



Legislative Report for March 8, 2024

[CS/CS/HB 619: Sovereign Immunity for Professional Firms](#)

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

- **Final Passage 3/4/24 – Awaiting Governor’s signature**

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

GENERAL BILL by Infrastructure Strategies Committee ; Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee ; Transportation & Modals Subcommittee ; Esposito Transportation; limiting the amount of certain revenues in the State Transportation Trust Fund which the Department of Transportation may annually commit to public transit projects; revising provisions relating to a traffic and revenue study provided by a private entity; requiring the department to notify the Division of Bond Finance before entering into an interim or comprehensive agreement; etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

- **Final Passage 3/5/24 – Awaiting Governor’s signature**

[CS/CS/CS/HB 149: Continuing Contracts](#)

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; requires DMS to annually adjust maximum amount allowed under specified contracts using specified index & publish adjusted amount on DMS's website. Effective Date: 7/1/24

- **Final Passage 3/1/24 – Awaiting Governor’s signature**

[CS/HB 479: Alternative Mobility Funding Systems](#)

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

- **Final Passage 3/4/24 – Awaiting Governor’s signature**

[CS/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

- **Final Passage 3/4/24 – Awaiting Governor’s signature**

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

GENERAL BILL by Abbott

Department of Transportation; Provides & revises DOT authority & responsibilities; revises provisions regarding prepaid toll accounts, Florida DOT Financing Corporation projects, & public transit providers, projects, & vehicles; prohibits certain DOT actions & expenditures; provides responsibilities of DOC & DOT with respect thereto; authorizes DOC & DOT to adopt rules; requires certain unallocated funds for New Starts Transit Program to be reallocated for purpose of Strategic Intermodal System. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

- **Final Passage 3/7/24 – Awaiting Governor’s signature**

[CS/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

- **3/7/24 In returning messages to Senate**
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[CS/CS/SB 472: Suits Against the Government](#)

GENERAL BILL by Rules ; Appropriations ; Governmental Oversight and Accountability ; [Brodeur](#) ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) [Rouson](#)

Suits Against the Government; 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, beginning on a specified date and every 5 years thereafter, to adjust the limitations of liability for claims, not to exceed a certain percentage for each such adjustment, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024

- **Retained on Calendar**

[CS/CS/HB 569: Suits Against the Government](#)

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**

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

House Companion: [CS/HB 7049](#)

GENERAL BILL by [Gruters](#)

Transportation; Revising provisions requiring a person approaching a railroad-highway grade crossing to stop within a certain distance from the nearest rail; 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 (Passed 2/20/24)**
- **Appropriations Committee**

[CS/HB 7049: Transportation](#)

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

GENERAL BILL by Transportation & Modals Subcommittee; McFarland

Transportation; Requires DOT secretary to establish performance & production measures; revises provisions relating to railroad-highway grade crossings; revises membership of advisory boards; revises & provides M.P.O. & DOT authority, duties, & responsibilities; requires certain M.P.O.'s to exchange best practices; authorizes M.P.O. to execute written agreement with DOT regarding transportation planning requirements; requires establishment of quality performance metrics & performance targets; removes provisions relating to Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council; requires reports to Governor, Legislature, & DOT; requires DHSMV to begin implementation of redesigned registration license plate. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

- **In Messages to Senate 2/29/24**