

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AS OF APRIL 1, 2005

Bill to raise the health insurance benefit to \$7

Senate Bill 2266 (raises the health supplement from \$5 to \$7) filed by Al Lawson from Tallahassee 850 487-5086 lawson.alfred.web@flsenate.gov has been assigned to two committees. The Government Oversight Committee has already passed the Bill with a 5 – 0 vote.

SB 2266 has been co-sponsored by Victor Crist of Tampa 850 487-5068 crist.victor.web@flsenate.gov , Paula Dockery from Lakeland 850 487-5040 dockery.paula.web@flsenate.gov , and Nancy Argenziano from Crystal River 850 487-5017 argenziano.nancy.web@flsenate.gov .

Now SB 2266 goes to the Ways and Means Committee chaired by Lisa Carlton from Tamiami Trail, Osprey. Other committee members are: JD Alexander from Lake Wales 850 487-5044 alexander.jd.web@flsenate.gov ; Jeffrey Atwater from North Palm Beach 850 487-5100 atwater.jeff.web@flsenate.gov ; Charlie Clary from Panama City 850 487-5009 clary.charlie.web@flsenate.gov ; Victor Crist from Tampa 850 487-5068 crist.victor.web@flsenate.gov ; Mike Fasano from New Port Richey 850 487-5062 fasanao.mike.web@flsenate.gov ; James King from Jacksonville 850 487-5030 king.james.web@flsenate.gov ; Ken Pruitt from Port St. Lucie 850 487-5088 pruitt.ken.web@flsenate.gov ; Burt Saunders from Cape Coral 850 487-5124 saunders.burt.web@flsenate.gov ; Alex Villalobos from Miami 850 487-5130 villalobos.alex.web@flsenate.gov .

SB 2266 is assigned only to the above two committees.

House Bill 781 (Companion to Senate Bill 2266) filed by Bob Allen from Orlando 850 488-4669 bob.allen@myfloridahouse.gov has been assigned to four committees. The Governmental Operations (SAC) committee has already passed the bill with a 6 – 0 vote.

HB 781 has been co-sponsored by Lorraine Ausley from Tallahassee 850 488-0965 loranne.ausley@myfloridahouse.gov , Mary Brandenburg from West Palm Beach 850 488-0260 mary.brandenburg@myfloridahouse.gov , Kenneth Gottlieb from Miramar 850 488-0145 ken.gottlieb@myfloridahouse.gov , Will Kendrick from Carrabelle 850 488-7870 will.kendrick@myfloridahouse.gov , Ray Sansom from Fort Walton Beach 850 488-1170 ray.sansom@myfloridahouse.gov , Arthenia Joyner from Tampa 850 488-5432 arthenia.joyner@myfloridahouse.gov .

Now HB 781 will go next to Local Government Council chaired by Ken Sorensen from Marathon 850 488-9965 ken.sorensen@myfloridahouse.gov . Other committee members are Julio Robaina from Miami 850 488-6506 julio.robaina@myfloridahouse.gov ; Tom

Anderson from Holiday 850488-8528 tom.anderson@myfloridahouse.gov; Mike Davis from Naples 850 488-1028 mike.davis@myfloridahouse.gov ; Terry Field from Jacksonville 850 488-6893 terry.field@myfloridahouse.gov ; Matthew Meadows from Lauderhill 850 388-8234 ; Yolly Roberson from Miami 850 488-7088 yolly.roberson@myfloridahouse.gov .

HB 781 is also assigned to two additional committees: State Administrative Council and Fiscal Council.

Bill to raise the retirement multiplier from 1.6% to 2%

Senate Bill 1266 was filed by **Dennis Jones from Seminole** 850 487-5065 jones.dennis.web@flsenate.gov . As of today, this bill has been co-sponsored only by Victor Crist from Tampa 850 487-5068 crist.victor@myfloridahouse.gov .

This Bill has been assigned to three committees: Education Committee, chaired by Evelyn Lynn of Ormond Beach 850 487-5033 lynn.evelyn.web@flsenate.gov , Government Diversity and Productivities Committee chaired by Nancy Argenziano from Crystal River 850 487-5017 argenziano.nancy.web@flsenate.gov , and Ways and Means Committee chaired by Lisa Carlton from Tamiami Trail, Osprey 850 487-5081 carlton.lisa.web@flsenate.gov .

As of today SB 1265 has not been scheduled or heard from any of the above three committees.

House Bill 563 (Companion to Senate Bill 1266) filed by Joe Pickens from Palatka 850 488-0665 joe.pickens@myfloridahouse.gov has been assigned to four committees:

Governmental Operations (SAC) chaired by Jeff Kottkamp from Cape Coral 850 488-7433 jeff.kottkamp@myfloridahouse.gov, Pre K-12 (EDC) chaired by Ralph Arza from Hialeah 850 488-1683 ralph.arza@myfloridahouse.gov , Fiscal Council chaired by Joe Negron from Stuart 850 488-8832 joe.negron@myfloridahouse.gov, and State Administrative Council chaired by Don Brown from Okaloosa 850 4884726 donald.brown@myfloridahouse.gov .

HB 563 has been co-sponsored by: Bob Allen from Merritt Island, Thad Altman from Melbourne, Mary Brandenburg from West Palm Beach, Mike Davis from Naples, Frank Farkas from St Petersburg, Ken Gottlieb from Miramar, Sheri McInvale from Orlando, Mitch Needelman from Palm Bay, Pat Patterson from DeLand, Trey Traviesa from

Brandon, Ari Abraham Port from Coral Springs, and Ellyn Setnor Bogdanoff from Fort Lauderdale.

As of today HB 563 has not been scheduled or heard from any of the above four committees.

Bill to Extend the DROP for all Administrators

Senate Bill 788 was filed by **Charlie Clary of Destin** 850 487-5009 clary.charlie.web@flsenate.gov. As of today this bill has been co-sponsored by Victor Crist from Tampa 850 487-5068 crist.victor.web@flsenate.gov, and Paula Dockery of Lakeland 850 487-5040 dockery.paula.web@flsenate.gov.

This Bill has been assigned to four committees: Education (see SB 1266 above), Ways and Means (see SB 2266 above), Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee chaired by Nancy Argenziano from Crystal River 850 487-5017 argenziano.nancy.web@flsenate.gov, and the Rules Calendar chaired by Ken Pruitt from Port St. Lucie 850 487-5080 pruitt.ken.web@flsenate.gov.

As of today SB 788 has not been scheduled or heard from any of the above committees.

House Bill 1097 (Companion to SB 788) filed by **Ralph Arza from Hialeah** 850 488-1683 ralph.arza@myfloridahouse.gov has been assigned to three Committees: Government Operations (SAC), Fiscal Council, and Administrative Council (see HB 563 above).

As of today HB 1097 has not been scheduled or hear from any of the above three committees.