Representative Danny Alvarez, District 69, 2025 Session in Review



Session Accomplishments and Appropriations

Personal Accomplishments

- Chairman of Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
- Vice Chairman of the new Security & Threat Assessment Committee.
 - Founder of Committee
- Committee Assignments:
 - Judiciary Committee
 - Insurance & Banking Subcommittee
 - Justice Budget Subcommittee
 - o Transport & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee

Awards and Recognitions

- Florida FFA Legislature of the Year
- Florida Professional Firefighters Axe Award for Leadership and Support
- Florida Associated Builder and Contractors Legislator of The Year
- Take Stock in Children Champion of Education
- Florida Association of Counties Legislative Excellence Award
- Latin Times Latino Lideres Award (Latin Leaders Award
- Jack Brewer 2nd Chance Award

Criminal Justice Subcommittee - Chairman

Bills referred to committee- 128 Bills taken to Agenda - 70

• Second busiest committee in House

Bills

Bills Passed off the Floor – 8 Bills Filed – 20

Total Appropriations Amount - \$70,134,303

Appropriations By Silo

- Agriculture & Natural Resources- \$15,750,000
- Budget- \$12,500,000
- Health Care- \$4,306,000
- Higher Education- \$2,750,000
- Justice- \$19,152,650
- PreK-12- \$3,150,000
- State Administration- \$6,963,153
- Transportation & Economic Development- \$5,562,500



Appropriations By Local Category

- Hillsborough County- \$49,938,303
- Veterans \$8,706,000
- Agriculture \$7,750,000
- Plant City- \$5,400,000
- Higher Education \$15,250,000
- Workforce \$18,712,500

Bills Passed

Sponsored

- CS/HB 929- Firefighter Health and Safety
- CS/HB 4045- City Pension Fund for Firefighters and Police Officers in the City of Tampa, Hillsborough County
- CS/CS/CS/HB 1371- Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel
- CS/CS/CS/HB 351- Dangerous Excessive Speeding
- CS/HJR 1215- Ad Valorem Tax Exemption
- CS/CS/HB 277- Veterans Benefit Assistance
- CS/CS/CS/HB 651- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- HB 6529- Relief/J.N./Hillsborough County
- <u>Co-Sponsored</u>
- CS/HB 751- Law Enforcement, Correctional, and Correctional Probation Officer Benefits
- CS/CS/HB 907- Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases
- CS/CS/CS/HB 1421- Improving Screening for and Treatment for Blood Clots
- HB 175- Criminal Offenses Against Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel

Overview Of Bills Passed Off The Floor

- CS/CS/CS/HB 1371- Law Enforcement Officers and Other Personnel
 - Authorizes first responder amputees to continue to serve as first responders
 - Creates Florida Medal of Valor & Florida Blue/Red Heart Medal
 - Prohibits use of motor vehicle kill switches
 - Requires mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 25 years for attempted murder in first degree committed against specified justice system personnel
 - Encourages a pro-prosecution policy if person is arrested for making a false report of a crime
 - Prohibits depriving specified officers of digital recording devices or restraint devices, rendering them useless, or otherwise preventing officer from defending himself or herself or summoning assistance
 - Revises requirements for reporting of missing persons information
 - o Creates Critical Infrastructure Mapping Grant Program within FDLE
 - Specifies requirements for testing inmates for infectious diseases



• CS/HB 929- Firefighter Health and Safety

- Requires the Division of State Fire Marshal within DFS to adopt certain rules:
 - No gear with toxic or hazardous materials
 - Notice of such if gear does not exist
 - Encourage a 42 hour work week
- Requires the division to assist in decreasing the frequency of fatalities
- Requires the division to adopt rules relating to education on chemical hazards or toxic substances and mental health best practices.

• CS/CS/CS/HB 651- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

- Addresses numerous, distinct matters related to agriculture and matters under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Bans the inclusion of chemicals and additives in drinking water not related to water treatment and cleaning.
- Food Labeling Milk, Meat, Poultry or Eggs
- Pre-empts Housing for Legally Verified Agricultural Workers
- First right of refusal of utility land goes to Florida Department of Agriculture
- Emergency Recovery Loans to Agriculture, Aquaculture and Timberlands

• CS/CS/CS/HB 351- Dangerous Excessive Speeding

- Creates a criminal offense for dangerous excessive speeding if a driver exceeds the speed limit by 50 miles per hour or more, or
- Operates a motor vehicle at 100 miles per hour or more in a manner that threatens the safety of other persons or property, or interferes with the operation of the vehicle.

