

AKA Day at the Florida Capitol - 2022 Legislative Advocacy

AKA Target Area: HBCU for Life

Bill #	Sponsor	Bill Title	Bill Info	Bill Type	Rationale
SB 1866 HB 1309	Gibson ΔΣΘ Alexander ΑΦΑ	Historically Black College and Universities Matching Endowment Scholarship Program	Establishes Historically Black Colleges & Universities Matching Endowment Scholarship Program within DOE; provides requirements for participation in & administration of program.	General	Maintain support for federal HBCU programs by advocating for the national law for higher education, (HEA), prioritizing the needs of HBCUs. Urge elected officials to increase federal and state funding budgeted for HBCUs and K-12 education.
HB 1463	Driskell ΔΣΘ	Student Financial Aid	Provides that, for purposes of receiving state financial aid awards, student may not be denied classification as resident based on his or her immigration status if certain criteria are met; establishes Professional Student Loan Repayment Program within DOE; & provides requirements for program.	General	Urge elected officials to increase federal and state funding budgeted for HBCUs and K-12 education.
HB 4531	Benjamin ΩΨΦ	Florida Memorial University – Legal Scholars Pipeline Project:	The Legal Scholars Pipeline Program (LSPP) will increase the number of Black Lawyers and judges and add to the development of all aspects of law and public policy in Miami-Dade County. The LSPP will begin at the high school level to build college readiness, followed by a 3-year enrollment at FMU, followed by a 3-year enrollment at St. Thomas Law School, for completion of an undergraduate and law degree in 6 years. Requested funds will support programming activities for participants.	Appropriation	Maintain support for federal HBCU programs by advocating for the national law for higher education, (HEA), prioritizing the needs of HBCUs. Urge elected officials to increase federal and state funding budgeted for HBCUs and K-12 education.
HB 4533	Benjamin ΩΨΦ	Florida Memorial University – Cyber Innovation Hub	The goal of the Cyber Innovation Hub is to educate new talent and support talent development with expertise in digital security. The program will also focus on advancing research and development to enable cybersecurity to be linked to social enterprise and economic development.	Appropriation	Urge elected officials to increase federal and state funding budgeted for HBCUs and K-12 education.

HB 4533	Benjamin ΩΨΦ	Florida Memorial University – Learn To Work Initiative	The goal of the program is to support the professional growth of a diverse workforce through learn to work programs, workforce development certificates and corporate partnerships. The Learn to Work initiative will align workforce development with employment strategies thereby creating economic opportunities for our students and community.	Appropriation	Maintain support for federal HBCU programs by advocating for the national law for higher education, (HEA), prioritizing the needs of HBCUs. Urge elected officials to increase federal and state funding budgeted for HBCUs and K-12 education.
HB 3571	Yarborough	Mary McLeod Bethune Resource Center	Funds will be used to renovate this registered historic landmark for the purposes of establishing the Mary McLeod Bethune Resource Center (MMBRC) to be used as an academic resource for Jacksonville Classical Academy and the surrounding community and to serve as a tribute to the life of Mary McLeod Bethune. The renovated building will include displays featuring a historical account of Mary McLeod Bethune's life as well as material related to her life and accomplishments.	Appropriations	Urge elected officials to increase federal and state funding budgeted for HBCUs and K-12 education.
HB 4239	Fetterhoff	Bethune-Cookman University Mary McLeod Bethune Center	The Bethune Center's mission is to promote the values exhibited by the life of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune in an effort to offer solutions to issues that plague our communities, nation, and world. The Bethune Center aims to foster civic engagement; provide a space for research, scholarship, exhibitions, and performances; foster collaboration for solutions; provide innovation; propel students and faculty; and support the Arts.	Appropriations	Urge elected officials to increase federal and state funding budgeted for HBCUs and K-12 education.
HB 4241	Fetterhoff	Bethune-Cookman University Small Business Support and Economic Development:	The purpose of the project is to increase the number and success of small businesses in Volusia County, especially in Daytona Beach, by supporting university students in the development, planning, establishment, and operations of new businesses created by them and existing businesses in the community surrounding the campus. This project will reduce the failure of small businesses due to lack of such support.	Appropriation	Urge elected officials to increase federal and state funding budgeted for HBCUs and K-12 education.

