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Delegation Digest

Palm Beach County Days 2023

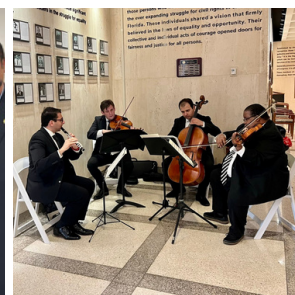


March 7, 2023 lawmakers returned to the Capitol for the 2023 Legislative session and as is tradition Palm Beach County residents and community stakeholders arrived for Palm Beach County Days.

Starting with the ceremonial proceedings of the opening day along with the Governor's State of the State address, the members of the Palm Beach County legislative delegation began what will be a full 60 days in Tallahassee doing the work of the people of the State of Florida.

Palm Beach County days are held the first two days of session for the residents, and business and community leaders to engage and connect with the legislature and their legislative delegation. With meetings, a speaker's forum, and a public reception, it was a full and informative two days.

To learn more about what the members of the Palm Beach County Legislative delegation hope to accomplish this legislative session, keep reading!



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Senate Member Legislation

For a complete list of bills filed by each member, please visit [FLSenate.gov](https://www.flsenate.gov)

Senator Gayle Harrell - District 31

SB 210 - Substance Abuse Services: Revising application requirements for licensure as a substance abuse service provider; requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish, by a specified date, a mechanism to impose and collect fines for certain violations of law; revising credentialing requirements for recovery residences; prohibiting service providers from referring patients to, or accepting referrals from, specified recovery residences, etc.

SB 112 - Step-therapy Protocols: Defining the term "serious mental illness"; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to approve drug products for Medicaid recipients for the treatment of serious mental illness without step-therapy prior authorization under certain circumstances, etc.

Senator Tina Polsky - District 30

SB 324 - Education: Repealing a requirement that the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors, respectively, require each Florida College System (FCS) institution and state university to conduct an annual assessment of intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity; repealing a prohibition against the state board and Board of Governors shielding students, faculty, or staff at FCS institutions and state universities from free speech; repealing a prohibition on FCS institutions and state universities shielding students, faculty, or staff from expressive activities, etc.

SB 164 - Controlled Substance Testing: Revising the definition of the term "drug paraphernalia" to exclude certain narcotic-drug-testing products, etc.

Senator Bobby Powell, Jr. - District 24

SB 480 - First-time Offender Plea Deal Pilot Program: Creating a first-time offender plea deal pilot program; providing eligibility requirements for the program; allowing eligible offenders to be resentenced in accordance with a previously declined plea agreement; specifying duties of the Department of Corrections; providing for expiration of the program, etc.

SB 638 - Juror Sanctions: Revising available sanctions for any person who is duly summoned to attend court as a juror and fails to attend without any sufficient excuse; prohibiting a court from imposing a term of imprisonment on any person who fails to attend as a juror without any sufficient excuse and is found in contempt of court unless the person is able to obtain legal representation, etc.

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Senator Lori Berman - District 26

SB 98 - Victims of Crimes of Sexual Violence or Sexual Exploitation: Providing that a victim of any crime of sexual violence or sexual exploitation has the right to prevent any person or entity from disclosing or disseminating information or records that might identify him or her as a victim of such crimes; prohibiting a person or an entity in possession of information or records that might identify an individual as a victim of a crime of sexual violence or sexual exploitation from disclosing or disseminating such information or records without first obtaining the express written consent of the victim; authorizing an aggrieved person to initiate a civil action for an injunction against certain persons or entities after following specified procedures, etc.

SB 172 - Safe Waterways Act: Citing this act as the "Safe Waterways Act"; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Health to adopt and enforce certain rules; directing the department to require closure of beach waters and public bathing places under certain circumstances; including public bathing places in an existing preemption of authority to the state pertaining to the issuance of such health advisories and an existing notification requirement; providing that municipalities and counties are responsible for maintaining the health advisory signs around affected beach waters and public bathing places that they own; requiring the department to establish a public statewide interagency database for a specified purpose, etc.

