

2013 session legislation

Week 9 Update

The 2013 Legislative Session has officially ended.

The Legislature passed a balanced budget as required. The budget for FY 2013-1014 is \$74.5 billion representing an increase of \$4.6 billion over FY 12-13. The budget includes salary increases for teachers and state workers as well as a 3 percent tuition increase for universities.

The Legislature failed to pass the highly controversial parent trigger, Medicaid expansion, state employee retirement plan revisions or the vehicle registration fee reductions.

Governor Scott can claim victory on his two session priorities of increasing teacher pay and the manufacturing tax exemption, however, each issue didn't go exactly as planned. The teacher pay increases were not across the board as he wanted but rather focused only on "effective" or "highly effective" teachers and the manufacturing exemption legislation, unless fixed during the next legislative session, could be open to a legal challenge in court.

On our issues:

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CS/SB 286 has been approved by Governor Rick Scott and is now Chapter Law 2013-028.

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they do not waive any of the requirements of s. 287.055 F. S. relating to qualifications based selection (QBS).

This legislation passed the Florida House of Representatives by a vote of 114-4 and the Florida Senate by a vote of 37-0. HB 85 will soon be sent to Governor Scott for his consideration.

Deregulation of Certain Professions and Occupations

SB 720 by Sen. Brandes (R- St. Petersburg) - HB 1189 by Rep. Raburn (R-Valrico)

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Week 8 Update

The House and Senate Appropriations Chairs continue to meet this weekend in conference committee to work out the differences in the budget, proviso and conforming bills. The state budget needs to be agreed on, printed and on the members' desks by no later than Tuesday to allow for the 72 hour cooling off period and a vote on Friday for an on time end to the 2013 Legislative Session.

What is clear is that Governor Scott, and the House and Senate Legislative leaders are not getting along and working together as we close the 2013 Legislative Session. That could make for a rocky close of the session, liberal use of the veto pen, special sessions, a difficult 2014 Legislative Session or all of the above.

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Read CS for SB 286 Enrolled.

Read the staff analysis.

Read the transmittal letter.

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SB 84 passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by unanimous vote. This legislation is now awaiting action by the full State Senate.

HB 85 passed the House of Representatives by a 98-19 vote and has been transmitted to the Florida Senate for consideration.

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Special Update - It's Official

Governor Rick Scott today (April 24th) signed into law [Senate Bill CS/SB 286 Design Professional Liability](#). This bill will allow design professionals of a business entity to limit their liability by contract. Our sincere appreciation goes to Senator Joe Negron and Representative Kathleen Passidomo, the bill sponsors. Appreciation also goes to the legislators who supported the Design Professionals and voted in favor of the bill, [Read the Filing Transmittal Letter from the Governor](#).

Another victory as a result of our successful Legislative Program and a membership benefit for all!

Week 7 Update

The House and Senate leadership have agreed on allocations for each budget subcommittee. In addition, budget conferees have been selected and the budget conference is scheduled to work through the weekend. The state budget for FY 13-14 is on track to be completed within regular session.

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 ALLOCATION (millions of dollars)

General Revenue Fund	Total
Education	\$14,120.30
Health Care	\$7,786.60
Justice	\$3,511.30
Transportation & Economic Development	\$152.8
Agriculture and Natural Resources/Gen. Govt.	\$301.9
Government Operations/Gen. Govt.	\$276
<u>Administered Funds - Statewide issues</u>	<u>\$846</u>

Total General Revenue Fund Allocations \$26,994.90

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CS/SB 286 passed the State Senate by a vote of 37-1 and was substituted for HB 575. CS/SB 286 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 103-13. This bill has been enrolled and will soon be on its way to the Governor for his consideration.

On Wednesday April 17th, the Florida House of Representatives took up HB575 related to Design Professional Liability for the second reading. (The Senate passed their version of the bill, SB286, a couple of weeks earlier.) A motion was made to substitute SB286 for HB575, thus ensuring identical bill language. The motion was adopted and the bill passed on the second reading. By motion, the bill was taken up on the third reading and was subsequently passed by vote of the House, 103 to 13. After three years of working to get this bill into law, this is one more step toward success for Design Professionals. The next stop is the Governor's desk for signature.

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HB 85 passed the House Appropriations Committee by a vote of 24-1 and is now awaiting floor action by the House of Representatives.

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Special Update - Limitation Of Liability Bill

Your Legislation Team at Work

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Week 6 Update

The Senate and the House both took up and passed their respective budgets. The Senate named their budget conferees and the House is expected to name their budget conferees by next week. We are currently on track to finish up the budget in the required 60 days.

This week the House of Representative unveiled their lower cost alternative to Medicaid expansion. The proposal would provide \$2,000 to participants to purchase insurance and require a \$25 monthly premium payment. It would cover 115,000 Floridians and cost the state \$237 million. Governor Scott quickly criticized the proposal and reiterated his support for the Senate alternative.

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CS/SB 286 has passed the Senate and is in House Messages.

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Week 5 Update

Week 5 saw the House and Senate Appropriations Committees take up and pass their versions of the state budget for FY 13-14. These appropriations, conforming and implementing bills, are now prepared for consideration by the full House and State Senate during Week 6.

The Governor's manufacturing sales tax exemption bill finally began to move in the Florida Senate with the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee passing SB 518 by Sen. Hukill (R-Port Orange). The bill promotes business expansion and job growth throughout the state by providing a sales tax exemption on the purchase of industrial equipment and machinery used by local manufacturers.

