



2025 Florida Session



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Bill	Description	Chamber Support	Outcome	Delegation Supporting Chamber Position
SB 1664	Addressed Tourist Tax, preserved local control, and raised concerns over proposed funding changes.	⊘ No	Failed	✅ Yes
SB 1242	The bill aimed to phase out CRAs	⊘ No	Failed	✅ Yes
SB 1730	Updates Live Local Act to speed housing development and boost local economic impact.	✅ Yes	Passed	✅ Yes
HB 1255	Expands early learning, academic support, charter protections, and financial literacy.	✅ Yes	Passed	✅ Yes
HB 947	Updates to Florida's tort laws aimed at limiting liability exposure for businesses.	⊘ No	Failed	✅ Yes
SB 180	Strengthens emergency response and bars local moratoriums or zoning changes for one year post-hurricane.	✅ Yes	Passed	✅ Yes

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Senator Tom Leek (District 7)-Representing portions of north Volusia County, Senator Leek played a significant role during the 2025 legislative session in areas critical to economic development and storm recovery. He co-sponsored SB 180, which was signed into law on June 26, 2025. The bill limits local government action in imposing building or zoning moratoriums within one year of a hurricane's impact, allowing for the expediting of post-storm rebuilding and recovery in Volusia County. He also supported HB 7031, the tax relief package that repealed the commercial rent tax and aviation fuel tax while expanding consumer-focused tax holidays, which was signed into law on June 30. In addition to these priorities, Senator Leek sponsored SB 466, a bill establishing Florida's Black History Museum. The museum is planned for construction in St. Johns County and reflects Leek's advocacy for state investments in heritage tourism and cultural institutions that can yield economic benefits across regions, including Volusia.

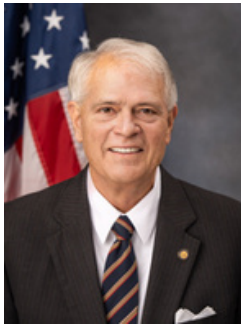


Senator Tom Wright (District 8)-Senator Wright supported key business and recovery legislation such as SB 180 and HB 7031, both signed into law. He also sponsored Senate Memorial 314, calling on Congress to bolster the Florida National Guard's structure, an effort aligned with improving regional emergency preparedness. While primarily symbolic, the resolution supports broader resiliency goals important to Volusia's hurricane readiness. Additionally, Senator Wright filed and passed ceremonial legislation recognizing "Space Day" and "Bethune-Cookman University Day," signaling support for educational and research institutions that contribute to the area's workforce pipeline and civic identity.

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Representative Richard Gentry (House District 27)- Representative Gentry supported Chamber-endorsed priorities such as HB 7031, which included the repeal of the commercial rent tax, and SB 180, which streamlines recovery after hurricanes. He also aligned with Chamber efforts around HB 859, a measure to increase early learning access for low-income working families, which was approved as part of the state budget and was enacted. Gentry's record shows support for environmental and regulatory issues impacting Volusia County, such as water quality near Blue Spring and the local agritourism economy.



Representative Bill Partington (House District 28)- Representative Partington demonstrated his commitment to local resiliency funding through proposed legislation that would have directed local governments to allocate excess code enforcement revenues toward stormwater infrastructure upgrades, and which may be revisited in future sessions. He also supported HB 7031 and HB 859, demonstrating a commitment to decreasing regulatory cost burdens like the commercial rent tax, and supporting the expansion of early learning opportunities within our County. Additionally, he co-sponsored various child welfare and public education reforms, including measures addressing false reporting and access to services, topics that have implications for Volusia's family support systems and school networks.



Representative Webster Barnaby (House District 29)-Representative Barnaby took a lead role in advancing economic protections and educational inclusion during the 2025 session. He sponsored HB 379, a bill that aimed at modernizing Florida's securities regulations and to enhance investor protections. The bill was signed into law and is expected to increase financial transparency and confidence in regional markets. Barnaby also co-sponsored HB 443 (education reform) and HB 447 (Disability History and Awareness Instruction), both signed into law as Chapters 2025-106 and 2025-49 respectively. These initiatives support more inclusive classrooms and community engagement. He also backed broader efforts such as HB 7031 and SB 180, supporting economic relief and storm recovery.



Representative Chase Tramont (House District 30)- Representative Tramont took the lead on CS/CS/HB 907, establishing the Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases. The bill was successful, and enhances the state's research capacity in children's health, a policy area with implications for regional healthcare and biomedical collaboration. He also co-sponsored HB 859, a Chamber priority in expanding early learning access, and HB 47, a child-care provider support bill that passed and is expected to help Volusia's working families and early childhood sector. Tramont also supported HB 7031 and SB 180, further emphasizing his focus on pro-growth and resiliency policies.

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