

BROWARD LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

NEWSLETTER

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Broward Legislative Delegation Office provides a communication resource between the Federal, State, local governments and Broward County citizens to facilitate the legislative process. Our responsibilities include maintaining an efficient means for the local bill process and monitoring bills approved by the Delegation Members through the Legislature. The Legislative Delegation has a responsibility to monitor the appropriations process, securing State Revenues and other allocated funds for programs, organizations and government agencies in Broward County.

Week 7: Feb. 19 - Feb. 23

A COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS GATHERED THIS WEEK AT THE CAPITOL TO MEET WITH LEGISLATORS AND TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS ON GUN LEGISLATION AND SCHOOL SAFETY.



We Will Remember

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HB-7071 Criminal Justice Data Transparency

This week the House overwhelmingly passed HB-7071. This bill requires collection of specific data; requires FDLE to compile, maintain, & make publicly accessible data; provides requirements to make data comparable, transferable, & readily usable; requires digitized scoresheets to be prepared for all criminal defendants; requires DOC to develop & submit revised digitized scoresheets to Supreme Court for approval; creates pilot project to improve criminal justice data transparency & compliance with standards. More information and details can be found at www.myfloridahouse.gov

Statue Legislation heads to the Governor

Gov. Rick Scott plans to sign a bill that would lead to a statue of civil-rights leader and educator Mary McLeod Bethune replacing the likeness of a Confederate general as a representative of Florida in the U.S. Capitol.

The Florida House voted 111-1 on Tuesday to support placing the statue of Bethune in the National Statuary Hall in Washington, replacing Confederate Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith. Rep. Jay Fant, R-Jacksonville, cast the only dissenting vote.

A short time after the vote, Scott's office announced he intends to sign the measure into law.

Bethune, who would become the first African-American woman honored by a state in the national hall, founded what became Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach and later worked as an adviser to President Franklin Roosevelt. The Senate backed the proposal (SB 472) in a 37-0 vote on Jan. 31.

State Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr. is the Senate sponsor.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/state--regional-govt--politics/scott-sign-bill-putting-statue-black-educator-capitol/OI3u2YKyqKOFwSnFdRj4OL/>

OPIOID LEGISLATION

The Florida House's version of legislation to combat the state's opioid epidemic is headed to the floor.

The bill, which passed the Health & Human Services Committee on Wednesday, would impose new restrictions on prescriptions. Most initial prescriptions would have a limit of three days but doctors can prescribe up to seven days for acute pain exceptions. The proposal doesn't cover cases of chronic pain or cancer. It also would require all health care professionals to participate in a statewide database that monitors prescriptions. Rep. Jim Boyd told lawmakers during the committee meeting the measure has undergone some changes after consultation with the Senate and Gov. Rick Scott's office. A Senate version has passed all its committees but Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto says the bill remains a work in progress.

<https://apnews.com/f47d7a217f8842a0b104d687711c5c71/Florida-House-opioids-bill-passes-final-committee>

On today, Friday, February 23rd, Governor Scott released a statement announcing Major Action Plan to Keep Florida Students Safe Following Tragic Parkland Shooting: \$500 Million Investment in School Safety and Mental Health. eog.myflorida.com

Also, on Friday, the Florida Legislature (Senate and House) unveiled their school safety proposal which in part The House and Senate plan includes:

- Mandatory 21 age limit for the purchase of any guns.
- Three-day waiting period for gun buys to allow for "adequate" background check.
- Bump stock ban.
- Statewide commission to investigate Parkland massacre, including system failures. It will examine evidence and make recommendations.
- School personnel will get deputized by law enforcement to carry guns. Corcoran said teachers must go through training to have a dual law enforcement role.
- Each school to have an "assessment team" to evaluate students who may be a threat.

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