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2020 Environmental Appropriations

Martin County Specific - Appropriation 1635A: Local Government Water Projects

\$100,000 - Martin County Savanna South Water Control Weir

Water Quality Cost Share \$25 million – This grant program was created last year by the legislature and governor to allocate money for local government cost share projects. In the distribution of funding last year, the Department of Environmental Protection prioritized projects in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Watersheds. Martin County received a very significant amount of the overall appropriation. Appropriation 1641 states:

“for wastewater and stormwater improvements, including septic conversion and remediation... The program supports the efforts of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force consensus findings to address nutrient loads to impaired waterbodies affected by blue-green algae. The Department of Environmental Protection may contract with local governmental agencies to administer the program.”

Given the language of the appropriation, the Indian River Lagoon will likely continue to be a high priority for allocation of these funds.

Everglades Restoration

Water Quality Restoration Strategies \$32.6 + million – This is the annual recurring commitment from the legislature to fund the Everglades water quality projects in settlement of the USA lawsuit. Completion of these projects is a prerequisite for any effort to move additional water south from Lake Okeechobee. A little over \$600,000 was added to this year’s appropriation.

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) \$233.9 million – While the proviso language of this appropriation allows the SFWMD to spend the money as needed, the following projects and amounts are how the SFWMD intended to allocate the funds when the Legislative Budget Request was drafted:

- \$64 million for the EAA Reservoir and CEPP related projects
- \$140 million for the C-43 Reservoir
- \$11 million for the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands project (BBCW)
- \$3 million for the C23/C44 Interconnect
- \$4 million for CERP planning projects
- \$2.4 million for BBCW land acquisition
- \$7.5 million for C23/24 South Reservoir land acquisition



- \$2 million for C23/24 North Reservoir land acquisition

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project Implementation **\$50 million** – This money is specifically allocated for construction and operation of additional Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) wells north of Lake Okeechobee. While the proviso language is not specific to ASR wells, the intent has been made clear throughout Session and on the floor of the House during the budget adoption process. With an estimate of \$6.2 million per well, it is anticipated that this will provide for approximately 8 wells. Combined with the 2019 appropriation, approximately 16 wells can be anticipated with this funding.

"Dispersed Water Storage" **\$5 million** – This is a recurring appropriation which is being used to fund the operation of all of the initial Dispersed Water Management projects. These projects have both water quality and water storage benefits. All of these projects are in the Northern Everglades watersheds.

"Northern Everglades" **\$47+ million** – This money goes to the South Florida Water Management District for projects in the Northern Everglades area. The funding matches the governor's Legislative Budget Request (LBR). While the proviso language does not require funding for any specific project, the intent of the LBR was initially to fund the following:

- \$22.8 million - Dispersed Water Storage Projects/Payment for Environmental Services
- \$1.5 million - Lakeside Ranch Phase II
- \$10 million - Boma Mesocosms and
- \$2 million - Grassy Island Flow Equalization Basin[LBR]
- \$2.5 million - Lake Hicpochee restoration phase 2
- \$2.5 million - Brady Ranch FEB
- \$5.7 million - C 23/24 interim storage projects:

"Everglades Restoration" **\$6.1 million (+)** – This money is generated by Alligator Alley toll revenue and is used for ongoing mitigation for I-75. Use is restricted to expenditures in the southern part of the Everglades ecosystem. Historically, a large portion of these funds has been used to complete projects that send water south into the Everglades.

Algae Research/Removal

Blue-Green Algae Task Force **\$10.8 million** – This money will be used for the continued administration of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force, water quality monitoring, the administration of a public informational web portal, and administrative costs. Of this appropriation, \$4 million is designated for *"expanding statewide water quality analytics for the nutrient over-enrichment analytics assessment and water quality information portal."*



\$5 million is to be used specifically for grants to local governments for innovative technologies to find short term solutions for harmful algae blooms and an additional \$5 million in grant money for restoration activities associated with lakes, ponds, rivers and other water bodies. It is anticipated that these monies will be vetted through the Blue-Green Algae Task Force and administered by the Chief Science Officer.

