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DWCF PRIORITY BILL STATUS AS OF SINE DIE APRIL 30, 2021

(* signifies a bill that triggered a DWCF Action Alert)

HB 1475 SB 2012	(H) Sex-specific Student Athletic Teams or Sports *(S) Promoting Equality of Athletic Opportunity	Anti-trans bill; Tries to prevent K-12 trans-female students from participating on female school sports teams NOTE: While this bill did not pass, an anti-trans female athlete ban was passed as an amendment to a completely unrelated bill at the last minute (see SB 1028 Charter Schools).	4/12 Passed	4/20 Died in final committee	Opposed	NA
SB 44	(H) Use of Drones by Govt. Agencies (S) Drones	Expands use of drones by government--allows crowd control of more than 50 people; no longer need search warrants	4/26 Passed	3/18 Passed	Opposed	
HB 1	*Combating Public Disorder	Backlash to BLM movement; Chills free speech; Anyone arrested at a protest can be detained until first court appearance; Protects Confederate monuments; Prevents local community police funding decisions; Provides protections for people who drive into peaceful protesters and "accidentally" run them over. May increase need for number of prison and jail beds, thereby increasing costs.	3/26 Passed	4/15 Passed	Opposed	Signed into law 4/19; effective immediately
HB 7051	Law Enforcement and Correctional Officer Practices	Calls for training on proportional use of force, including de-escalation techniques and intervening in another officer's excessive use of force and chokeholds. Applicants for LE and correctional officer positions will have to disclose pending investigations against them and whether they resigned during an investigation. LE agencies must report data on use of force that results in injury, death or discharge of a firearm. Creates the "Kaia Rolle Act," preventing children <age 7 from arrest.	4/26 Passed	4/29 Passed	Support	

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SB 474	*Prosecuting Children as Adults	Increasing the age of a child from 14 to 15 yo at which a state attorney may, or is required to, request a court to transfer the child to adult court for criminal prosecution;		3/2 Died in final committee		NA
SB 590	School Safety	Requires schools to contact parents of a minor student before the student is removed from school; requires schools contact a mobile response service prior to student removal; requires all school safety officers undergo crisis intervention training.	4/27 Passed	4/22 Passed	Support	
SB 526	Human Trafficking	Encourages state attorney to adopt pro-prosecution policy for acts of human trafficking	4/23 Passed	4/14 Passed	Support	
SB 50	Sales and Use Tax	Requires internet sellers collect state sales tax; essentially a regressive sales tax in which the revenue will benefit businesses over working people; Democrats wanted the revenue to help increase unemployment benefits.	4/8 Passed	3/25 Passed	Oppose	4/19 Signed into law; effective July 1, 2021
SB 72	* Civil Liability for Damages Relating to COVID-19	Shields businesses (including health care corporations) from damages related to COVID-19 negligence.	3/5 Passed	3/18 Passed	Oppose	3/29 Signed into law; effective immediately
SB 1906	Reemployment Assistance	Increases weekly benefits from \$275 to \$375; increases duration of benefits from 12 to 14 weeks.		4/22 Passed	Support	NA
SB 2512	* Documentary Stamp Tax Distributions	Raids part of the Sadowski Housing Affordable fund	4/8 Passed	4/7 Passed	Oppose	
HB 1239	Broadband Internet Infrastructure	Expands internet to rural areas	4/16 Passed	4/27 Passed	Support	
SB 7072	Social Media Websites	A Republican backlash to Trump being ostracized from websites for lying. Prohibits and fines social media websites for “deplatforming” political candidates.	4/28 Passed	4/26 Passed	Oppose	

