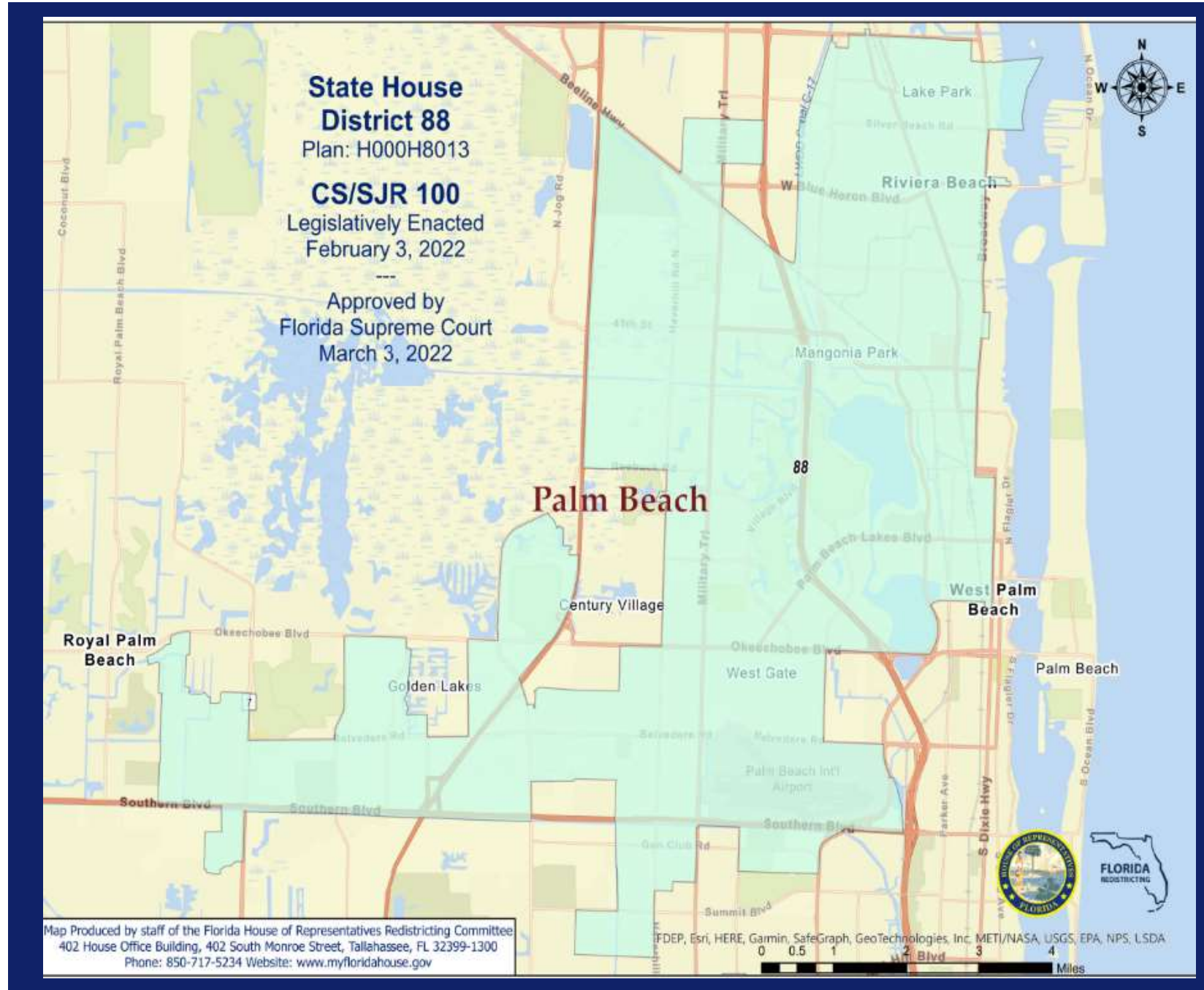


Florida Legislative Session Review

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PROSPEROUS, AND SAFE.”***

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Legislative Session

60 days long, ended on March 8th.

1901 Bills Filled

300+ Passed



REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS COMMITTEES

- Health & Human Services Committee**
- Joint Administrative Procedures Committee**
- Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government
Operations Subcommittee**
- Transportation & Modals Subcommittee**
- State Administration & Technology Appropriations
Subcommittee**

REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS COMMITTEES

- HB 13 - Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Teachers
- HB 25 - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
 - HB 31 - Landlords and Tenants
- HB 41 - Mortgage Loans and Insurance Payments Grant Program
 - HB 329 - Financial Assistance for Homeowners
 - ✓ •HB 767 - Resident Status for Tuition Purposes
 - HB 1017 - Insurance

Housing & Insurance

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Property Insurance Reform

No major reforms were made; important workshop was hosted. One year insurance tax cut equaling about \$50 per homeowner. Unregulated surplus lines insurers will be allowed to take policies out of Citizens that cover second homes.

