



Fraternal Order of Police FLORIDA STATE LODGE



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**FLORIDA STATE LODGE
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
Legislative Update**

2011 Bills (12)

Num	Title	Sponsor	
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<u>HB 0303</u>	Relating to Public Retirement Plans	<u>Costello</u>	01/27/11
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Public Retirement Plans: Limits benefits available under public retirement systems or plans; revises definitions relating to compensation; limits factoring of overtime, unused leave, & other such compensation into pension benefit; reduces service credit prospectively; revises applicability of ch. 175, F.S., to firefighters who are eligible for FRS; revises applicability of ch. 185, F.S., to police officers who are eligible for FRS; provides membership requirements for special fire control district & municipality board of trustees; revises powers & duties of boards of trustees, special fire control districts, & municipalities; revises provisions relating to firefighter & police officer benefits; repeals provisions relating to presumption with respect to diseases of firefighters suffered in line of duty; repeals provisions relating to transfer to another state retirement system & payment of benefits; repeals provisions relating to presumption with respect to police officer disability in line of duty; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

01/20/11 HOUSE Filed

01/27/11 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

(C: [1128 1130](#))

Public Comments

The Fraternal Order Of Police opposed this legislation and met with the plan sponsor, who said that he would withdraw the bill, with the agreement that we would come forward with fair statements regarding the bill. The bill is no longer being considered.

<u>HB 0825</u>	Relating to Retirement	<u>Workman</u>	03/03/11
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Retirement: Revises provisions relating to employment after retirement; provides that retiree of state-administered retirement system who retires on or after certain date may not be reemployed by employer that participates in state-administered retirement system & receive both salary for employment & retirement benefits; requires that retiree who retires on or after certain date & who is reemployed within 6 calendar months after retirement apply to establish future retirement date; provides that retiree who is employed by employing entity or contractor that does not participate in state-administered retirement system, but who performs services for employer that does participate, may not receive retirement benefits during such employment. Effective Date: July 1, 2011

02/17/11 HOUSE Filed

03/03/11 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee, Appropriations Committee, State Affairs Committee

03/03/11 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

(I: [1160](#))

Public Comments

This legislation is identical to Senate Bill 1160 filed by Sen. Don Gaetz. This legislation states that no one can be reemployed by the state of Florida and receive a pension and salary at the same time. It is an

attempt to stop the problems with double dipping.

This bill has been referred to House Governmental Operations and the leo's need to send emails to the committee members telling them that they want the members to vote no on the bill.

SB
0830

Relating to Labor And Employment

Thrasher

03/09/11

(S: 1021)

Labor and Employment; Prohibits a state agency from deducting from employee wages the dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments of an employee organization or contributions made for purposes of political activity. Prohibits a county, municipality, or other local governmental entity from deducting from employee wages the dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments of an employee organization or contributions made for purposes of political activity, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

02/07/11 SENATE Filed

02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget

02/25/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/07/11, 3:15 pm, 412 K

03/07/11 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Community Affairs

03/09/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 03/14/11, 10:15 am, 412 K

Public Comments

The fraternal order of police has taken a position to oppose this legislation. It is an attempt by Republican leadership to further destroy unions in Florida. The bill does away with dues deduction and disallows the use of money by unions for political purposes.

This bill has been scheduled to be heard March 7, 2011 at 3:15 PM and 412 of the Knott Building. This bill was brought up and the only the bill sponsor was given the opportunity to speak. Several leo's from around the state had come to speak and were sent home without their voices being heard. The bill will be up again on March 14th, 2011 at 10:15 in 412 Knott bldg. The leo's need to send emails or call the members of the Senate Community Affairs committee and tell them that you want to have A choice and A voice..... this bill is being supported by government and large conglomerates, it is an attempt to keep the average everyday worker from having the power and platform to speak out against their agenda.

HB
1021

Relating to Labor and Employment

Dorworth

03/11/11

(S: 0830)

Prohibits state agency from deducting from employee wages dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments of employee organization or contributions made for purposes of political activity; prohibits county, municipality, or other local governmental entity from deducting from employee wages dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments of employee organization or contributions made for purposes of political activity; prohibits labor organizations from using dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments to make political contributions or expenditures without employee's written authorization; provides for refund to employees who have not given written authorization in certain situations; requires that labor organization provide notice of such contributions & expenditures; prohibits labor organization from requiring employee to authorize collection of funds for political contributions & expenditures as condition of membership in organization; prohibits public employer from deducting or collecting from employee wages dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments of employee organization; conforms provisions to changes made by act; provides for severability; provides application.