Other Appropriations of Interest

Appropriation 1583: Florida Forever \$67 million – This money will be used for acquisition of land or conservation easements in accordance with Chapter 259.105 F.S.

Total Everglades Funding

While there are many appropriations that the governor and legislature may consider “Everglades related,” the following are an aggregate of the line items that are directly associated with restoration of the Everglades ecosystem.

Line #	Program	Amount
1620	Restoration Strategies	\$32,668,382
1620 & 1622A	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (eligible for the federal cost share)	\$283,900,000
1973	Alligator Alley Mitigation (may be eligible or partially eligible for the federal cost share)	\$6,132,690
1621	Northern Everglades	\$47,043,220
1636	Dispersed Water Management	\$5,000,000
Total Everglades Funding		\$374,774, 292

Bills Vetoed

SB 0410 Growth Management

This bill prohibits counties from adopting a comprehensive plan, a land development regulation, or another form of restriction unless certain conditions are met. This bill also requires the Department of Economic Opportunity to give a preference to certain counties and municipalities when selecting applications for funding for specified technical assistance and requires local governments to include a property rights element in their comprehensive plans and provides that certain property owners are not required to consent to development agreement changes under certain circumstances.



Bills Passed

Environmental Resources

SB 0712 Environmental Resource Management

This bill is known as the “Clean Waterways Act” and contains the following provisions:

- Additional requirements to the Water Management District annual report to include any projects to connect onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems (OSTDS) to central sewerage systems and convert OSTDS to enhanced nutrient-reducing onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.
- The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and water management districts to conduct a bottled water study by 6/30/21 including a review of consumptive use permits impacting springs as well as the direct and indirect economic benefits to local communities.
- By 1/1/21 DEP and the water management districts shall initiate rulemaking to update the stormwater design and operation regulations, including updates to the Environmental Resource Permit Applicant’s Handbook.
- DEP to fast-track approval process of no longer than 6 months to meet the requirements of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) in reducing enhanced nutrients in onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems.
- DEP shall adopt rules relating to the location of OSTDS, including establishing setback distances, to prevent groundwater contamination and surface water contamination and to preserve the public health. The rulemaking process for such rules must be completed by 7/1/22.
- OSTDS Technical Advisory Committee to provide recommendations to increase the availability of enhanced nutrient-reducing systems in the marketplace.
- Establishes a real-time water quality monitoring program to assist in the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of impaired water bodies and coastal resources.
- By 12/31/20 DEP shall initiate rule revisions based on the recommendations of the Potable Reuse Commission’s 2020 report “Advancing Potable Reuse in Florida: Framework for the Implementation of Potable Reuse in Florida.” This also deems reclaimed water as a water source for public water supply systems.
- By 7/1/21 DEP in coordination with local governments shall submit a report to the legislature evaluating the costs of wastewater projects identified in the Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) and provide an assessment of the water quality monitoring being conducted for each BMAP implementing a nutrient TMDL.
- Wastewater grant program established- projects to convert septic systems to sewer are prioritized; 50 percent local match required but can be waived by the department for projects located within rural areas of opportunity.
- DEP to adopt rules for biosolids management.
- DEP to submit a report identifying sanitary sewer overflows from wastewater treatment facilities.



- Prohibits local governments from recognizing or granting any legal right to a plant, animal, body of water, or any other part of the natural environment that is not a person or political subdivision; or from granting a person or political subdivision any specific rights relating to the natural environment.

