

WEEKLY TALLAHASSEE UPDATE



Now that we are in week 5, the 2024 Florida Legislative Session is more than halfway complete, with sine die (adjournment) scheduled for March 12, 2024.

[SB 812 Expedited Approval of Residential Building Permits](#) sponsored by Senator Ingoglia passed the Regulated Industries Committee unanimously and will head to the Rules Committee. This legislation aims to require municipalities to "establish programs for expediting the issuance of residential building permits. It will also empower municipalities to issue temporary parcel identification numbers" in addition to other abilities that aim toward expediting residential building permits.

[SB 684 Residential Building Permits](#) sponsored by Senator DiCeglie passed the Senate Community Affairs Committee with a 5 to 3 vote and will now head to the Fiscal Policy Committee. The intent of this bill is to "reduce the time for local governments to request additional information and approve or deny building permits. It also aims to minimize delays and associated costs in residential construction projects related to time."

[SB 820 Child Care and Early Learning Providers](#) sponsored by Senator Grall has passed the Finance and Tax Committee unanimously and is now headed to the Senate Appropriations Committee. This bill will "incentivize businesses to assist employees with the cost and availability of childcare by providing tax credits for sharing in the cost of child care or opening their own child care facility. The bill also reduces regulations on providers that drive up costs without improving safety or quality."

Last week, **[HB 473 Cybersecurity Incident Liability](#)** sponsored by Representative Giallombardo passed the House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee with a 9 to 4 vote, and **[SB 658 Cybersecurity Incident Liability](#)** passed the Senate Government Oversight and Accountability Committee 5 to 1. "These bills aim to incentivize companies to adopt robust, nationally recognized cybersecurity programs and standards by providing liability protections. They also strive to ensure the continuity of critical infrastructure, many of which support life-saving services, commerce, and the movement of goods."

[HB 1289 Verification of Reemployment Assistance Benefit Eligibility](#) sponsored by Representative Abbott passed the House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee by an 8 to 5 vote. "The bill requires additional verification and guardrails to prevent fraud in Florida's Reemployment Assistance program, which is paid for by job creators across the state. The bill also provides unemployed Floridians assistance and with tools to match them with employment opportunities that fit their skills and training." Furthermore, this bill aims to keep unemployment taxes low for employers by "ensuring reemployment assistance claimants are actively seeking to reenter the workplace and provides tools for them to successfully do so."

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