

[HB 0339](#) Relating to Autism (Soto)

Autism: Creates Autism Spectrum Disorder Study Committee to study autism spectrum disorder in families in which English is second language; provides for membership, meetings, & duties; prohibits members from receiving compensation; authorizes certain funding for publications, subject to approval of State Surgeon General; requires report to Governor & Legislature; provides for expiration of committee. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

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[SB 0510](#) Relating to The Florida Kidcare Program (Rich)

Florida Kidcare Program; Providing that children who are eligible for a state-sponsored health benefit plan and the subsidized Kidcare program may enroll in the program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

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[HB 0325](#) Relating to Execution of Death Sentences (Drake)

Execution of Death Sentences: Provides that death sentence shall be executed by electrocution or firing squad, rather than lethal injection; provides for designation of number & members of firing squad by warden; provides that each firing squad member shall be considered an executioner; provides for election of method by persons sentenced to death & for election of method by persons subject to mandate pursuant to decision by Florida Supreme Court affirming sentence of death on or within specified period after effective date of act; conforms provisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2012

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[SB 0524](#) Relating to Restraint of Incarcerated Pregnant Women (Joyner)

Restraint of Incarcerated Pregnant Women; Citing this act as the "Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act"; prohibiting use of restraints on a prisoner known to be pregnant during labor, delivery, and postpartum recovery unless a corrections official determines that the prisoner presents an extraordinary circumstance; requiring that a corrections officer or other official accompanying a prisoner remove all restraints if the doctor, nurse, or other health care professional treating the prisoner requests that restraints not be used; requiring that the corrections official make written findings within 10 days as to the extraordinary circumstance that dictated the use of restraints; requiring that the Secretary of Corrections, the Secretary of Juvenile Justice, and county and municipal corrections officials annually file written reports with the Executive Office of the Governor detailing each incident of restraint in violation of law or as an authorized exception, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

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[SB 0526](#) Relating to Health Care (Jones (D))

Health Care; Removing a provision limiting the number of breast and cervical cancer screenings based on projected Medicaid expenditures; renaming ch. 385, F.S., as the "Healthy and Fit Florida Act"; requiring the Department of Health to support the creation of public health programs at the state and community levels to reduce the incidence of mortality and morbidity from chronic diseases; requiring the department to create a state-level program to address the preventable risk factors associated with chronic diseases; requiring the program to perform certain activities; requiring the department to develop and implement a community-level program for the prevention of chronic diseases and the promotion of health; providing the purpose of the program; requiring the department to coordinate efforts with the Department of

Management Services and other state agencies; requiring licensed laboratories and practitioners to report certain information to the department, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

[HB 0363](#) Relating to Physician Assistants (Kreegel)

Physician Assistants: Revises composition of membership on Board of Medicine & Board of Osteopathic Medicine; provides for appointment of new members as vacancies occur & allow; deletes requirement that DOH issue license to physician assistant to prescribe medicinal drugs & requires only prescription number. Effective Date: July 1, 2012

[SB 0544](#) Relating to Health Care (Sobel)

Health Care; Requiring that any physician or osteopathic physician who performs certain medical procedures in an office setting to register the office with the Department of Health unless that office is licensed as a facility under ch. 395, F.S., relating to hospital licensing and regulation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law

[HB 0365](#) Relating to Public Employees (Costello)

Public Employees: Revises conditions under which certain special risk employees who suffer or have died from specified medical conditions are presumed to have been injured or killed accidentally & in line of duty; revises conditions under which presumption with respect to disability due to any of specified diseases is against occurrence in line of duty for purposes of workers' compensation claims; provides medical conditions or behaviors that are appropriate for consideration in denying or overcoming presumption of accidental disability or death suffered in line of duty for police officers & firefighters; changes evidentiary standard; revises definition of "compensation" or "salary" for purposes of firefighters' & police officers' pensions; authorizes municipality to change municipal representation of board of trustees pursuant to certain requirements; provides duties of board of trustees relating to reporting of expenses & operation under administrative expense budget; provides process for determining allocation of premium tax revenues to supplemental plan; revises requirements of board relating to employment of legal counsel, actuaries, & other advisers; provides for discontinuation of excise taxes under certain conditions; revises provisions relating to benefits paid from premium tax by municipality or special fire control district that has its own pension plan; revises provisions relating to termination of plans & distribution of funds; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2012

[HB 0367](#) Relating to Restraint of Incarcerated Pregnant Women (Reed)

