

2021 & 2022 Legislative Sessions

Quick Summary

- The budget included **\$18,054,794** in appropriations funding sponsored by Representative Salzman over her term, pending Governor’s signature on the budget
- **4** Policy bills fully passed, pending the Governor’s signature
- **62** bills co-sponsored were passed
- Worked on many topics of policy concern, including:
 - Mental Health
 - Infrastructure
 - Education
- Met with multitude of organizations and agencies including:
 - Department of Economic Opportunity
 - Department of Health
 - Agency for Health Care Administration
 - Department of Children & Families

HD1 – Bills Passed

- CS/HB 1583 – Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, Escambia County
- CS/838 (HB 557) – Fire Investigator Cancer Treatment Benefits
- CS/SB 806 (HB 475) – Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Forms of Dementia Education and Public Awareness
- CS/CS/SB 364 (HB 141 & 143) – Blue Angels Motorcycle Specialty License Plates
- CS/HB 663 – Cottage Food Operations
- SB 418 (HB 55) – Assistive Technology Advisory Council **(Prime Co-Sponsor)**
- Imposes term limits on members of the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA), provides requirements for filling vacancies on the board, revises personnel appeals process & procedure, and revises the qualifications for executive director.
- Revises the definition of the term “firefighter” to include full-time, Florida-certified fire investigators to expand eligibility for certain cancer treatment benefits to include these individuals.
- Requires the Department of Health to educate licensed health care providers regarding specified information related to Alzheimer’s disease & related forms of dementia
- HB 141 & HB 143 were absorbed into the Specialty License Plates bill that included all passed specialty plates. This created the Blue Angels Motorcycle Specialty License Plate upon passage.
- Increases annual gross sales limitation for exempting cottage food operations from certain food/building permitting requirements
- Revises provisions relating to the membership/appointments/reappointments to the Assistive

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 1189 – Firefighters’ Relief and Pension Fund of the City of Pensacola, Escambia County (Prime Co-Sponsor) 	<p>Technology Advisory Council, and expands council’s functions to include fundraising activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes reductions to a retiree’s spousal benefits & the prohibition of remarriage for the widow or widower, and provides for pensionable overtime hours and basic life support.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a result of HB 1189 – Insurance Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder Diagnosis: • As a result of CS/HB 229 – Hazardous Walking Conditions for K-12 Students: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) revised their policies to broaden the types of practitioners who can conduct Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluations (CDE) under Medicaid. This CDE is the national professional practice standard necessary to diagnose autism as well as other developmental or behavioral disorders. With this policy broadened, more children in need of a CDE will be able to be covered under Medicaid and receive this crucial evaluation. • A study to be conducted by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) has been ordered by the Speaker’s Office to determine what conditions are considered safe for students walking, including busy roadways, overpasses, and bridges.
<p>HD1 – Appropriations</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,000,000 • \$2,500,000 • \$2,335,000 • \$1,050,000 • \$1,301,892 • \$976,364 • \$1,000,000 • \$500,000 • \$468,453 • \$305,585 • \$245,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bluffs/South Extension • The Bluffs/Transportation Upgrades • University of West Florida HVAC Replacement • University of West Florida Critical Fire Alarm Systems Replacement • Escambia County Town of Century Water Meter Replacement • Florida Epilepsy Services Program (FESP) • Take Stock in College (Total) • Florida Partnership to End Domestic Violence • Century Well and Water Plant Rehabilitation • Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST) • Flagler County Mental Health Drop-In Center

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valerie’s House Child Grief Support Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escambia County received a total of 142 Appropriations projects for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This resulted in a total of \$739,762,040 included in the budget for Escambia County over both the 2021-2022 & 2022-2023 fiscal years.

The Legislature passed **\$15,772,845** for District One in Escambia County

Publications Adopted

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 8053 – Autism Awareness Month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designates April 2022 as “Autism Awareness Month” in Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 8065 & 8009 – Veterans Week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designates week of November 7-13, 2021 & November 6-12, 2022 as “Veterans Week” in Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 8067 & 8011 – Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designates September 2021 & 2022 as “Childhood and Adolescent Cancer Awareness Month” in Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 8047 – VATER Syndrome Awareness Month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designates February 2022 as “VATER Syndrome Awareness Month” in Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 8079 – Adams-Onis Treaty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors 200th anniversary of proclamation of Adams-Onis Treaty ceding Florida to the U.S., and designates February 22, 2021 as “Florida Treaty Day”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 8081 – 200th Anniversary of St. Johns County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizes July 21, 2021 as 200th anniversary of St. Johns County
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR 8063 – Wolf-Hirschhorn/4p- Syndrome Awareness Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designates April 16, 2021 as Wolf-Hirschhorn/4p- Syndrome Awareness Day

Significant Co-Sponsored Legislation Passed (2021 & 2022)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB 241 – Parents’ Bill of Rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines parental rights for a minor child’s education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS/CS/HB 259 – Safety of Religious Institutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes in specific instances certified individuals to carry firearms into religious institutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS/HB 7023 – Veterans Treatment Court Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes courts to create & administer veterans treatment court programs

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- SB 922 – Veterans’ Preference in Employment
- CS/CS/HJR 1 – Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Service Workforce
- CS/HB 3 – Law Enforcement
- CS/HB 5 – Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality
- HB 31 – Firefighter Inquiries and Investigations
- CS/HB 215 – Emergency Orders Prohibiting Religious Services or Activities
- CS/CS/HB 343 (SB 566) – Mental Health Professional Licensure
- CS/HB 689 – Workers’ Compensation Benefits for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
- CS/CS/HB 987 – In-person Visitation
- Authorizing state to waiver certain postsecondary education requirements for servicemembers and veterans
- Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to grand additional homestead property tax exemptions on property owned by critical public service workers
- Provides new authorizations for law enforcement officers, creates Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program, among other necessary benefits for our law enforcement officers
- Revises policies for abortion, and prohibits abortions after 15 weeks following gestation
- Provides firefighters have certain rights during informal inquiry
- Provides emergency orders may not directly or indirectly prohibit religious institutions from services/activities
- Revises licensing requirements for clinical social workers, marriage & family therapists, & mental health counselors
- Provides that time for specified notice in certain cases is measured from the time of qualifying event or diagnosis of PTSD
- Requires providers to establish visitation policies within a specified timeframe