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HB 233	* Intellectual Freedom in Postsecondary Education	Republicans concerned that colleges are too liberal and conservative students feel inhibited; Bill requires an intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity survey be disseminated at Florida colleges; Prohibits universities from denying controversial speakers (including white supremacy hate groups) the right to speak on campuses.	3/18 Passed	4/6 Passed	Oppose	
HB 7045	* School Choice	Massive expansion of charter schools that opens vouchers to families making up to \$100K per year; will further drain resources from public K-12 education	4/21 Passed	4/26 Passed	Oppose	
HB 1027 SB 880	* (H) Opening Remarks at High School Athletic Contests (S) Florida High School Athletic Association	Athletic associations may not control, monitor, or review the content of schools' opening remarks before athletic competitions, nor may the associations control the schools' choice of speaker.	4/21 Passed	3/23 Died in first committee	Oppose	NA
HB 241	Parents Bill of Rights	Gives parents ability to opt out of any instructional materials or health guidance they don't agree with based on "beliefs regarding morality, sex, religion or on the belief that such materials are harmful;" Also allows them to learn about the nature and purpose of extracurricular clubs and activities and withdraw their child from that activity, class or program (a concern to LGBTQ community that it will "out" children when they are not yet ready or it is dangerous to do so).	4/1 Passed	4/22 Passed	Oppose	
HB 997	* Public Records & Public Meetings/Postsecondary Education Executive Search	Keeps initial search of applicants for college president positions private and out of public view; allows ability early in the process to promote applicants who are pro-charter schools.	4/14 Passed	4/27 Failed to pass 2/3 floor vote threshold	Oppose	NA
SB 1028	* Charter Schools	Moves responsibility of sponsoring charter schools from local school boards	4/28 Passed	4/26 Passed	Oppose	

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		to Florida universities and colleges (where pro-charter university Presidents would open more private schools). <i>Now includes the anti-trans female athlete ban.</i>				
HB 835 SB 1014	*Employee Organizations	Prohibits school boards from automatically deducting union dues from an employee's paycheck, which means the employee must manually pay dues. Intended to reduce teachers' union membership in order to bust the union.	4/20 Died on floor	4/20 Died in final committee	Oppose	NA
SB 84	*Retirement	Changes new public employee retirement plans from defined retirement benefits (i.e., pensions) to defined contributions (i.e., 401 Ks)		4/8 Passed	Oppose	NA
HB 529	Moments of Silence in Public Schools	Mandates a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day; currently a voluntary option	3/18 Passed	4/22 Passed	Oppose	
HB 545	*Reproductive Health and Disease Education	Requires parents to be informed of the right "through publication on the district's website homepage of the curriculum and materials" to opt out of sex ed.	4/23 Passed	4/26 Passed	Oppose	
SB 86	*Student Financial Aid	Tries to direct students to specific majors in college or risk scholarship funding		4/8 Passed	Oppose	NA
SB 88	Farming Operations	Example of a climate injustice bill; makes it difficult to impossible for residents currently subjected to 8 months of smoke and ash from sugar burning each year to successfully sue for damages.	4/22 Passed	3/18 Passed	Oppose	4/29 Signed into law; effective July 1, 2021
SB 1954	Statewide Flooding and Sea-level Rise Resilience	Requires DEP to develop a Statewide Flooding and Sea-Level Rise Resilience Plan	4/8 Passed	4/7 Passed	Support	
HB 259	*Safety of Religious Institutions	Allows concealed firearms licensee to carry a weapon on religious institution property regardless of whether school or children on property; Individual church property owners can decline to follow the law.	3/26 Passed	4/27 Passed	Oppose	