02/25/11 HOUSE Filed

03/03/11 HOUSE Referred to State Affairs Committee, Appropriations Committee

03/03/11 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

03/08/11 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 03/10/11, 2:45 pm, 212 K

03/10/11 HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 12 Yeas, 6 Nays

Public Comments

This legislation is identical to Senate Bill 830 and is simply a union busting bill.. It has been suggested that we retaliate by filing a bill that allows law enforcement officers the right to strike. The language that prohibits public employees from striking is located with the language that protects their rights and the constitution to collectively bargain. What this means is that it would require a constitutional ballot initiative to give officers the right to strike. This bill was voted out of the House Committee on State Affairs and was heavily debated but no REPUBLICAN was willing to do the right thing and stand up for the leo's. The League Of Cities and The Florida Sheriffs Association both USE tax dollars to pay their dues, and they are politically involved . Right now leo's have a voice and a choice.... But after this bill you will have neither. You need to call the House Appropriations committee members and let them know that the leo's of Florida are tired of their elected officials disrespecting the job that they do and that if anyone deserves the right to negotiate contracts it the officers that risk their lives.

[HB](#)
[1023](#)

Relating to Labor Organizations

[Plakon](#)

03/03/11

Labor Organizations: Requires certain certified bargaining agents to recertify as employee organization by specified date. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

02/25/11 HOUSE Filed

03/03/11 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

03/03/11 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

Public Comments

This legislation requires recertification and numerous reporting, that holds law enforcement and firefighters exempt. It is my job to represent law enforcement, but I want everyone to be aware that this is the legislatures attempt at union busting, and is a way to divide and conquer.

[HB](#)
[1025](#)

Relating to Collective Bargaining

[Brodeur](#)

03/03/11

(I: [1720](#))

Collective Bargaining: Authorizes employees who are members of labor organization to decertify labor organization or its certified bargaining agent; requires labor organizations to provide specified notice; provides members of labor organization with access to organization's accounting information; requires labor organizations to provide specified notice; provides for enforcement; provides for award of damages, injunctive relief, & civil penalties. Effective Date: July 1, 2011

02/25/11 HOUSE Filed

03/03/11 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Business & Consumer Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

03/03/11 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

Public Comments

At the present time this legislation has no Senate sponsor. This legislation requires that a union must send out written notice explaining how someone can decertify a union. This legislation also requires that a written accounting records, receipts, expenditures, be sent to the

members annually. The report must also contain an explanation of what the dues of the members were spent on to include but not be limited to political contribution in salaries. This bill also places unions under the jurisdiction of the Atty. Gen. and not perc.

HB 1031	Relating to Collective Bargaining for Certain Public Employees	Frishe	03/03/11
(I: 1098)	Collective Bargaining for Certain Public Employees: Specifies that for purposes of resolving impasse sheriff, tax collector, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, & clerk of circuit court are each deemed "legislative body" for their respective employees; provides that in county that has expressly abolished office of any constitutional officer, such duties are transferred to officer as provided for under county charter if charter is not inconsistent with general law or special law approved by vote of electors. Effective Date: July 1, 2011		
	02/25/11 HOUSE Filed		
	03/03/11 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee		
	03/03/11 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee		

Public Comments

This is the sheriff as a legislative body legislation. It has not been assigned to committees and the best that I can instruct everyone is to contact representative James Frishe, and let him know how you feel about the violation of a deputies constitutional rights. We need to call and write the members of the Government Operations Committee in the House to let them know that the first district court of appeals has already ruled against this issue and the Deputies in the state deserve the right to negotiate their working conditions, salaries and benefits.

SB 1098	Relating to Collective Bargaining For Certain Public Employees	Hays	03/01/11
(I: 1031)	Collective Bargaining For Certain Public Employees; Specifies that for purposes of resolving an impasse the sheriff, the tax collector, the property appraiser, the supervisor of elections, and the clerk of the circuit court are each deemed the "legislative body" for their respective employees. Provides that in a county that has expressly abolished the office of any constitutional officer, such duties are transferred to the officer as provided for under the county charter if the charter is not inconsistent with general law or a special law approved by a vote of the electors. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011		
	02/15/11 SENATE Filed		
	03/01/11 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability		

Public Comments

This is the sheriff of the legislative body legislation, and each of the members that are deputies need to hold their sheriff accountable for the destruction of their constitutional rights. The bill has been assigned to committees and it is my suggestion that the members truly contact the members of the Senate committee on community affairs and let them know how you feel.