AKA Target Area: Women's Healthcare and Wellness

Bill #	Sponsor	Bill Title	Bill Info	Bill Type	Rationale
SB 630 HB 363	Jones ΑΦΑ Hart	Pregnant Women in Custody	Citing this act as "Ava's Law"; requiring that every female who is arrested and not released on bond within 72 hours after arrest be administered a pregnancy test within a specified timeframe, upon her request; authorizing a sentencing court to stay the beginning of the period of incarceration for up to a certain timeframe for a pregnant woman convicted of any offense; authorizing a sentencing court to order a pregnant woman to comply with specified terms and conditions during the stay of the incarceration, etc.	General	Eliminate health disparities that adversely affect African Americans and underserved communities. Provide resources and health services for health promotion and disease prevention.
CS/SB 1010 HB 543	Gibson ΑΣΘ Omphroy	Uterine Fibroid Research and Education	Requiring the Department of Health to develop and maintain an electronic database of information related to uterine fibroids; requiring health care providers to submit certain information to the department for inclusion in the database; prohibiting the database from including any personal identifying information; providing that such information is confidential; authorizing certain persons to use such information for a specified purpose; requiring the department to develop and include information related to fibroids in certain literature currently made available to the public for a specified purpose, etc.	General	Eliminate health disparities that adversely affect African Americans and underserved communities. Provide resources and health services for health promotion and disease prevention.

AKA Target Area: Building Economic Legacy

Bill #	Sponsor	Bill Title	Bill Info	Bill Type	Rationale
SB 1730 HB 1133	Bracy ΚΑΨ Thompson AKA	Groveland Four Business Loans and Scholarships	Requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to prioritize certain applications for the Black Business Loan Program; creating the Groveland Four Scholarship Program for specified recipients; directing the Department of Education to administer the program; prescribing eligibility criteria for award recipients, etc.	General	Enhance financial literacy in African American and underserved communities to expand their access to entrepreneurship and pathways for building and sustaining wealth. Closing the wealth gap and increasing opportunities for wealth-building, entrepreneurship and financial stability.
SB 234 HB 613	Jones ΑΦΑ Robinson ΔΣΘ	Working Floridians Tax Rebate Program Tax Rebates for Low- to Moderate-income Residents	Creating the Working Floridians Tax Rebate Program within the Department of Revenue for a certain purpose; granting specified people and households certain state funds if they received the federal Earned Income Tax Credit and meet certain criteria; prohibiting receipt of the rebate from being used in certain program eligibility determinations, etc.	General	Closing the wealth gap and increasing opportunities for wealth-building, entrepreneurship and financial stability.
SB 1874 HB 959	Boyd LaMarca	Department of Financial Services	Providing an exception to service of process on public entities under certain circumstances; authorizing specified persons relating to the Division of Rehabilitation and Liquidation to purchase coverage in a state group health insurance plan at specified premium costs; requiring certain hospitals to demonstrate financial responsibility for maintaining professional liability coverage; transferring the Stop Inmate Fraud Program from the Department of Financial Services to the Department of Economic Opportunity; revising statewide schedules of maximum reimbursement allowances for medically necessary treatment, care, and attendance; revising requirements for licenses by endorsement to practice funeral directing, etc.	General	Closing the wealth gap and increasing opportunities for wealth-building, entrepreneurship and financial stability.