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HB 183	Office of Minority Health and Health Equity	Requires Office of Minority Health and Health Equity develop/promote statewide policies, programs, and practices; requires one representative from each county health department to serve as a minority health liaison	4/23 Passed	4/26 Passed	Support	
HB 1455 SB 1958	* Regulation of Medical Marijuana	Places artificial low caps on medical marijuana	3/18 Died in last committee	3/4 Died in first committee	Oppose	NA
HB 359 SB 886	* COVID-19 Impact on School Accountability	Removing consequences of school testing this year	2/3 Died in first committee	3/2 Died in second committee	Support	NA
SB 80	Child Welfare	Amends and creates a number of statutes related to the child welfare system; makes substantial changes, in part, to provisions related to placement decisions and transitions of children in foster care.	4/28 Passed	3/18 Passed	Suppose	
HB 839	* Express Preemption of Fuel Retailers and Related Transportation Infrastructure	Prohibits local government decisions regarding development and location of gas stations; prohibits local governments from requiring gas stations to install specific fueling infrastructure such as electric vehicle charging stations.	4/21 Passed	4/26 Passed	Oppose	
HB 919	* Preemption on Restriction of Utility Services	Takes away local governments' rights to decide how homes and businesses are powered. Prevents municipalities from moving toward modern, clean-energy building codes.	4/22 Passed	4/26 Passed	Oppose	
SB 426	* State Preemption of Seaport Regulations	A law directly aimed at Key West for passing ordinances last year that protect their coral reef. In Nov, Key West voters overwhelmingly supported a ballot initiative to limit docking of large cruise ships, number of passengers who could disembark in a day, and cruise lines with poor environmental records. This bill will void those ordinances and prevent all	4/27 Died on the floor	4/22 Passed	Oppose	NA

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		other municipal ports from making similar decisions. NOTE: While this bill did not pass, it was passed as an amendment to an unrelated transportation bill SB 1194 at the last minute.				
HB 403	* Home-based Businesses	Will allow any type of business to set up in a residential neighborhood that does not create noise, vibration, heat, smoke, dust, glare, fumes, odors or electrical or electronic interference detectable by neighbors. HOAs and condo associations typically found in wealthy neighborhoods are exempt.	4/21 Passed	4/29 Passed	Oppose	
HB 337	* Impact Fees	Impact fees are collected by local governments to fund local infrastructure that meets the demands of population growth. This bill restricts how local communities may collect an impact fee and it caps the maximum fee that can be raised on a yearly basis, leaving the burden of new development costs to the taxpayers.	4/21 Passed	4/26 Passed	Oppose	
SB 90	* Election Administration	Voter suppression bill; still undergoing many changes; currently will grandfather VBM requests already made through 2022 but will then require new requests to be good for only one election cycle; will keep secure drop boxes during early election period; still working on signature matching requirements and the issue of immediate family members only being able to pick up/drop off VBM ballots.	4/28 Passed	4/26 Passed	Oppose	
HJR 1461 SJR 1642	Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board	Would let voters decide in 2022 whether school board members should have term limits up to 8 years	4/21 Passed	3/2 Died in first committee	Oppose	NA

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HJR 61 SJR 1238	* Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision	Would let voters decide in 2022 whether to increase percentage of votes required to approve constitutional amendment from 60 percent to 66 & 2/3 percent.	4/15 Died on the floor	4/20 Died in last committee	Oppose	NA
SB 1890	Campaign Financing	Caps contributions at \$3,000 to any political committee financing collection of signatures to place a citizen initiative on the statewide ballot	4/26 Passed	4/15 Passed	Oppose	
HB 1221 SB 1664	* Disability Abortions	Prohibits a physician from performing an abortion if the physician knows, or should know, that the woman is seeking the abortion based on a test result that detects a disability or the potential of a disability.	4/23 Passed	3/4 Died in first committee	Oppose	NA
HB 1381	Maternal Health Outcomes	Requires Department of Health to establish telehealth minority maternity care pilot programs in specified counties by specified date	4/21 Passed	4/21 Passed	Support	
SB 716	Consent for Pelvic Exams	Revises circumstances under which pelvic examinations may be performed without written consent; authorizes written consent for pelvic examinations to be obtained as a part of a general consent form	4/27 Passed	4/21 Passed	Support	
HB 1559 SB 1922	* Dissolution of Marriage	Would eliminate permanent alimony. It creates a 50/50 child time-sharing presumption. Places older women homemakers without job skills at significant disadvantage after a divorce.	4/21 Passed	4/20 Died in last committee	Oppose	NA
HB 693 SB 792	* Lowell Correctional Institution Body Cameras Pilot Program	Requiring that each correctional officer working at the Lowell Correctional Institution wear a body camera while acting within the scope of his or her official duties	2/18 Died in first committee	1/28 Died in first committee	Support	NA