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House Member Legislation

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Representative John Snyder, District 86

HB 1641 - Use of Information Obtained by Automated License Plate Recognition System: Requires law enforcement agency that uses automated license plate recognition system to adopt policy for use of information obtained by such system according to certain rules, regulations, & standards.

HB 221 - Sales of Firearms and Ammunition: Prohibits specified businesses from assigning merchant category codes or otherwise classifying merchants of firearms or ammunition separately from general merchandise or sporting goods retailers; prohibits entities involved in facilitating or processing payment card transactions from assigning to or requiring merchant to use certain merchant category codes; specifies that any agreement or contractual provision to contrary is void & in violation of public policy; authorizes DACS to investigate alleged violations & bring actions.

Representative Mike Caruso, District 87

HB 295 - Substance Abuse Service Providers: Prohibits use of specified substances on certain premises; defines "medical marijuana"; requires DCF to establish mechanism for imposition & collection of fines for violations; provides penalties for trespass in recovery residence; prohibits service provider from referring patients to, or accepting referrals of patients from, certain recovery residences; requires referral to include placement of patient into specified programs.

HB 1087 - Child Support: Authorizes deferral of support payments for obligor's good faith job training efforts; revises & provides child support requirements relating to depository, clerks of circuit court, fees, DCF, & State Disbursement Unit; removes exceptions relating to incarceration when establishing or modifying support order; authorizes child's caregiver to provide affidavit or written declaration regarding putative father.

Representative Jervonte Edmonds, District 88

HB 271 - Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Classroom Teachers: Increases minimum base salary for full-time classroom teachers.

HB 207 - Notice of Contaminated Water Systems: Requires DOH & its agents to require suppliers of water to give public notice of water problems & corrective measures through text messages to owners or occupants of affected residences; requires specified information to be included in notice by text message.

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Representative David Silvers, District 89

HB 829 - Operation and Administration of the Baker Act: Requires DCF to provide specified information to certain individuals & organizations; requires DCF to maintain information handbook & repository of answers to frequently asked questions; provides requirements for such handbook & repository.

HB 1571 - Juvenile Court Proceedings: Authorizes person to attend court hearings or conferences through audio-video communication technology; requires parties to provide their primary e-mail address to court for notice purposes; requires notices & summons to include instructions for parties to attend hearings through audio-video communication technology; requires notices that failure to appear at hearings either in person or through audio-video communication technology constitutes consent to adjudicating child as dependent or termination of parental rights.

Representative Joe Casello, District 90

HB 373 - Release of Adoption information: Authorizes only one avenue for disclosure of certain adoption related records without court order; removes authorization for certain adoption related records to be disclosed without court order; removes required fee for certain services & expenses; authorizes court to break seal of specified birth records upon request of certain persons under certain conditions.

HB 195 - Upgrades to Education Facilities as Emergency Shelters: Exempts certain costs associated with upgrades to education facilities from being included in cost per student station calculations; specifies eligible upgrades that may be made; requires costs associated with upgrades to be consistent with prevailing market costs in area where education facility is located.

Representative Peggy Gossett-Seidman, District 91

HB 177 - Safe Waterways Act: Requires DOH to adopt & enforce rules & to issue health advisories under certain circumstances; directs DOH to require closure of beach waters & public bathing places under certain circumstances; requires DOH to adopt health advisory sign & posted in specified manner; provides municipalities & counties are responsible for maintaining such signage; requires DOH and FWCC to coordinate to implement signage requirements; requires DOH to establish public statewide interagency database & coordinate with DEP to adopt certain rules & procedures for such database.

HB 569 - Pretrial Detention: Adds additional offenses to definition of "dangerous crime" for purposes of determining pretrial release eligibility.

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Representative Kelly Skidmore, District 92

HB 59 - Human Trafficking and Prostitution: Revises definition of term "coercion"; prohibits facilitating or enabling receiving of persons into any place, structure, building, or conveyance for purpose of prostitution, lewdness, or assignation or facilitating or enabling any person to remain in such place; prohibits knowingly engaging in specified activities for purpose of prostitution; provides increased criminal penalties for specified prohibited acts.