• CS/CS/HB 277- Veterans' Benefits Assistance

- Establishes standards for persons assisting a veteran or any eligible beneficiary of a veteran, including his or her spouse or dependent child, in applying for benefits administered by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Limits the amount of compensation a provider may receive for their services, prohibits guaranteeing a successful outcome or specific result.
- Requires the provider to follow certain procedures to protect the veterans' personally identifiable protected information.
- Requires Veteran to be informed of free services and acknowledge that they are choosing not to use them
- Prohibits a person from receiving compensation for referring someone to a person who provides assistance in applying for benefits.

• HJR 1215- Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

• Proposes an amendment to State Constitution to exempt certain tangible personal property when it is habitually located on agricultural land from ad valorem taxation.



Overview of all House Appropriations Received Total Appropriations Amount - \$70,134,303

By Budget Committee

Agriculture & Natural Resources - \$15,750,000

- Florida Strawberry Festival Building and Generators- \$2,900,000
- Hillsborough County Critical Utility Infrastructure Generators- \$3,000,000 *Vetoed
- Florida Severe Weather and Atmospheric Catastrophic Events Sensor Enhancements-\$350,000
- Tampa Bay Water Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Modernizing & Securing Critical Technology Infrastructure- \$1,000,000
- A Land Remembered- Pioneers of Florida- \$500,000
- Tracking Non-Point Source Nitrogen Pollution in Critical Florida Watersheds- \$850,000
- Tampa Bay Regional Surface Water Resilience and Expansion Initiative- \$650,000
- City of Plant City- Lakeside Station Park- \$2,500,000 *Vetoed
- Cattle Enhancement Board- \$4,000,000

Budget - \$12,500,000

- USF- College of AI, Cybersecurity, and Computing Facility- \$10,000,000
- Hillsborough Community College- Plant City Campus Workforce Center- \$2,500,000 *Vetoed

Health Care- \$4,306,000

- Task Force Dagger Special Operations: Rehabilitative Adaptive Events- \$471,000
- A Kid's Place of Tampa Bay- Enhanced Services for Youth in Foster Care- \$500,000
- Advocacy for Veterans, First Responders, and Families for Mental Health and Moral Injury-\$350,000
- Phoenix Programs of Florida- Addiction Recovery Facility- \$500,000
- Feeding Tampa Bay- Healthy Pantry Network- \$1,000,000
- Restoring Hope, Expanding Possibilities: Advancing Neurorehabilitation at Stay In Step-\$750,000
- Controlled Ketamine Therapy for Veterans- \$735,000

Higher Education - \$2,750,000

- UF IFAS- Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture- \$2,250,000
- USF- Center for Neuromusculoskeletal Research- \$500,000 *Vetoed

Justice - \$19,152,650

- Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Aviation Section Hangar- \$14,075,150 *Vetoed
- Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs' Positive Youth Development Program- \$4,000,000
- Davis-Bradley Mental Health Overlay: Integrated Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Offenders- \$577,500



• Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) Train the Trainer Model- \$500,000

PreK-12 - \$3,150,000

- Empowering Educators: A Resilience Initiative for Hillsborough and Pasco Counties-\$1,000,000 *Vetoed
- Arts Conservatory for Teens (ACT): Accelerating High School Graduation & Workforce Readiness- \$350,000
- Workforce Development Partners- Future Career Academy Pathways to Quality Careers-\$800,000
- Preparing Florida's Workforce through Agricultural Education- \$1,000,000

State Administration - \$6,963,153

- Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Air Boats and Trailers- \$263,153
- ETMS Florida-\$6,700,000

Transportation & Economic Development - \$5,562,500

- Tampa Bay Pilot Station Restoration and Reconstruction- \$2,500,000,
- Home Builders Institute (HBI) Building Careers for Veterans- \$450,000
- Tampa General Hospital Workforce Housing Multi-Family Development- \$2,500,000
- Trucking Industry Partnership for Recruitment and Public Safety- \$112,500

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