AKA Target Area: The Arts

Bill #	Sponsor	Bill Title	Bill Info	Bill Type	Rationale
SB 318	Rouson ΩΨΦ	Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program	Establishing the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of skill in fine arts coursework; providing criteria to earn the Seal of Fine Arts; requiring the Commissioner of Education and school districts to perform specified duties to administer the program; prohibiting a school district or the Department of Education from charging a fee for the seal, etc.	General	Arts and Cultural assets and activities help communities flourish and have a positive impact on social Stability, educational advancement and economic development.
HB 4391	Alexander ΑΦΑ	Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network	The specific purpose is to serve the 30 network museums/sites that will receive direct grants from the FAAHPN network to help support their historical and cultural programming, technology upgrades, internship programs, heritage tourism, and serve the general public. These funds allow FAAHPN to be a resource for institutions, individuals, and agencies where the intellectual property, oral histories, and artifacts/or cultural treasures are needed to carry out major themes or programs.	Appropriation	Arts and Cultural assets and activities help communities flourish and have a positive impact on social Stability, educational advancement and economic development.
HB 1516 HB 447	Jones ΑΦΑ Trabulsky & Driskell ΔΣΘ	Required Instruction in the History of African Americans	Providing that instructional staff of public schools are encouraged to include the history of local African-American cemeteries in the study of the history of African Americans when practicable, etc.	Appropriation	Arts and Cultural assets and activities help communities flourish and have a positive impact on social Stability, educational advancement and economic development.

AKA Target Area: Global Impact

Bill #	Sponsor	Bill Title	Bill Info	Bill Type	Rationale
HB 615	Overdorf	Human Trafficking	Requires direct-support organization of Statewide Council on Human Trafficking to develop certain training for fire-safety inspectors; provides that such training is eligible for continuing education credits.	General	Fair treatment and justice under the law for minorities and women. Improved relations between law enforcement and communities of color to create a safe society.
HB 617	Overdorf	Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Statewide Council on Human Trafficking Direct-support Organization	Exempts from public meetings requirements that portion of Statewide Council on Human Trafficking direct-support organization meeting during which personal identifying information of donor is discussed; exempts from public records requirements personal identifying information of donor to direct-support organization who desires to remain anonymous any communications between direct-support organization board members related to board approved event for which donor is contributing; provides for legislative review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity.	General	Fair treatment and justice under the law for minorities and women. Improved relations between law enforcement and communities of color to create a safe society.
SB 342 HB 195	Perry Smith, D	Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction	Requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to expunge the nonjudicial arrest record of certain minors who have successfully completed a diversion program for any offense, rather than only a misdemeanor offense; authorizing a minor who successfully completes a diversion program for any offense, rather than only for a first-time misdemeanor offense, to lawfully deny or fail to acknowledge certain information, etc.	General	Correct sentencing disparities and reduce mass incarceration of nonviolent offenders by reducing the use of mandatory minimum sentencing.

SB 344 HB 197	Perry Smith, D.	Public Records/Nonjudicial Record of the Arrest of a Minor	Providing an exemption from public records requirements for a nonjudicial record of the arrest of a minor who has successfully completed a diversion program; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.	General	This education helps to improve relations between law enforcement and communities of color to create a safer society.
SB 368 HB 103	Berman Thompson AKA	Elections	Revising the date by which the registration books must be closed before an election; revising procedures governing voter registration by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring specified applications to include a voter registration component, subject to approval by the Department of State; specifying requirements for the voter registration component, etc.	General	Elections have consequences for the short- and long-term, within and beyond the U.S borders. Advocating for fairness in elections will help ensure that all voices are heard, and every vote is counted.