HB 389 - Menstrual Hygiene Products in Public Schools: Defines "menstrual hygiene products"; requires school districts to make such products available, at no charge, in certain schools within district & in certain locations within such schools; requires schools to notify students of availability & locations of such products; encouraging school districts to partner with specified organizations to meet requirements.

Representative Katherine Waldron, District 93

HB 381 - Cosmetic Animal Testing: Prohibits manufacturer from manufacturing, importing for profit, selling, or offering for sale cosmetics developed or manufactured using cosmetic animal testing conducted or contracted by certain persons or from conducting or contracting for cosmetic animal testing; provides labeling requirements for specified cosmetics.

HB 187 - Sale, Transfer, or Storage of Firearms: Revises standard by which adults & minors may be considered criminally negligent in storage of firearm; revises exception to prohibition on storing or leaving loaded firearm within reach or easy access of minor who obtains it & commits specified violation; revises requirements for safe storage of loaded firearm; requires seller or transferor of firearm to provide each purchaser or transferee with specified information.

Representative Rick Roth, District 94

HB 559 - Land Acquisition Funding: Extends retirement date of bonds issues to fund Florida Forever Act; revises distribution of proceeds from Florida Forever Trust Fund for land acquisition & capital project expenditures under Florida Forever Act; requires specified annual appropriation to Florida Forever Trust Fund; prohibits use of moneys from Land Acquisition Trust Fund for specified costs.

HB 665 - Workforce Housing Communities: Authorizes governmental entities to create workforce housing communities by creating HOAs & entering into contracts with infrastructure services companies; provides requirements for governing documents, monthly assessments, certain logs & disclosures & residents; provides for procurement, installation, & maintenance of major components of workforce housing units; requires remaining construction costs be paid for with resident provided capital; requires that certain major components be excluded from purchase transaction; authorizes certain costs to be deducted from gross proceeds of sale.

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Local Bills

HB 943 - ACME Improvement District and Pine Tree Water Control District, Palm Beach County: Transfers certain land from the Pine Tree Water Control District to the Acme Improvement District; provides purpose.
Local Bill by Representative **Katherine Waldron**

HB 1113 - Palm Beach County: Creates Village of Loxahatchee; provides charter, requires referendum.
Local Bill by Representative **Rick Roth**

HB 945 - Jupiter Inlet District, Palm Beach County: Codifies, amends, reenacts, & repeals special acts relating to Jupiter Inlet District, Palm Beach County; provides purpose & construction.
Local Bill by Representative **John Snyder**

HB 1049 - Boca Raton Airport Authority, Palm Beach County: Provides boundaries; provides authority is independent special district; provides for title of land to be vested in authority; provides additional powers & duties; provides attendance fee for members; requires Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund to transfer title of land to authority; revises employment of airport manager; provides authority is political subdivision of state for sovereign immunity purposes.
Local Bill by Representative **Peggy Gossett-Seidman**





Member Spotlight



Senator Tina Polsky
District 30

Senator Tina Polsky was elected to the Florida Senate in 2020 and re-elected in 2022 to represent the 30th District. The district encompasses parts of Palm Beach and Broward Counties, and includes the cities of Boca Raton, Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach, Parkland, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, and Margate.

Prior to her election to the Florida Senate, Senator Polsky served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2018 to 2020 as the Representative for the 81st District.

In the Senate, she currently serves in eight committees, which include Government Oversight and Accountability, Ethics and Elections, Appropriations, Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Criminal Justice, Environment and Natural Resources, and Select Committee on Resiliency.

After earning her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990, Senator Polsky went on to get her Law Degree at Columbia University. She was a practicing attorney in New York prior moving to Florida. After moving to Florida with her husband, Jeff, and two children, Rebecca and Jesse, Senator Polsky went on to become a certified mediator. As a mediator, Senator Polsky assists people and businesses in settling disagreements by working toward a common goal and avoiding litigation.

Senator Polsky is passionately active in civic and charitable affairs. She serves on the Anti-Defamation League's Civil Rights Committee and is the Director of a Charity Lunch club, that raises funds for local and national charities. She is a graduate of the Leadership Boca program.

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