

session 2020

what mattered

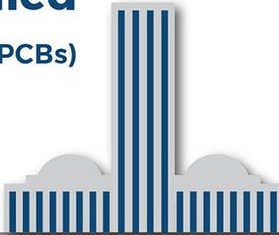
2020 bills

 **3,517** filed
(3,578 including PCBs)

 **210** passed

 **0** vetoed
(so far)

 **9** approved
by governor
(so far)



coronavirus response

The General Appropriations Act provides **\$53.5 million** to the Department of Health for combatting the Coronavirus pandemic from state general revenue and federal drawdown funds.

budget breakdown



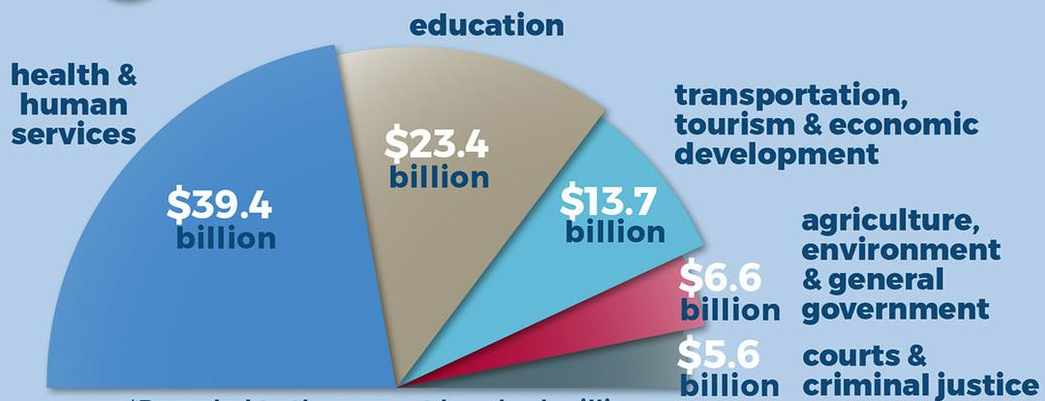
total budget **\$93.2 billion** *before vetoes

general revenue **\$35.2 billion**

trust fund **\$58 billion**

reserves **\$3.9 billion**

some highlights



*Rounded to the nearest hundred million

public education

\$35.9 billion total funding
✓ including local revenues

\$184 increase → in per-student funding
totaling **\$7,840** per student

↑ **\$40 (FEFP) increase**
in base student allocation

✓ **\$500 million**
for teacher raises

agriculture & natural resources

✓ **\$690 million**
for Everglades restoration
and water quality projects

✓ **\$100 million**
for Florida Forever

✓ **\$370 million**
total for Everglades restoration
(\$266.5M line 1620; \$47M line 1621;
\$50M line 1622A; \$6.1M line 1973)

✓ **\$47 million**
for Northern Everglades
restoration (line 1621)

✓ **\$50 million**
for springs restoration

✓ **\$50 million**
for targeted water quality
improvements

✓ **\$77 million**
for local water projects

✓ **\$40 million**
for alternative water
supply efforts

✓ **\$37 million**
to combat algae blooms

✓ **\$50 million**
to Beach Management
Funding Assistance



health & human services

+ **\$330 million**
for Safety Net Hospitals

+ **\$81.8 million**
to fight the opioid crisis

transportation projects

✓ Florida Department Of
Highway Safety And
Motor Vehicles
\$500 million

✓ Florida Department
Of Transportation
\$10.3 billion

✓ Small County
Outreach Program (SCOP)
\$96 million

✓ Small County Resurface
Assistance Program (SCRAP)
\$47.6 million



economic development projects

Department Of
Economic Opportunity

\$1.22 billion

VISIT FLORIDA

\$50 million

Space Florida

\$12.5 million

Enterprise Florida

\$16 million

Economic Incentives
(QTI/Brownfield/HIPI/etc.)

\$25.7 million



criminal justice and corrections



✓ **\$2.8 billion**

for Department of Corrections

✓ **\$587 million**

for Juvenile Justice

✓ **\$587.1 million**

for Florida Department
of Law Enforcement

higher education

✓ **\$5.2 billion**
for state universities

✓ **\$651.8 million**
for Bright Futures

✓ **\$2.07 billion**
for state colleges

✓ **\$560 million**
in Performance Based
Funding for the State
University System

✓ **\$112,700,352** for PECO funding, including:

for the University of Florida	\$43 million
for Florida Atlantic University	\$26 million
for Florida State University	\$20 million
for Florida Gulf Coast University	\$15 million
for Florida International University	\$8 million



gambling



The House and Senate could not come to an agreement on a gambling bill this year. However, both chambers have signaled a willingness to consider a special session if a deal can be reached in the months ahead.

tax cuts

the legislature passed a **\$48 million**



policy snapshot



teacher pay raises

House Bill 641 requires that school districts and charter schools increase the minimum base salary for full-time teachers to at least \$47,500. It also provides for salary increases for full-time classroom teachers and full-time instructional personnel who did not receive a salary increase of at least two percent. The budget allocates \$500 million total to achieve these new salary requirements.



college athlete compensation

Senate Bill 646 authorizes an intercollegiate athlete at postsecondary educational institutions to earn compensation for the use of his or her name, image, or likeness (NIL) and prohibits a postsecondary institution from preventing an athlete from earning NIL compensation. These contracts cannot conflict with terms of an existing team contract.



e-verify

Senate Bill 664 requires public employers, contractors, and subcontractors to use E-Verify, and requires private employers to use E-Verify or to use the Form I-9 and maintain copies of the required documents for 3 years. The bill also requires termination of a public contract if either party believes in good faith that the other is employing an unauthorized alien or is not registered with and using E-Verify. Businesses have until January 1, 2021 to comply.



nurse practitioners scope of practice expansion

Scope of practice expansion has long been a priority of House Speaker Jose Oliva. **The Legislature passed and the Governor signed bills expanding the scope of practice for certain Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs) and pharmacists.** Scope of practice expansions did not pass for Physician Assistants or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. House Bill 607 allows certain ARNPs to operate primary care practices without doctor supervision. House Bill 389 authorizes certain pharmacists to enter into a Collaborative Pharmacy Practice Agreement (CPPA) with a physician to manage chronic health conditions, such as asthma, arthritis, and obesity. It also authorizes pharmacists who meet certain qualifications to test or screen for and treat minor, non-chronic health conditions within the framework of a written protocol with a supervising physician. These include influenza, streptococcus, lice, skin conditions, and minor, uncomplicated infections.



license plates are coming

House Bill 1135 authorizes the creation of up to 31 new specialty license plates. In doing so, the legislation also increases the minimum amount of specialty plates for each design from 1,000 to 3,000 and places a cap of 150 total unique plates allowed at any time. For current specialty plates that do not have at least 3,000 plates in circulation, they will have 12 months to meet the new requirement before being discontinued. For new plates, they will have 24 months to pre-sel 3,000 plates. If they do, they will go to print and begin distribution. **Which plates might you see? Of the 31, some notable new plates include Walt Disney World (benefitting Make-A-Wish), Auburn, Georgia and Alabama Universities, Ducks Unlimited, and Give Kids the World.**



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