SB 0680 Shark Fins

This act is titled the “Kristin Jacobs Ocean Conservation Act” and prohibits the import, export, and sale of shark fins in this state and requires the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to evaluate the potential economic impacts to the commercial shark fishing industry in this state, the potential impact on shark populations, and authorizes the Legislature to impose a ban on the domestic production of shark fins based upon the findings of the report. Effective Date: 10/1/2020

HB 0659 Drones

This bill adds exception to prohibited uses of drone for managing and eradicating invasive exotic plants or animals on public lands and suppressing and mitigating wildfire threats. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 1091 Environmental Accountability

This bill encourages counties and municipalities, respectively, to establish a sanitary sewer lateral inspection program by a specified date. This bill also requires a seller of real property to disclose any known defects in the property's sanitary sewer lateral, revises civil penalties for violations of certain provisions relating to the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve, aquatic preserves, water resources, the Pollutant Discharge Prevention and Control Act, the Clean Ocean Act, regulation of oil and gas resources, the Phosphate Land Reclamation Act, artesian wells, terminal facilities, discharge contingency plans for vessels, sewage disposal facilities, dumping litter, small quantity generators, and coral reef protection, and other provisions relating to pollution and the environment. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 0702 Petroleum Cleanup

This bill authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to use funds from the Inland Protection Trust Fund to pay for specified activities related to removal and replacement of petroleum storage systems. This bill provides for petroleum storage system repair or replacement due to damage caused by ethanol or biodiesel and for preventive measures to reduce the potential for such damage. It revises the contents of an advanced cleanup application to include a specified property owner or responsible party agreement. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 1061 Aquatic Preserves

This bill designates a preserve for inclusion in the aquatic preserve system. Effective Date: 7/1/2020



SB 0178 Public Financing of Construction Projects

This bill prohibits state-financed constructors from commencing construction of certain structures in coastal areas after a specified date without first taking certain steps regarding a sea level impact projection study. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to develop by rule a standard for such studies, providing that such rule operates prospectively on projects that have not yet commenced as of the finalization of the rule, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect 7/1/2020

SB 1414 Fish and Wildlife Activities

This bill prohibits certain harassment of hunters, trappers, and fishers within or on public lands or publicly or privately-owned wildlife and fish management areas, or in or on public waters. This bill authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to designate additional annual free freshwater and saltwater fishing days and prohibits the keeping, possessing, importing, selling, bartering, trading, or breeding of certain species except for educational, research, or eradication or control purposes; including green iguanas and species of the genera *Salvator* and *Tupinambis*. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Finance & Tax

HB 7097 Taxation

The tax package was significantly paired back during committee and the Senate Floor. The total statewide impact of the tax package is \$56.9 million non-recurring (1st year) and \$7.5 million recurring revenues. The total estimated impact to counties of the tax package is \$10.2 million nonrecurring (1st year) and \$3.2 million recurring revenues.

As adopted, the term for charter county infrastructure surtaxes adopted after 7/1/2020 is limited to 30 years. The bill prohibits local governments from requiring consideration for providing written allocation letters pursuant to s. 197(d)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The tax package was amended to also remove sections related to cutting the Business Rent Tax, State Communication Services tax reduction, sales tax absorption policy, inventory for heavy equipment Ad Valorem reductions, and the Children's Promise Tax Credit. The tax package still includes the Back-to-School Tax Holiday and the Hurricane Preparedness Tax Holiday as well as other smaller tax policy changes.

HB 0371 Limitations on Homestead Assessments

This bill revises the timeframe during which the accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from prior homestead to new homestead. It also revises the timeframe during which an owner of a homestead property that has been significantly damaged or destroyed by named tropical storms or hurricanes must establish new homestead to make certain election.



HB 0879 Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Reduction

This bill authorizes surviving spouses of certain permanently disabled veterans to carry over certain discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property under specified conditions and authorizes the discount to be transferred to another permanent residence under specified conditions; having substantially the same specific intent and purpose.

HB 0915 Commercial Service Airports

This bill directs the Auditor General to conduct specified audits of certain airports and requires certain members of the governing body of a large-hub commercial service airport to comply with certain financial disclosure requirements and requires the governing body of a municipality, county, or special district that operates a commercial service airport to establish and maintain a website. Effective Date: 10/1/2020

SB 7004 OGSR/Taxpayer E-mail Addresses Held by a Tax Collector Finance and Tax

This bill amends a provision relating to an exemption from public records requirements for taxpayer e-mail addresses held by a tax collector for certain purposes. Effective Date: 10/1/2020

HB 0369 Limitation on Homestead Assessments

This bill proposes amendments to State Constitution to increase the period of time during which accrued benefits from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from prior homestead to new homestead. Effective Date: Not Specified

HB 0877 Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities

This bill proposes amendments to State Constitution to authorize a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran to carry over certain discounts on ad valorem taxes on homestead property until the surviving spouse remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the property, if, upon a veteran's death, the veteran had permanent, combat-related disabilities.