My Safe Florida Home

\$200M added to this program for the next fiscal year.

Affordable Housing

Affordable Housing \$408 M – Provides \$174 M for SHIP, the State Housing Initiatives Partnership program; and \$234 M for SAIL, the State Apartment Incentive Loan program.

HOAs

HB1203 requires HOAs in the state to give each resident its rules and covenants and force them to let each person know of any updates to those documents.

Homelessness

Controversial proposal designed to prevent homeless people from sleeping in public places

● Tax Package - ~508.8 Mil

Provisions in HB 7073 include:

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- a 14-day “back-to-school” tax holiday
- two 14- day “disaster preparedness” tax holidays for specified disaster preparedness supplies;
- a one-month “Freedom Month” tax holiday for specified recreational items and activities;
- a seven-day “Tool Time” tax holiday for tools/equipment used in skilled trade
- allows counties deemed to be area of critical state concern to give an affordable housing tax exemption to properties with more than 10 units; allows taxing authorities the power to opt out of state law relating to certain affordable housing exemptions, if certain conditions are met and the decision is approved by a two-thirds majority of the governing body; allows an affordable housing tax exemption for the first 15 years of certain new, low-income housing projects; and revises exemption parameters and processes.
- corporate income tax credit for three fiscal years for businesses that hire persons with disabilities;
- creates insurance premium deductions for residential and flood policies and creates a corresponding insurance premium tax credit for insurers required to give deductions;

Education

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HB917

The bill authorizes a minor aged 16 or 17 years to work on any residential building construction,

Chaplains & Communism Bill

HB931 would allow volunteer chaplains in public schools; K-12 students could start receiving instruction on the history of communism by the 2026-2027 school year w/HB1349.

Vouchers

HB 1403 is meant to clarify the universal voucher program, which was expanded last year. The bill establishes some guidelines to distribute voucher funds to families in a timely manner after [public outcry on late payments](#).

SB1688

The bill requires school districts to inform students and parents during course selection for middle school of the career and professional academy or career-themed course available within the district

Post-Secondary Education

GATE program would help HS drop-outs earn their GED or equivalent, and then work towards a professional certification.

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HB473 Cyber Security

The bill provides that a county or municipality that substantially complies with the cybersecurity training, standards, and notification protocols under current law or any other political subdivision of the state that complies with these standards and protocols on a voluntary basis, is not liable in connection with a cybersecurity incident.

SB362 Workers Comp

Florida's Workers' Compensation Law (WC Law) mandates employers to furnish injured workers with necessary medical care for the duration required by the injury or recovery process. bill increases the maximum reimbursement for physician licensed, from 110 percent, to 175 percent of the reimbursement allowed by Medicare.

HB 629 Builders Warranty

The bill requires the warranty to cover the newly constructed home for a minimum full one-year period, even if the home is sold or transferred.

Small Business

State Small Business Credit Initiative \$175.2 M – Provides federal budget authority to allow expanded access to capital and credit to small businesses in the state, specifically minority, women, and/or veteran-owned businesses

Nonprofit

Non-profit Security Grant Program \$10 M – Provides funding to support nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship and community centers, that are at high risk for violent attacks or hate crimes.

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HB49 Minors Employment

- Provides that minors 16 and 17 years old: • May only work between 6:30 a.m. and 11 p.m., when school is scheduled the following day
- Provides that minors 15 years of age or younger, instead of 17 years of age or younger, may not work more than: • 6 consecutive days in any one week.

HB433 Wages and Heat

The bill removes the ability of local governments to require a minimum wage for certain employees under the terms of a contract, and provides that the bill's revisions to Florida's wage and employment benefits law do not impair any contract entered into before September 30, 2026.

HB 1335 DBPR

- Allows local construction contractor licensing agencies to recommend restitution as a disciplinary action.
- Clarifies that an exclusion from engineering licensing requirements applies to all business organizations, not just corporations.

Road Projects

Moving Florida Forward \$370 M – Provides funding to supplement the Work Program and accelerate the completion of selected road projects to provide traffic congestion relief in the State of Florida

Economic Development

Provides \$130.4 M (\$97 M GR, \$33.4 M TF) for economic development activities (Job Growth Grant Fund, Quick Response Training, Defense Support Task Force, Hispanic Business Initiative Outreach Program, Black Business Loan Program, Military Base Protection, Defense/Rural Infrastructure, Select Florida, Sports Foundation).

• Social media & AI

HB1/HB3

Final bill sets required state-mandated age verification for pornography; bans social media for anyone under 13; 14 and 15-year-olds could now have accounts under the new measure, but with parental consent. Likely still not constitutional.

