



2022 Legislative Highlights

Florida Department of Law Enforcement



On March 14, the Legislature adjourned its 2022 regular session after voting to approve a \$112 billion FY 22-23 budget. On June 2, the Governor vetoed \$3.1 billion in spending and signed the budget. The FY 22-23 budget adds \$24 million in new project funding and 23 positions for the department. It also includes a 5.38 percent raise for all FTE and raises the minimum wage for FTE and OPS to \$15 per hour. All sworn state law enforcement officer base salaries will be increased to \$50,000 or provided an additional 5 percent pay increase, whichever is greater. The new funding initiatives and key substantive legislation passed during the session are summarized on the following pages.

New Funding Initiatives

- \$863,316 (\$583,512 in federal grants trust fund authority and \$279,804 in general revenue funding) and two FTEs for the implementation, expansion and operation of the sexual assault kit tracking system.
- \$1,304,567 in general revenue funding and three FTEs to support the Behavioral Threat Assessment Management program. Funding includes a feasibility study for a replacement records management system for the department.
- \$543,990 in general revenue funding and six FTEs to address the increase in cyberfraud.
- \$3,474,092 (\$2,944,092 in federal grants trust fund authority and \$530,000 in general revenue funding) to begin a multi-year project for the replacement of the current biometric identification system.
- \$1,466,044 in general revenue funding and 10 FTEs to perform investigations related to elections fraud allegations.
- \$2,408,234 (\$1,911,832 in trust fund authority and \$496,402 in general revenue funding) to complete the final year of the Florida Incident-Based Reporting System, including maintenance of the repository and the state-sponsored records management system.
- \$888,488 in general revenue funding and two FTEs for maintenance of the uniform arrest affidavit process across Florida's criminal justice community.
- \$515,000 in operating trust fund authority for the replacement of vehicles.

- \$500,000 in general revenue funding to procure hearing protection and make it available to any law enforcement agency within the state on a first come, first served basis.
- \$6,266,000 (\$5,666,000 in trust fund authority and \$600,000 in general revenue funding) for tenant broker commission fees, furnishings and moving expenses and partial-year rent for the new Pensacola Regional Operation Center beginning in February 2023.
- \$1,712,921 in operating trust fund authority to meet the rental cost obligations following transfer of the Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center into the Florida Facilities Pool with the Department of Management Services beginning July 1, 2022.

Session Statistics

Total number of pieces of legislation filed for consideration during the 2022 session.

3,685

7.7%

285 pieces of legislation passed both chambers and subject to Governor's veto.

General Bills 1,753

Appropriations Projects 1,729

One Chamber Resolutions 76

Local Bills 61

Joint Resolutions 35

Memorials 23

Concurrent Resolutions 8

Key Substantive Legislation

CS/HB 3 - Law Enforcement Provides law enforcement agencies with additional tools and incentives to aid in the recruitment and retention of qualified officers. Approved by the Governor, April 1, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-23 and takes effect July 1, 2022.

CS/HB 195 - Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction Requires FDLE to expunge the nonjudicial arrest record of certain minors who have successfully completed a diversion program for misdemeanor and felony offenses, other than a forcible felony or a felony involving the manufacture, sale, purchase, transport, possession or use of a firearm or weapon. Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-111 and takes effect July 1, 2022.

CS/SB 226 – Care for Retired Police Dogs Requires FDLE to contract with a nonprofit corporation for the management and administration of reimbursements for up to \$1,500 of annual veterinary costs associated with the care of a retired police dog by the former handler or adopter who incurs the cost. Approved by the Governor, June 10, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-188 and takes effect July 1, 2022.

CS/CS/SB 524 – Election Administration Revises provisions governing elections to improve election security, transparency and administration. Requires the Governor, in consultation with the Commissioner, to appoint special officers to investigate violations of elections law. Approved by the Governor, April 25, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-73. These provisions took effect upon becoming law.

CS/CS/CS/HB 1421 – School Safety Addresses recommendations made by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission by improving transparency of school safety and security and addressing student mental health issues. Extends the sunset date of the MSD Commission until July 1, 2026. Approved by the Governor, June 7, Chapter No. 2022-174 and takes effect July 1, 2022.

CS/SB 1658 – Executive Appointments Revises the appointment criteria for specific state agency heads, including FDLE. Approved by the Governor, March 10, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-14. These provisions took effect upon becoming law.

CS/SB 1808 – Immigration Enforcement Prohibits sanctuary policies and seeks to ensure state and local entities and law enforcement agencies cooperate with federal government officials to enforce federal immigration laws. Amends criminal justice data collections statutes to require certain entities to report immigration status data to FDLE. Approved by the Governor, June 16, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-193. These provisions took effect upon becoming law.

Key Substantive Legislation (continued)

SB 2524 – Education Expands the list of entities defined as specified agencies for the purpose of employment background screening. Revises the background screening process for specified agencies. Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-154 and will take effect July 1, 2022, except where otherwise stated.

HB 5007 – State-administered Retirement Systems Extends the period that law enforcement officers may participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program. Approved by the Governor, June 2, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-159 and will take effect July 1, 2022.

CS/HB 7055 - Cybersecurity Amends the state's Cybersecurity Act prohibiting state agencies and local governments from paying or otherwise complying with a ransomware demand. Outlines cybersecurity incident reporting requirements for state agencies and local governments. Approved by the Governor, June 24, 2022, Chapter No. 2022-220 and will take effect July 1, 2022.

Other Legislation of Interest

[CS/HB 5 – Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality](#)

[CS/HB 7 – Individual Freedom](#)

[SB 266 – Motor Vehicle Insurance](#)

[CS/HB 453 – Officer and Firefighter Physical Examination Requirements and Records](#)

[CS/HB 689 – Workers' Compensation Benefits for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder](#)

[HB 817 – Emergency Medical Care and Treatment to Minors without Parental Consent](#)

[CS/SB 898 – Lodging Standards](#)

[CS/HB 899 – Mental Health of Students](#)

[CS/HB 905 – Protective Injunctions](#)

[CS/SB 1012 – Victims of Crimes](#)

[CS/SB 1046 – Public Records/Law Enforcement Geolocation Information](#)

[CS/SB 1534 – Retail Theft](#)

[CS/CS/HB 1557 – Parental Rights in Education](#)

[CS/CS/SB 1798 – Sexually Related Offenses](#)

[HB 5003 – Implementing the 2022-2023 General Appropriations Act](#)

[HB 5009 – State Group Insurance Program](#)



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