HB 1249 Transfer of Tax Exemption for Veterans

This bill provides that certain veterans and their surviving spouses receiving homestead tax exemption may apply for and receive prorated refund of property taxes paid on new homestead property acquired during certain timeframe. This bill requires a property appraiser to immediately make certain entries upon tax rolls to allow prorated refund. Effective Date: 7/1/2020



Health & Human Services

HB 0163 Homelessness

This bill provides requirements for continuum of care catchment areas and lead agencies. It requires continuums of care to create continuum of care plans and revises requirements for certain grants, establishes grant-in-aid program to help continuums of care prevent and end homelessness, and provides program requirements. Effective Date: 7/1/ 2020

HB 0177 Prescription Drug Donation Repository Program

This bill creates a Prescription Drug Donation Repository Program within the Department of Health and provides criteria and conditions for donation of prescription drugs and supplies from certain authorized entities for dispensing to eligible patients. This bill authorizes the governor to waive program patient eligibility requirements during a declared state of emergency. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 0199 Sexual Battery Prosecution Time Limitation

This bill designates the act "Donna's Law" which creates an exception to general time limitations allowing prosecution to be commenced at any time for specified sexual battery offenses against victims younger than a certain age. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 0767 Assisted Living Facilities

This bill revises requirements and standards relating to assisted living facilities' licensure, inspections, resident criteria and rights, and staff training and continuing education. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 0945 Children's Mental Health

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families to identify children and adolescents who use crisis stabilization services and to meet the behavioral health needs of such children and adolescents. This bill requires the development of plans promoting a coordinated system of care for certain services and requires testing of provider network databases to be maintained by Medicaid managed care plans. This bill requires verification of certain strategies and outreach before a student is removed from a school, school transportation, or school-sponsored activity under specified circumstances. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 7012 Substance Abuse and Mental Health

This bill provides additional duties for the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention. This bill requires the Department of Transportation to work with the office in developing a plan relating to evidence-based



suicide deterrents in certain locations and requires that certain information be provided to the guardian or representative of a minor patient released from involuntary examination. This bill also requires the maintenance of psychotropic medications to specified defendants under certain circumstances. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 1105 Child Welfare

This bill requires certain training for judges and authorizes and provides requirements for early childhood court programs. This bill requires the court to consider specified factors when determining change of legal custody or placement, revises and provides requirements for case plans, provides requirements for court jurisdiction, information disclosure, and caregiver recommendations. This bill also provides requirements and processes for adoption of certain children and provides responsibilities for foster parents, birth or legal parents, the Department of Children and Families, and community-based care lead agency. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 1120 Substance Abuse Services

This bill requires an exemption from disqualification from employment for certain substance abuse service provider personnel under certain circumstances and provides that certain persons may be granted such exemption without a waiting period under certain circumstances. This bill also removes the authority of the Department of Children and Families to grant exemptions from disqualification under ch. 397, F.S., under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties for violations relating to recovery residence patient referrals. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 1326 Child Welfare

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families to establish performance metrics and requires sheriffs providing certain services to adopt the child welfare practice model. This bill also requires the department to establish an Office of Quality, adding responsibilities to the department of contracts regarding care for children in the child welfare system and requires the Florida Institute for Child Welfare and the Florida State University College of Social Work to design and implement a specified curriculum, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 0810 Tobacco and Nicotine Products

The bill raises the smoking age of tobacco to 21 and expands the definition of tobacco and tobacco products. The House amended the bill to create a limited retail tobacco products dealer permit for those retailers selling only vaping products without the need of a permit or fee. These dealers are prohibited from selling loose tobacco. Effective Date: 1/1/2021



Public Safety & Emergency Management

HB 0747 Coverage for Air Ambulance Services

This bill requires health insurers and health maintenance organizations to provide reasonable reimbursement to air ambulance services for certain covered services and provides that such reimbursement may be reduced only by certain amounts.

