

2024 Florida Legislative Session Highlights



Online Protections for Minors: [House Bill 3*](#)

Beginning January 1, 2025, no minor under the age of 14 may have a social media account. Parental permission will be required for children 14 or 15 years old to be social media account holders. For new accounts, platforms must use third-party age verification methods. The bill does not list specific social media sites, but does provide criteria for online forums that this legislation would apply to.



Advanced Technology: [Senate Bill 1680](#)**

These bills establish the Government Technology Modernization Council within the Department of Management Services. The Council's purpose is to study and monitor the development and deployment of new technologies and provide reports on recommendations for procurement and regulation of such systems to the Florida Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House.



State Budget: [FY 2024-25 General Appropriations Act](#)

Florida's passed \$117.46 billion budget was just under \$1 billion larger than the current fiscal year's budget. A few appropriations of note include:

- a \$1.8 billion increase in funding for public schools.
- \$702 million for Everglades restoration and operations at the South Florida Water Management District.
- \$25 million for the Water School at Florida Gulf Coast University to identify and analyze impaired rivers and determine root causes of the problems.



Career and Technical Education: House Bill 917**

This legislation provides exemption for minors age 16 or 17 to work in specified residential building construction conditions. The bill also includes a mandate that directs the Department of Education to identify best practices in career and technical education pathways for middle and high school students.



Growing Florida's Health Care Workforce: Live Healthy

The plan increases workforce mobility and incentivizes Florida-trained health care workers to serve in needed fields like mental health, labor and delivery, and helping Floridians with disabilities. Bills signed into law as part of the 2024 Live Healthy agenda include:

- **SB 7016*** aims to grow Florida's health care workforce by removing regulations to increase workforce mobility and expands access to quality, efficient health care.
- **SB 7018*** incentivizes innovation in the health care industry through investments in technology.
- **SB 1758*** expands services to Floridians with disabilities.
- **SB 330*** establishes a new category of teaching hospitals focused on behavioral health.

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