur](#)

Suits Against the Government; Abolishing the common-law doctrine of home venue privilege with respect to action against the state; increasing the statutory limits on liability for tort claims against the state and its agencies and subdivisions; prohibiting a party from lobbying against any agreed upon settlement brought to the Legislature as a claim bill; requiring the Department of Financial Services to adjust the limitations on tort liability every 5 years after a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee (Passed, 1/29/24)**
- Appropriations Committee
- Rules Committee

**CS/CS/HB 569: Suits Against the Government**

**Senate Companion: CS/SB 472**

GENERAL BILL by Appropriations Committee ; Civil Justice Subcommittee ; McFarland

Suits Against the Government; Abolishes common-law doctrine of home venue privilege with respect to action against state; increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision of state to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without further

action by Legislature regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning payment of benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be present to certain entities; revises exceptions relating to instituting actions on tort claims against state or one of its agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or one of its agencies or subdivisions & exceptions thereto. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Civil Justice Committee (Passed 1/11/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee (Passed 1/31/24)**
- **Judiciary Committee (On Agenda 2/14/24) ???**

**[CS/SB 1032: Transportation](#)**

**House Companion: [HB 7049](#)**

GENERAL BILL by [Gruters](#)

Transportation; Revising the membership of the Center for Urban Transportation Research advisory board; revising the membership of the Implementing Solutions from Transportation Research and Evaluating Emerging Technologies (I-STREET) Living Lab advisory board; prohibiting the designation of additional metropolitan planning organizations (M.P.O.'s) after a specified date except in certain urbanized areas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Transportation Committee (Passed 2/6/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development (On agenda, 2/20/24)**
- Appropriations Committee

**[HB 7049: Transportation](#)**

**Senate Companion: [CS/SB 1032](#)**

GENERAL BILL by Transportation & Modals Subcommittee ; McFarland

Transportation; Revises membership of certain advisory boards; revises requirements for designation of additional M.P.O.'s; revises provisions relating to M.P.O.'s long-range transportation plan & transportation improvement program; requires DOT to convene M.P.O.'s of similar size to exchange best practices; authorizes committees or working groups; requires training for new M.P.O. governing board members; requires DOT to create M.P.O. quality performance scoring mechanism; provides requirements relating to quality performance scores; removes provisions relating to Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council; requires report to Governor & Legislature; requires redesign of registration license plate by DHSMV. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 2/1/24)**
- Infrastructure Strategies Committee

**[CS/SB 1226: Department of Transportation](#)**

**House Companion: [CS/CS/HB 1301](#)**

GENERAL BILL by [DiCeglie](#)

Department of Transportation; Deleting the requirement that the secretary of the department appoint the department's inspector general; limiting the percentage of the total contract amount which may be allocated for the purchase of plant materials based on the monetary size of the contract; requiring each public transit provider to certify that its actual administrative costs are no greater than a certain amount; requiring the department to preserve a rail corridor within the right of way of Interstate 4 between Orlando and Tampa for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Transportation Committee (Passed, 2/6/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development (On agenda, 2/20/24)**
- Rules Committee

**[CS/CS/HB 1301: Department of Transportation](#)**

**Senate Companion: [CS/SB 1226](#)**

GENERAL BILL by Abbott

Department of Transportation; Removes provisions requiring DOT secretary to appoint inspector general; revises provisions relating to allocation of funds for purchase of plant materials, acceptance & processing of electronic payments to Florida Turnpike Enterprise, & inactive prepaid toll accounts; prohibits DOT from expending certain state funds to support certain projects or programs; authorizes DOT to enter into service contracts to finance certain projects; prohibits DOT from considering certain nonpecuniary factors when developing transportation plans; creates Supply Chain Innovation Grant Program within DOC; requires DOC & DOT to consider applications & select grant awardees; requires funds appropriated from State Transportation Trust Fund for New Starts Transit Program to revert to trust fund; revises provisions relating to public transit provider responsibilities. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Transportation and Modals Subcommittee (Passed 1/25/24)**
- **Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 2/5/24)**
- **Infrastructure Strategies Committee (Passed 2/15/24)**