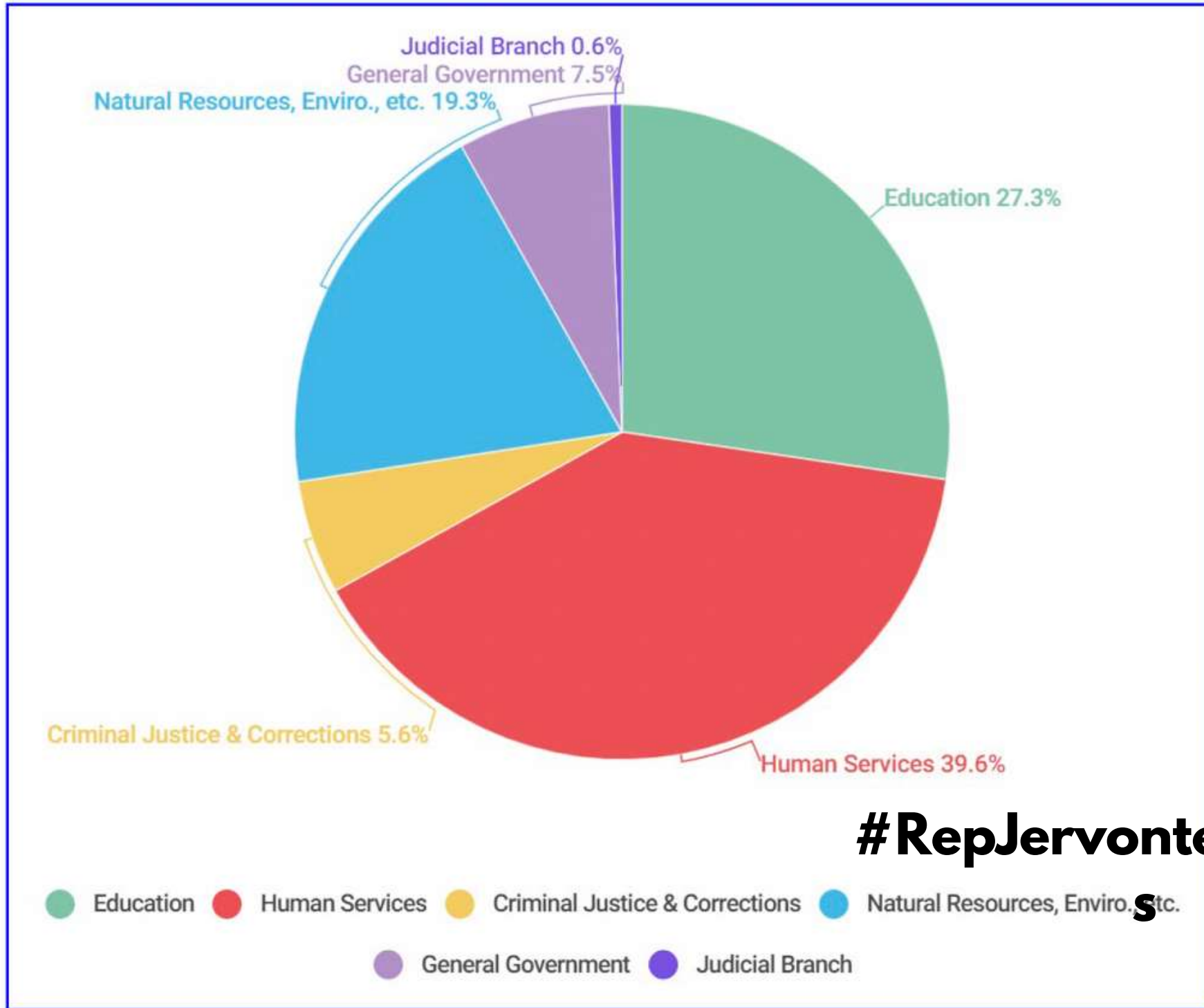
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HB919

Requires certain political advertisements, electioneering communications, or other miscellaneous advertisements made with AI to include specified disclaimer.

Proportional Funding Allocation by Section



| Silo | Section | Amount |
|--|---------|--------------------------|
| Education | 1 & 2 | \$ 32,096,127,172 |
| Human Services | 3 | \$ 46,546,944,340 |
| Criminal Justice & Corrections | 4 | \$ 6,597,123,676 |
| Natural Resources, Environment, Growth Managements, Transportation | 5 | \$ 22,649,588,381 |
| General Government | 6 | \$ 8,832,151,288 |
| Judicial Branch | 7 | \$ 741,339,517 |
| TOTAL | | \$117,463,274,374 |

BY THE NUMBERS

\$49.4 * General Revenue Funds

\$30.2 * State Trust Funds

\$37.9 * Federal Funds

\$117.5 * Total Budget

* = in Billion ~ = Approximately

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Questions?

Next Session

Begins March 2025 but
committee weeks will begin
after November

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The number of bills
every State House
Member Can File

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The number of
sessions Rep.
Edmonds can serve
in before he terms
out :)

Thank you!

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