SB 1128	Relating to Public Retirement Plans	Ring	02/24/11
(C: 0303)	Public Retirement Plans; Provides that a local governmental entity may not offer a defined benefit retirement plan to a plan member hired on or after a certain date. Provides that local plans must use at least 5 years to determine a plan member's average final compensation for calculating retirement benefits for members hired on or after a certain date. Directs the Department of Financial Services to rate the financial strength of local government defined benefit plans. Creates the Task Force on Public Employee Disability Presumptions, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011		
	02/15/11 SENATE Filed		
	02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget		

02/17/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 02/22/11, 3:15 pm, 412 K

02/22/11 SENATE Workshopped by Governmental Oversight and Accountability

02/22/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 02/24/11, 3:30 pm, 412 K

02/24/11 SENATE Not considered by Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Public Comments

It is important that we recognize Sen. Latvala, Sen. Dean, and Sen. Norman for their valiant efforts to protect the pensions of our law enforcement officers. This bill will be up the second week of session and will effect the local law plans. The leo's need to call and email the members of the Senate Governmental Oversight Committee and tell them to vote no on this bill. Please remember to thank the above legislators for their hard work at getting to the truth of this issue.

[SB](#)
[1130](#)

Relating to Retirement

[Ring](#)

03/10/11

(C: [0303](#)
[1405](#))

Retirement; Requires employee and employer contributions to the retirement system by a certain date. Clarifies that employer-paid employee contributions are subject to certain taxes. Amends provisions relating to the membership class of elected officers. Amends provisions relating to the optional retirement program for the State University System. Changes the name of the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program to the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$445,125 EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 2011, except as otherwise provided

02/16/11 SENATE Filed

02/17/11 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget

02/17/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 02/22/11, 3:15 pm, 412 K

02/22/11 SENATE Not considered by Governmental Oversight and Accountability

02/22/11 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 02/24/11, 3:30 pm, 412 K

02/24/11 SENATE Workshopped by Governmental Oversight and Accountability

03/07/11 SENATE On Committee Agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 03/10/11, 3:15 PM, 412 K

03/10/11 SENATE Favorable with CS by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay

Public Comments

Senator Latvala, Senator Dean, and Senator Norman have led the charge to amend this bill and protect the pensions of the public employees. We have won this first battle but have a very long war ahead of us. The next committee is the Senate Budget committee and it is here that they can undo all that we have accomplished. You need to email the members of the Senate Appropriations committee and let them know that you expect them protect your pensions not raid or lessen them.

[SB](#)
[1160](#)

Relating to Retirement

[Gaetz \(D\)](#)

03/01/11

(I: [0825](#))

Retirement; Revises provisions relating to employment after retirement. Provides that a retiree of a state-administered retirement system who retires on or after a certain date may not be reemployed by an employer that participates in a state-administered retirement system and receive both a salary for employment and retirement benefits. Requires that a retiree who retires on or after a certain date and who is reemployed within 6 calendar months after retirement apply to establish a future retirement date, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

02/16/11 SENATE Filed

03/01/11 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget

Public Comments

This is the reemployment after retirement legislation that is identical to House Bill 825.

HB
1405

Relating to Retirement

Workman

03/08/11

(C: 0442
1130 1540)

Retirement: Revises & provides provisions relating to FRS, including definitions, election of benefits, employer & employee contributions, investment plans, pension plans, DROP, retiree health insurance subsidies, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011

03/08/11 HOUSE Filed

Public Comments

This is the Governor's Pension Plan. This bill will destroy the leo pensions. It has not yet been referred to a committee but you will want to call or email your local house and senate members to let them know that you do not like the bill.

Email :

House Governmental Affairs Committee

HB 825 by Workman- Blocks employment after retirement

HB 1031 by Frishe- Makes the Sheriff a legislative body, giving them final say on all impasse issues for Deputies

Please email the members with your opposition to this bill.

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House Community Affairs Committee

HB 1021 by Dorworth- Union Busting Bill- the following legislators voted against the right of employees to use payroll deduction for dues and disallows the use of their dues for any political purposes. Also known as the gag bill.....

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Senate Community Affairs Committee

SB 1098 by Hays- Makes the Sheriff a legislative body, giving them final say on all impasse issues for Deputies

SB 830 by Thrasher – Union Busting Bill- the right of employees to use payroll deduction for dues and disallows the use of their dues for any political purposes. Also known as the gag bill.....

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Senate Governmental Affairs

SB 1128- Local Pension Plans- This bill is the legislation by the Florida League of Cities that strips a lot of the benefits that presently negotiated at a local level. Please email the following legislators to vote against the bill. Senator Latvala, Norman, and Dean have been real champions in trying to protect the pension of the public employees.

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