**[CS/CS/SB 1362: Aviation](#)**

GENERAL BILL by Transportation ; [Harrell](#)

Aviation; Beginning on a specified date, requiring the owner or lessee of a proposed vertiport to comply with a specified provision in obtaining certain approval and license or registration; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct a final physical inspection of the vertiport to ensure compliance with specified requirements; providing duties of the department, within specified resources, with respect to vertiports, advanced air mobility, and other advances in aviation technology, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Transportation Committee (Passed 1/23/24)**

- **Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, & Economic Development (Passed 2/8/24)**
- Fiscal Policy Committee

#### **CS/HB 981: Aviation**

GENERAL BILL by Transportation & Modals Subcommittee ; Bankson  
 Aviation; Requires owner or lessee of proposed vertiport to comply with specified requirements; requires DOT to conduct specified inspection of vertiport; provides duties of DOT with respect to vertiports, advanced air mobility, & other advances in aviation technology; requires report to Governor & Legislature; requires airports to competitively bid vertiport operator contracts; revises requirements for adoption of airport land use compatibility zoning regulations. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

#### **Committee Referrals:**

- **Transportation and Modals Subcommittee (Passed 1/26/24)**
- **Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (Passed 2/5/24)**
- **Infrastructure Strategies Committee (Passed 2/15/24)**

#### **SB 1600: Interstate Mobility**

Interstate Mobility; Requiring the respective boards of occupations, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation if there is no board, to allow licensure by endorsement if the applicant meets certain criteria; requiring applicants of professions that require fingerprints for criminal history checks to submit such fingerprints before the board or department issues a license by endorsement; requiring the department, and authorizing the board, to review the results of the criminal history checks according to specific criteria to determine if the applicants meet the requirements for licensure; requiring the applicable health care regulatory boards, or the Department of Health if there is no board, to issue a license or certificate to applicants who meet specified conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

#### **Committee Referrals:**

- **Health Policy Committee (Passed 1/23/24)**
- **Regulated Industries Committee (Passed 1/29/24)**
- Fiscal Policy

#### **HB 1381: Interstate Mobility**

GENERAL BILL by Alvarez ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Garcia

Interstate Mobility; Requires respective boards of occupations, or DBPR if there is no board, to allow licensure by endorsement if applicant meets certain criteria; requires applicants of professions that require fingerprints for criminal history checks to submit such fingerprints before board or DBPR issues license by endorsement; requires that costs associated with fingerprint processing be borne by applicant; if fingerprints are submitted through authorized agency or vendor, requiring such agency or vendor to collect processing fees & remit them to FDLE; requires applicable health care regulatory boards, or DOH if there is no board, to issue license or certificate to applicants who meet specified conditions; requires DOH to verify certain information using National Practitioner Data Bank; specifies circumstances under which person is ineligible for license; authorizes boards or DOH to revoke license upon specified finding;

authorizes boards or DOH to require that applicants successfully complete jurisprudential examination; requires DOH to submit annual report to Governor & Legislature by specified date; revises licensure by endorsement requirements for practice of acupuncture, medicine, professional or practical nursing, pharmacy, midwifery, speech-language pathology & audiology, nursing home administration, occupational therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy, dietetics & nutrition, electrology, massage therapy, opticianry, physical therapy, physical therapist assistantship, psychology & school psychology, & clinical social work, marriage & family therapy, & mental health counseling, respectively; authorizes boards & DOH to continue processing applications for licensure by endorsement, as authorized under Florida Statutes (2023), for specified timeframe. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- Commerce Committee
- Appropriations Committee
- Health and Human Services Committee

**[CS/HB 1273: Reciprocity or Endorsement of Licensure](#)**

GENERAL BILL by Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee ; Plasencia Reciprocity or Endorsement of Licensure; Provides requirements for applicable board, or DBPR if there is no board, relating to licensure by reciprocity & by endorsement; defines "basis license." Effective Date: 7/1/2024

**Committee Referrals:**

- **Regulatory Reform and Economic Development Subcommittee (Passed 1/24/24)**
- **State Administration and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee (Removed 1/25/24)**
- **Commerce Committee (Passed 2/15/24)**