The Senate passed legislation to outlaw internet cafes in Florida. HB 155 passed the House of Representatives 108-7 two weeks ago and the Florida Senate today by a vote of 36-4. The bill is now on its way to Governor Rick Scott who has indicated he will sign the bill into law.

The Governor called a special election in House District 2 to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rep. Clay Ford. The special primary election is scheduled for May 14th with the special general election on June 11th.

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SB 84 passed the Senate Transportation Committee unanimously with two amendments.

[Click Here to review the latest staff analysis.](#)

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Week 4 Update

It was a short week in Tallahassee during Week 4 due to the religious holidays. While legislative committees only met on Wednesday and Thursday this week, they managed to pack in quite a bit of work.

Budget subcommittees passed out their respective budgets and conforming bills this week. Next week, during Week 5, the full Appropriations Committees will pass the budget so that during Week 6 the full House and Senate will each pass their respective budget and organize for conference committees. This schedule allows Week 7 and Week 8 for budget conference committee and Week 9 for the Legislature to pass the conference report.

This week the Office of Economic and Demographic Research released a report on the Florida economy. The report highlights that key economic variables in the state are improving and economic growth in Florida remained positive in 2011. The job market is continuing to take a long time recovering and with some 600,000 jobs lost since the recent peak, rehiring alone will not be enough. Population growth is also recovering with near term growth (2012-2015) averaging 1.2% and increasing to 1.4 % from 2015-2020. This leaves Florida on track to surpass the 20 million resident mark during 2016 and becoming the third most populist state by surpassing New York.

According to the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic & Business Research, consumer confidence in Florida jumped in March. This report is a welcome surprise given that recent reports on US consumer confidence showed a sharp decline.

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HB 575 passed the Business and Professional Regulation Committee by a vote of 11-2. It is now awaiting action by the Judiciary Committee.

CS/SB 286 was passed by the Senate by a vote of 37-1. The Senate version of the bill now heads to the House of Representatives to pair up with the House bill. [Click here to review CS/SB 286 and the full Senate vote sheet.](#)

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Week 3 Update

This was a very busy week in Tallahassee. As expected, Senate and House Appropriations Chairs approved budget allocations for their subcommittees. With \$28.5 billion available in general revenue, the House and Senate are working off of plans to spend roughly \$27 billion GR in FY 13-14. The state budget, which is the only bill the Florida Legislature is required to pass, is on track to be considered by subcommittees during Week 4, pass the full Appropriations Committee in Week 5 and the respective chambers in Week 6. The remaining weeks of the 2013 Legislative Session will be spent on budget conference.

The Department of Economic Opportunity released updated unemployment numbers, indicating that Florida's unemployment number has dropped to 7.8%. Additionally, Florida's unemployment is now lower than the national average and at its lowest point since November 2008.

The House spent time this week working to transform the retirement system from a defined benefits plan to a defined contribution plan. Additionally they moved forward on a plan to increase campaign contributions by individuals from \$500 per election to \$3,000.

The Senate Appropriations Chair floated a plan this week to repeal a \$220 million tax break for insurance companies and use the revenue to lower car registration fees for Floridians. These registration fees were significantly increased in 2009 to help make up for budget shortfalls.

In sad news, State Representative Clay Ford (R- Pensacola) passed away this week losing his fight with cancer. He was 74 years old.

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This week the references to SB 84 were changed. SB 84 now needs to be heard by the Senate Transportation Committee and then the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 238 is awaiting action by the Senate Community Affairs Committee.

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SB 720 was taken up and amended in the Senate Regulated Industries Committee during Week 3. In addition to the deregulated professions and occupations originally included, the bill now includes language that authorizes an OPPAGA study of all professions and businesses regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to determine the feasibility of self regulation with minimum insurance or bonding requirements. The bill passed the committee by a 7-1 vote and is now awaiting action by the Commerce and Tourism Committee.

HB 1189 is awaiting action by the House Business and Professional Regulation Subcommittee.

Week 2 Update

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HB 575 is awaiting action by the House Business & Professional Regulation Committee.

CS/SB 286 passed the Senate Community Affairs Committee during Week 2 by unanimous vote. It has been placed on the Special Order Calendar for consideration by the full Senate on March 19, 2013.

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CS/SB 286 passed the Senate Judiciary Committee during Week 1 by a vote of 7-2. It is now awaiting action by the Senate Community Affairs Committee.

HB 575 passed the House Civil Justice Subcommittee by a vote of 13-0 and is awaiting action by the House Business and Professional Regulation Committee.

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HB 739 has been referred to House Government Operations Subcommittee, the Rulemaking Oversight and Repeal Committee, the Government Operation Appropriations Subcommittee and the State Affairs Committee.

SB 1002 has been referred to the Senate Government Oversight and Accountability Committee, the Regulated Industries Committee, the Community Affairs Committee and the Senate Rules Committee.

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SB 84 is awaiting action by the Senate Government Oversight and Accountability Committee.

SB 238 has been referred to five (5) committees and is awaiting action by its first committee of reference.

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HB 1189 has been referred to the House Business and Professional Regulation Subcommittee, the Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee and the Regulatory Affairs Committee.

Important Dates to Remember

May 3rd - Last day of 2013 Regular Session