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OPI VIDEO UPDATE

To review video from the 2012 Legislative Session and other events, visit the House Office of Public Information video library on the Public Guide page of the House website.

NOTEWORTHY

House Bill 5001 Signed Into Law

On Tuesday, April 17, Governor Scott signed Florida's 2012-13 budget, including more than $1 billion in new funding for K-12 education and more than $2.1 billion in reserves. The Florida Legislature on Friday, March 9, passed House Bill 5001, the 2012-13 General Appropriations Act, in addition to the implementing bill and various conforming bills, representing a total state budget of $70 billion.

For a detailed breakout of the budget, the Governor's veto list and other related documents, please visit http://www.flgov.com/budget/. You may also find the following OPI Publications helpful:

View 2012-13 Subcommittee Summaries
View 2012-13 Conforming Bill Summaries
View all 2012-13 Budget Documents
OPI Pulse: Understanding Florida's Budget Process

End of Session Summary Now Available

The Florida House of Representatives recently released the 2012 edition of the End of Session Summary, which provides a review of all bills passed by the Florida House and Senate during the legislative session. Included in each bill summary is information such as the bill number and title, committees of reference, and bills associated with each piece of legislation. You may also search for bills in the traditional bill number index, and category or keyword indexes.

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NOTEWORTHY (cont'd)

Searching for Bills

If you are in need of a more comprehensive review of bills, visit the House Bills page, which offers additional information on bills included in the End of Session Summary and also includes all bills filed, discussed and voted upon during the 2012 Legislative Session. The *Bills page* has search functions by bill number, text, sponsor, etc. and provides extensive details on the bill and vote history, staff analyses, related bills and more. On the Bills page you may also search the status of bills as far back as Regular Session 1998.

The *Find a Bill* feature is another way to search for current and historical bills. No matter what page of the House website you are on, the *Find a Bill* function will remain present on the far right hand side. This fluid tool allows you to search for bills by number, text, session year and Chamber (House or Senate). You may also use the *Advanced Search* feature to find a bill by type, bill list, sponsor, etc.

DID YOU KNOW?

YourVoice Survey

There is still time to have YourVoice heard by completing the Florida Legislature's rule reform survey online. Lawmakers want to hear from you to help improve the state's business climate and make it more business-friendly. The YourVoice survey is quick and easy to complete online.

For more information on YourVoice or to help promote the survey, visit the Florida House website.

RESOURCES

OPI Resources

Current and historical publications produced by OPI are available on the Public Guide page of the House website. To catch-up on issues and bills covered in the 2011 and 2012 Legislative Sessions, view:

OPI Pulse
On Track
The Informer
Session Guides

Documents Directory

The Documents section of the House website serves as a quick reference guide of information on session, appropriations and more going back to 2003. Here you will find links to House Journals, proclamations, the General Appropriations Act, county-by-county allocations, etc.

Check out the *Documents* section for a directory of publications from the House.