HB 7015 OGSR/Body Camera Recordings

This bill removes a scheduled repeal of exemption from public records requirements for body camera recordings. Effective Date: 10/1/2020

SB 0070 Alert Systems in Public Schools

This act known as "Alyssa's Law" requires each public school to implement a mobile panic alert system for specified purposes beginning in a specified school year and authorizes public school districts to implement additional strategies and systems for specified purposes. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 0131 Security in Trial Court Facilities

This bill requires sheriffs to coordinate with specified entities to develop a comprehensive plan for the security of trial court facilities. Effective Date: 7/1/ 2020

SB 0538 Emergency Reporting

This bill provides that certain informational meetings or calls coordinated by a federal, state, or local emergency management agency related to any federal, state, or local response to a declared disaster are not considered public meetings if certain conditions are met. This bill requires that the State Watch Office within the Division of Emergency Management creates a list of reportable incidents and requires a political subdivision to report incidents contained on the list to the office, authorizing the office to establish guidelines a political subdivision must follow to report an incident. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 7018 Essential State Infrastructure

This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to plan, design, and construct staging areas as part of the turnpike system for the intended purpose of staging supplies for prompt provision of assistance to the public in a declared state of emergency. It requires the department to coordinate, develop, and recommend a master plan for the development of electric vehicle charging station infrastructure along the State Highway System. Effective Date: 7/1/2020



HB 0573 First Responders and Correctional Officers

This bill prohibits certain persons who participate in peer support communication with a first responder from testifying or divulging specified information under certain circumstances, specifying that an allegation or complaint of misconduct against a law enforcement officer or a correctional officer may originate from any source, and authorizes law enforcement and correctional agencies to request a separate agency to conduct an investigation of a complaint under certain circumstances. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 0625 Public Nuisances

This bill authorizes sheriffs to sue to enjoin alleged nuisances, revises notice requirements for filing of temporary injunctions relating to enjoinder of nuisances, extends time period of notice before lien may attach to real estate, declares use of location by certain persons is public nuisance, declares that any place or premises that has been used on more than two occasions during certain time period as site of specified violations is nuisance, provides opportunity to remedy nuisance, and prohibits rental property from being abated or subject to forfeiture. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 1092 Fire Prevention and Control

This bill creates the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program within the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services for certain purposes. This bill requires the division to administer the program and annually award grants, and distribute equipment and training, to qualifying fire departments in a certain manner. APPROPRIATION: \$250,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 0705 Emergency Sheltering of Persons with Pets

This bill requires the Department of Education to assist the Department of Emergency Management in determining strategies regarding the evacuation of persons with pets and requires certain counties to designate a shelter that can accommodate persons with pets. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 0966 Public Records/Disaster Recovery Assistance

This bill provides an exemption from public records requirements for property photographs and personal identifying information provided to specified entities by certain persons for the purpose of disaster recovery assistance. Effective Date: 7/1/2020



Local & Community Affairs

HB 0133 Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels

This bill authorizes local governments to enact rates to tow vessels on private property and remove and store vessels. This bill also prohibits counties or municipalities from enacting ordinances that impose costs or penalties on owners, persons in control, or lienholders of vehicles or vessels or ordinances that require wrecker operators or towing businesses to accept specified forms of payment. This bill authorizes persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover fees or charges and revises requirement regarding notices and signs concerning towing or removal of vehicles and vessels. Effective Date: 10/1/2020

HB 0101 Public Construction

This bill revises the amount of retainage that local governmental entities and contractors may withhold from progress payments for a construction services contract.

