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Bills that may be of interest to the Council:

HB 7- Availability of Health Care Services for All Florida Patients

A bill to be entitled An act relating to the availability of health care services for all Florida patients; creating s. 381.4066, F.S.; establishing local health councils; providing for appointment of members; providing powers and duties; designating health service planning districts; providing for funding; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish rules relating to imposition of fees and financial accountability; providing duties of the agency for planning and data maintenance; requiring the Department of Health to contract with local health councils for certain services; amending s. 395.1055, F.S.; requiring the agency to adopt rules establishing licensure standards for adult cardiovascular service providers; requiring providers to comply with certain national standards.

HB 303 - Religious Expression in Public Schools

A bill to be entitled An act relating to religious expression in public schools; providing a short title; prohibiting a school district from discriminating against students, parents, or school personnel on the basis of religious viewpoints or expression; prohibiting penalty or reward for a student's religious expression in coursework, artwork, or other specified assignments; authorizing a student to wear clothing, accessories, and jewelry displaying religious messages or symbols; authorizing a student to pray or engage in religious activities or expression; authorizing a student to organize prayer groups, religious clubs, and other religious gatherings; prohibiting a school district from preventing school personnel from participating in voluntary, student-initiated religious activities on school grounds under specified circumstances; requiring that a school district provide religious groups with equal access to school facilities; authorizing religious groups to advertise or announce meetings in the same manner and to the same extent as secular groups; requiring that a school district adopt a limited public forum policy and deliver a disclaimer at school events; requiring that the Department of Education develop and publish a model policy regarding limited public forum and religious expression; requiring that each district school board adopt and implement such model policy; providing an effective date.

HB 47 - Texting While Driving

An act relating to texting while driving; amending s. 316.305, F.S.; revising penalties for violations of the Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law; providing enhanced penalties for such violations when committed in a school zone or school crossing; removing requirement that specified provisions be enforced as a secondary action by a law enforcement agency; providing an effective date. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other characters into a wireless communications device or while sending or reading data on such a device for the purpose of nonvoice interpersonal communication, including, but not limited to, communication methods known as texting, e-mailing, and instant messaging.

HB 67 - Public School Recess

An act relating to public school recess; amending s.1003.455, F.S.; requiring each district school board to provide students in certain grades with a minimum number of minutes of free-play recess per week and with a minimum number of consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day; providing an effective date.

HB 233 - Students with Disabilities in Public Schools

An act relating to students with disabilities in public schools; amending s. 1003.573, F.S., relating to the use, prevention, and reduction of restraint and seclusion on students with disabilities; providing definitions; providing a legislative finding; providing requirements for the use of physical restraint; prohibiting the use of physical restraint by school personnel who are not certified to use district-approved methods for applying restraint techniques; prohibiting specified physical restraint techniques; providing requirements for the use of seclusion and time-out; providing requirements for training and certification in the use of physical restraint and seclusion; providing for student-centered followup; providing requirements for documenting, reporting, and monitoring the use of physical restraint and

seclusion; revising school district policies and procedures relating to physical restraint and seclusion; amending s. 1012.582, F.S.; requiring continuing education and in service training for teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities; conforming provisions; providing an effective date.

HB 257 - Adoptee Birth Certificates

An act relating to adoptee birth certificates; amending s. 382.015, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to issue a noncertified copy of original birth certificate to certain adoptees under certain conditions; requiring the department to develop policies and procedures; providing for a fee; providing an effective date.

SB 286 - Human Trafficking Education in Schools

An act relating to human trafficking education in schools; amending s. 1003.42, F.S.; revising the required health education in public schools to include information regarding the dangers and signs of human trafficking; authorizing a student to opt out of a specified portion of the health education under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

HB 329 - Child Protection

An act relating to child protection; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; prohibiting a time-sharing plan from requiring visitation at a recovery residence between specified hours; amending s. 397.487, F.S.; authorizing a certified recovery residence to allow a minor child to visit a recovery residence, excluding visits during specified hours; providing an effective date.

HB 363 - Temporary Care of a Child

An act relating to the temporary care of a child; creating s. 409.1761, F.S.; providing legislative findings; authorizing qualified nonprofit organizations to establish programs to provide temporary respite care for children; providing definitions; providing registration and recordkeeping requirements for such organizations and the Department of Children and Families; exempting such organizations from specified licensure requirements; providing personnel screening requirements for certain persons; authorizing a parent to enter into a contract for care to provide temporary respite care for a child; specifying the form and execution of the contract; authorizing inspection of documents by the department; providing eligibility; authorizing the department to refer a child for such care; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

SR 542 - Every Kid Healthy Week

A resolution recognizing April 24-28, 2017, as “Every Kid Healthy Week” in Florida.

HB 2009 - Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital-Mental Health Demonstration for Chronic Pain Patients

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital-Mental Health Demonstration for Chronic Pain Patients; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2011 - Early Childhood Education and Therapeutic Intervention for Manatee & Sarasota Children

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Early Childhood Education and Therapeutic Intervention for Manatee & Sarasota Children; providing appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2075 - Place of Hope, Inc. – Child Welfare and Foster Care Regionalization Phase III

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Place of Hope, Inc. – Child Welfare and Foster Care Regionalization Phase III; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2085 - All Star Children's Foundation Campus of Caring

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled All Star Children's Foundation Campus of Caring; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2179 - Jewish Family & Children Service of the Suncoast, Inc.-Children's Crisis Team

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Jewish Family & Children Service of the Suncoast, Inc.-Children's Crisis Team; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2263 - Clay Behavioral Health – Crisis Prevention Teams

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Clay Behavioral Health – Crisis Prevention Teams; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2285 - Family First/All Pro Dad Adoption Promotion Services

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Family First/All Pro Dad Adoption Promotion Services; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2589 - City of West Park - Youth Crime Prevention

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled City of West Park - Youth Crime Prevention; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2659 - ChildNet SafePlace Shelter Program

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled ChildNet SafePlace Shelter Program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2685 - Children of Inmates: Enhanced Learning Experiences

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Children of Inmates: Enhanced Learning Experiences; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

HB 2721 - Partnership for Child Health

An act relating to the Appropriations Project titled Partnership for Child Health; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

CS/HB 151 - Proceedings Involving Minors or Certain Other Persons

Provides that judges may allow use of certain service animals, therapy animals, or facility dogs in proceedings involving abuse, abandonment, or neglect; allows such animals to be used when taking testimony of certain other persons.

CS/SB 60 - Children Obtaining Driver Licenses

Revising a pilot program to make it permanent; revising the applicability of the program to include children in out-of-home care; authorizing the program to pay for a child to complete a driver education program and obtain a driver license or the related costs of licensure under certain circumstances; revising a child's transition plan to include options to use in obtaining a driver license under certain circumstances; providing that a guardian ad litem authorized by a minor's caregiver to sign for the minor's learner's driver license does not assume any obligation or liability for damages, etc.