Restraint of Incarcerated Pregnant Women: Cites act as "Healthy Pregnancies for Incarcerated Women Act"; prohibits use of restraints on prisoner known to be pregnant during labor, delivery, & postpartum recovery unless corrections official makes determination that prisoner presents extraordinary circumstance requiring restraints; provides that health care professional treating prisoner may request that restraints not be used, in which case corrections officer or other official accompanying prisoner shall remove all restraints; requires that restraint be in least restrictive manner; requires written findings as to extraordinary circumstance; restricts use of specified restraints during third trimester of pregnancy or when requested by health care professional; authorizes woman restrained to file grievance; directs DOC & DJJ to adopt rules; requires facilities to inform female prisoners of rules; requires corrections officials to make annual written reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2012

[SB 0542](#) Relating to Death Benefits for State Employees (Smith (C))

Death Benefits for State Employees; Providing that a designated beneficiary of a member of the State Retirement System is eligible to receive the same death benefits as a joint annuitant of the member; providing that the act fulfills an important state interest, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

[SB 0550](#) Relating to Newborn Screening (Sobel)

Newborn Screening; Requiring that the Department of Health adopt and enforce rules requiring every newborn in this state to be tested for severe combined immunodeficiency disease, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

[HB 0353](#) Relating to Medical Use of Cannabis (Clemens)

Medical Use of Cannabis: Proposes creation of s. 28, Art. X & s. 32, Art. XII of State Constitution to allow medical use of cannabis by citizens & allow Legislature to implement these provisions by general law. Effective Date: Not Specified

HB 385 - Relating to Sovereign Immunity (Gaetz (M)) Sovereign Immunity: Provides legislative findings & intent; provides sovereign immunity to emergency health care providers acting pursuant to obligations imposed by specified statutes; provides exception; provides that emergency health care providers are agents of state & requires them to indemnify state up to specified liability limits; provides for sanctions against emergency health care providers who fail to comply with indemnification obligations. Effective Date: upon becoming a law, and shall apply to any cause of action accruing on or after that date

HB 389 - Relating to Background Screening (Perman) Background Screening: Prohibits person from being disqualified from employment providing personal treatment, counseling, or other services to persons who have been convicted of criminal offense solely on basis of inability to qualify due to prior criminal history; provides that certain persons with criminal record who are employed or apply for employment to provide specified services to persons who have been convicted of criminal offense may apply for exemption from disqualification from employment without being subject to otherwise applicable waiting period. Effective Date: July 1, 2012

SB 564 - Relating to Office of Minority Health (Joyner) Office of Minority Health; Providing legislative intent; providing the duties of the Office of Minority Health; requiring the Office of Minority Health to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature; requiring consideration of minority health issues in state policy and planning; requiring the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Juvenile Justice to take minority health issues into consideration in their annual planning; requiring that boards or advisory boards of the Department of Health, the Agency for Health Care Administration, or the Department of Elderly Affairs seek equal representation of certain members; providing for responsibility and coordination with the Executive Office of the Governor and other state agencies, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

HB 397 - Relating to Assisted Living Facilities (Fresen) Assisted Living Facilities: Creates Florida Assisted Living Quality Improvement Initiative Pilot Project; creates pilot project in

specified area offices of AHCA; provides program components & requirements; requires administrator of facility eligible to participate in pilot project to notify ACHA when facility agrees to enroll; requires owner or administrator of facility enrolled in pilot project to enter into contract with quality improvement team; authorizes DEA to adopt rules, impose fees, & provide requirements necessary to certify providers that seek to offer assisted living facility staff core training. Effective Date: July 1, 2012

SB 594 - Relating to Medical Care (Storms) Medical Care; Providing powers of the Department of Health with regard to access to patient health records; providing for the department to obtain patient records without written authorization from the patient under certain circumstances; authorizing the department to issue an emergency order to suspend or restrict the license of a health care practitioner under certain circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

HB 425 - Relating to Surgical Technology (Renuart) Surgical Technology: Prohibits person from practicing surgical technology in health care facility unless he or she meets certain criteria; prohibits health care facility from employing or contracting for services of surgical technologist unless surgical technologist meets certain requirements; requires health care facility to verify that person who is qualified to practice surgical technology meets continuing education requirements & maintains credential of certified surgical technologist; requires health care facility to supervise persons employed or contracted by health care facility to practice surgical technology; requires AHCA to adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2012

HB 413 - Relating to Chiropractic Medicine (Mayfield) Chiropractic Medicine: Revises requirements for obtaining chiropractic medicine faculty certificate; authorizes Board of Chiropractic Medicine to approve continuing education courses sponsored by chiropractic colleges under certain circumstances; revises requirements for person who desires to be licensed as chiropractic physician; requires that chiropractic physician preserve identity of funds or property of patient in excess of specified amount; providing that services rendered by certified chiropractic physician's assistant under indirect supervision may occur only at supervising chiropractic physician's address of record; authorizes registered chiropractic assistant to operate therapeutic office equipment; provides registration, supervision, & employment requirements for registered chiropractic assistants; revises provisions relating to proprietorship by persons other than licensed chiropractic physicians. Effective Date: July 1, 2012