

LEGISLATIVE #

110606



State Legislative Update

January 5, 2012

Legislative ID #110606

Session Overview

- Session begins January 10, 2012
- Last day of 60-day regular session March 9, 2012
- Major issues include redistricting and the state budget
- Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Day January 24-25

Legislative Agenda

- **Economic Development**
 - Innovation Square
 - Premium Transit Services
 - Job Training / Education
- **General Government**
 - Pension Reform
 - University Concurrency
 - Communications Services Tax
 - Grant Programs
- **Health and Public Safety**
 - Internet Gaming Establishments
 - Koppers Health Study
- **Health and Public Safety, cont.**
 - Regulation of Alcohol Establishments
 - Warrantless Arrest
 - Official Misconduct
- **Capital Projects**
 - Paynes Prairie
 - Little Hatchet/Lake Forest Creek
 - Tumblin Regional Wetland
 - Flooding and Conveyance in Tumblin Creek
 - Gainesville Police Department

City of Gainesville Priorities

- Pension Reform – HB365 / SB910 (FLC Support)
 - Amends Chapter 175 & 185, F.S.
 - Cities and police/fire are to collectively bargain retirement benefits and the use of the insurance premium tax
 - Cities are authorized to unilaterally transition to another retirement program for police/fire and continue to receive insurance premium tax revenue
 - Police/fire pension boards are required to provide fiscal transparency and accountability
 - Police officers are allowed to use only up to 300 hours per year in overtime compensation when calculating retirement benefits

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- University Concurrency – Board of Governors proposal to repeal university concurrency requirements under Chapter 1013, F.S.
- Internet Gaming
 - SB428 Oelrich
 - HB3 Plakon (co-sponsored by Perry)
 - Legislation prohibits simulated gaming devices.

Bills to Watch

- HB4025 / SB760 Repeal Local Business Tax (FLC Oppose)
- HB361 / SB770 Exemptions from Local Business Tax (FLC Oppose)
 - Would exempt real estate brokers and sales associates from paying local business tax
- **Staff Recommendation – The City Commission oppose HB4025 / SB760 and HB361 / SB770**

Bills to Watch

- **HB603 / SB912 Growth Management (FLC Oppose)**
 - Would prohibit a local government from applying transportation or school concurrency or requiring proportionate-share contribution or construction until July 1, 2015 unless authorized by a 2/3 vote of the local government's governing body;
 - Development must obtain a certificate of occupancy by July 1, 2016 to retain exemption;
 - Could result in a significant impact to the city's transportation funding through the TCEA.
- **Staff Recommendation – The City Commission oppose HB603 / SB912**