HB 0279 Local Government Public Construction Works

This bill requires disclosure requirements for bidding documents and other requests for proposals issued for bids by a local governmental entity and public contracts entered between local governmental entities and contractors. It requires that a local government that performs projects using its own services, employees, and equipment provide a report to the local governing board with certain information. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 0362 Florida Tourism Marketing

This bill revises the scheduled repeal of the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation direct-support organization and repeals the scheduled repeal of the Division of Tourism Marketing of Enterprise Florida, Inc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 0423 Town of Ocean Breeze, Martin County

This bill provides an exception to general law and authorizes the Town of Ocean Breeze in Martin County to hold public meetings within specified mileage of its jurisdictional boundary under certain circumstances. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

SB 1794 Constitutional Amendments

This bill increases the signature threshold at which the Secretary of State must transmit initiative petitions to the Attorney General for review and provides that a citizen may challenge in circuit court a petition circulator's registration with the Secretary of State. This bill authorizes the Division of Elections or a



supervisor of elections to provide petition forms in a certain electronic format and requires that ballots containing constitutional amendments proposed by initiative include certain disclosures and statements, in a specified order. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 5007 State-administered Retirement Systems Appropriations Committee

This bill revises the required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System and provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 0426 Economic Development

This bill revises the responsibilities of divisions within the Department of Economic Opportunity, specifying that the concept of building the professional capacity of a regional economic development organization includes the hiring of professional staff to perform specified services. The bill also revises the maximum percentage of total infrastructure project costs for which the department may award grants, and replaces CareerSource Florida, Inc. with the state board or the department in provisions relating to the implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 0441 Public Procurement of Services

This bill revises the maximum dollar amount for continuing contracts for construction projects and revises the term "continuing contract" to increase certain maximum dollar amounts for professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, and surveying and mapping services. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 1009 Special Neighborhood Improvement Districts

This bill revises the number of directors allowed for boards of special neighborhood improvement districts and requires local planning ordinances to specify number of directors as well as provide for 4-year staggered terms. This bill requires that directors be landowners in proposed area and be subject to certain taxation. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 1060 Public Records and Meetings/911, E911, or Public Safety Radio Communication System

This bill provides an exemption from public records requirements for certain documents which depict the structural elements of certain 911, E911, or public safety radio communication system infrastructure, structures, or facilities, as well as, public records requirements for geographical maps indicating the actual or proposed locations of certain 911, E911, or public safety radio communication system infrastructure, structures, or facilities. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law



SB 1066 Impact Fees

This bill prohibits new or increased impact fees from applying to certain applications and provides that impact fee credits are assignable and transferable under certain conditions. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 1339 Community Affairs

This bill authorizes a board of county commissioners to approve development of affordable housing on any parcel zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use and revises the information that the county budget officer must submit to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research regarding the final budget and the county's economic status. This bill amends the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969 to authorize private entities to enter into specified loan agreements. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Information Technology

HB 0821 Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Information Technology Security Information

This bill provides exemptions from public records requirements for portions of records held by state agencies that contain network schematics, hardware and software configurations, encryption, certain recordings, transcripts, and provides exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings that would reveal such records. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 0969 Broadband Internet Service

This bill authorizes certain funds within State Transportation Trust Fund to be used for certain broadband infrastructure projects within or adjacent to multiuse corridors and requires the Department of Transportation to give priority to certain projects. This bill designates the Department of Economic Opportunity as the lead state agency to facilitate expansion of broadband Internet service, creating the Florida Office of Broadband in DEO. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

HB 1391 Technology Innovation

This bill removes the Division of State Technology from the Department of Management Services (DMS) and adds the Florida Digital Service and Division of Telecommunications to DMS. This bill requires Florida Digital Service to develop enterprise architecture and prohibits DMS from retrieving or disclosing data under circumstances. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

SB 1398 Community Planning

This bill provides requirements for establishing a quorum for meetings of certain councils when a voting member appears via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video



communication, requiring the member to give notice of intent to appear via telephone, real-time videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication by a specified time. This bill also requires the Department of Economic Opportunity to give a preference to certain counties and municipalities when selecting applications for funding for technical assistance. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