OTHER HOT TOPICS FOR 2022

Bill #	Sponsor	Bill Title	Bill Info	Bill Type	Summary Analysis (in brief)
CS/HB 3	Leek	Law Enforcement Officer, Benefits, Recruitment, and Training	Revises salary minimums for county sheriffs; provides for adoption benefits for law enforcements officers; creates Florida Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program; provides exemption from certain law enforcement officer training requirements for military veterans; provides requirements for skills training for law enforcement officers relating to officer health & safety; makes children of law enforcement officers eligible for Family Empowerment Scholarships; encourages school districts to establish public safety telecommunication training programs & offer law enforcement explorer programs; requires Board of Governors & State Board of Education to create process that enables eligible law enforcement officers or former officers to earn credit for college-level training & education acquired while serving an officer; creates Florida Law Enforcement Academy Scholarship Program; provides for reimbursement for out-of-state & special operations forces law enforcement equivalency training.	General	CS/HB 3 creates s. 445.08, F.S., to establish the Law Enforcement Recruitment Bonus Payment Program (Bonus Program) within the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The bill provides the Bonus Program is created to administer one-time bonus payments of up to \$5,000 to newly employed officers in Florida, subject to legislative appropriation. The bill defines a “newly employed officer” as a person who gains or is appointed to full-time employment as a certified law enforcement officer with a Florida criminal justice employing agency on or after July 1, 2022, and who has never before been employed as a law enforcement officer in this state. The bill requires bonus payments to be prorated based on the funds appropriated by the Legislature for the Bonus Program. The bill requires the DEO to develop an annual plan for administering the Bonus Program and distributing bonus payments to eligible officers.

<p>CS/HB 5</p> <p>SB 146</p>	<p>Grall and Persons-Mulicka</p> <p>Stargel</p>	<p>Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality</p>	<p>Revises purpose & requirements for Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education & Use Prevention Program; requires DOH to contract with local healthy start coalitions for creation of fetal & infant mortality review committees; prohibits physician from performing abortion if gestational age of fetus is determined to be more than specified number of weeks; provides exception; requires directors of certain medical facilities & certain physicians to submit monthly report to AHCA electronically; requires hospitals participate in minimum number of quality improvement initiatives.</p>	<p>General</p>	<p>Fetal and Infant Mortality Review The bill requires DOH to contract with local Healthy Start Coalitions to establish fetal and infant mortality review committees in all regions of the state, to improve fetal and infant mortality in each region.</p> <p>Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention The bill requires the Comprehensive Statewide Tobacco Education and Use Prevention Program to include a focus on pregnant women and women who may become pregnant in the program's components.</p> <p>Hospitals and Infant Mortality The bill requires hospitals that provide birthing services (labor and delivery) to participate in at least two quality improvement initiatives developed in collaboration with the FPQC at all times.</p> <p>Abortion Regulation The bill prohibits abortions if the physician performing abortion determines the gestational age of the fetus is more than 15 weeks, as calculated from the first day of the woman's last menstrual period. This replaces the current prohibition against abortions during the third trimester.</p>
<p>HB 7</p> <p>SB 148</p>	<p>Avila</p> <p>Diaz</p>	<p>Individual Freedom</p>	<p>Provides that subjecting individuals to specified concepts under certain circumstances constitutes discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin; revises provisions relating to required instruction; prohibits instructional</p>	<p>General</p>	<p>HB 7 expands the Florida Civil Rights Act to provide that subjecting a person, as a condition of employment, membership, certification, licensing, credentialing, or passing an</p>

			materials reviewers from recommending instructional materials that contain any matter that contradicts certain principles; requires DOE to review school district professional development systems for compliance with certain provisions of law.		examination, to training, instruction, or any other required activity that espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates, or compels such individual to believe certain concepts constitutes discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin under the Act.
CS/HB 1557	Harding	Parental Rights in Education	Requires district school boards to adopt procedures that comport with provisions of law for notifying student's parent of specified information; requires procedures to reinforce fundamental right of parents to make decisions regarding upbringing & control of their children; provides requirements for such procedures, school districts, & personnel; requires DOE to review & update specified materials.	General	<p>The bill specifies how a parent's fundamental right to make decisions regarding the care and upbringing of his or her child must be addressed in the public school setting. The bill requires that school districts adopt procedures for notifying parents if there is a change in their student's services or monitoring related to a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being. All procedures adopted under the bill must reinforce the fundamental right of parents to make decisions regarding the upbringing and control of their children by requiring school district personnel to encourage students to discuss issues related to his or her well-being with his or her parent.</p> <p>The bill creates a cause of action for parents that permits them to enforce their rights through declaratory and injunctive relief. A prevailing parent is entitled to attorney fees and court costs and may be awarded damages.</p>