



2024 SUNSHINE STATE POLICY PRIORITIES



EDUCATION

- ▶ **Enact trigger legislation for Title I money to school choice programs.** Call on the federal government to allow states to redirect Title I dollars from school systems to student scholarship programs so that Title I monies “follow the student” and “fund students, not systems.”

- ▶ **Foster microschoools, hybrid schools, and other innovations by reducing onerous regulatory overreach.** Treat hybrid and microschoools as enterprises closer in form to conventional homeschooling than to conventional/macro public schools.
- ▶ **Improve accountability in campus free speech via performance funding.** Reform the performance funding bonus program so that no university is eligible unless they receive a “green light” rating from FIRE
- ▶ **Expand virtual education choice.** Level the playing field between Florida Virtual School and other digital providers so that parents have a wider array of viable digital course options from which to choose for their children.



HEALTHCARE

- ▶ **Enact license recognition for healthcare providers.** Allow doctors, nurses, dentists, physician assistants, anesthesiologists, pharmacists, etc. from other states to practice in Florida without onerous and unnecessary hurdles.
- ▶ **Encourage healthcare price transparency.** Allow individuals to price-shop for non-emergency and/or elective procedures and either keep a portion of the savings (from insurance reimbursement rate) or allow it to be put toward their annual deductible.
- ▶ **Crack the employer-benefit tax distortion on health insurance.** Call on the Congress to allow private HSA dollars to be available for premium payments to health insurance and Direct Primary Care plans.
- ▶ **Promote traditional insurance alternatives that increase choice and reduce costs.** Create a pilot project for Direct Primary Care for state employee plan and/or Medicaid recipients, which would include wrap-around catastrophic coverage that complements DPC plan.
- ▶ **Increase health insurance choice and competition.** Allow individuals to purchase qualified health insurance plans offered in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and other US territories.
- ▶ **Address urgent and growing need in Florida for more elder care facilities.** Repeal remaining Certificate of Need restrictions

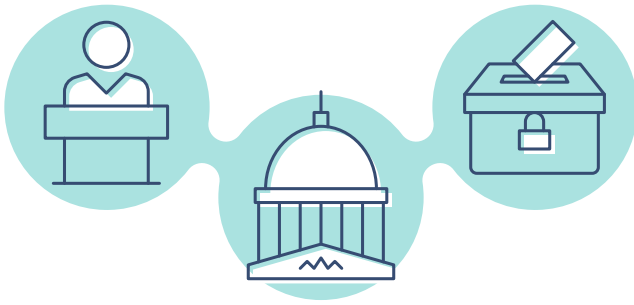
for hospices and nursing homes, allowing new facilities to be constructed – addressing a need for the anticipated three million new residents over the next seven years.

- ▶ **Expand existing “Right to Try” policy for individualized treatments.** Extend the benefits of Florida’s Right to Try law to patients with rare or ultra-rare diseases, empowering them to work with their physicians to seek innovative, highly-specialized treatments.



ENTREPRENEURIALISM

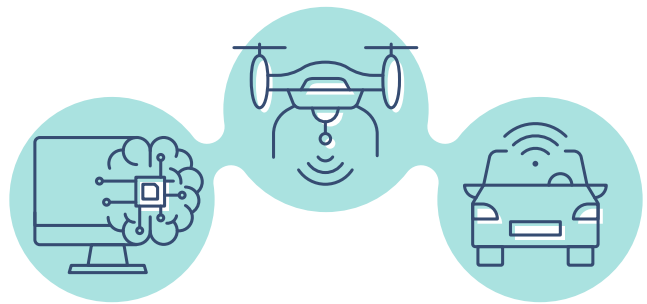
- ▶ **Amplify Florida’s job creation by eliminating duplicative licensing schemes.** Allow employees in most occupations to have their professional licenses recognized by State license boards.
- ▶ **Address Florida’s water quantity needs through incentives for conservation.** Establish private water market rights, whereby water permits can be commoditized and traded, creating incentives for major water users to conserve and sell unused permits.
- ▶ **Protect competition and property rights in the live event ticket market.** Ensure that individuals purchasing tickets to live events in Florida (sports, concerts, or other events) are able to fully exercise their rights to donate or sell their tickets in a secondary/resale market without restrictions from monopoly actors in the market.



GOVERNANCE

- ▶ **Ensure proper separation of powers and legislative authority.** Establish guidelines for legislative oversight over regulatory agencies, including targeted review of major rules, sunset reviews, and other mechanisms to ensure the roles of each branch are properly maintained.
- ▶ **Reduce regulatory burdens in new legislation.** On all new legislation, in addition to a fiscal note, perform a regulatory note that rates the bill for its level of regulatory change.
- ▶ **Codify Constitutional budgeting principle.** Resolution for 2024 ballot limiting state budget growth to no more than the sum of the percentage of inflation plus the percentage growth in population.
- ▶ **Guard Floridians, especially small business owners, from overreach, harassment, targeting, and discrimination by the federal government.** Create specific regulatory mechanisms to reduce/eliminate undue targeting by federal agencies like the Internal Revenue Service through data collection, registration requirements, and other controls.
- ▶ **Protect enacted reforms within Florida's property insurance arena and advance necessary reforms to the reinsurance market.** Ensure that reforms passed in 2022 and 2023 are allowed to continue to stabilize the market and counter Florida's frivolous litigation environment.

- ▶ **Solidify long-term viability of the Florida Retirement System.** Shift to a defined-contribution program for all new hires participating in FRS, eliminating the defined benefit program in a glidepath manner that doesn't hurt existing participants.
- ▶ **Increase transparency in fuel tax charges.** Require fuel receipts to display taxes charged, applying consistency with other point-of-sale systems.



TECH & INNOVATION

- ▶ **Codify airspace property rights for individuals.** The legislature must codify airspace rights above private properties to strengthen property rights as the use of drones becomes more pervasive.
- ▶ **Expand data privacy reform.** Ensure data privacy policies include adequate protections for all consumers and do not impose excessive compliance costs for businesses or force them into expensive litigation. Call on the federal government via resolution to pass a federal data standard.
- ▶ **Enact a universal regulatory sandbox.** Expand the use of regulatory sandboxes to promote permissionless innovation and further diversify Florida's economy. A universal regulatory sandbox would aim to increase the number of tech startups compared to 2021 and retain its status as the best state for innovators.

- ▶ **Establish Pro-AI Policies.** Preempt Florida's municipalities from regulating how AI is used by creating statewide rules for how the technology can be used, lowering the cost of operating for businesses, and providing clarity for citizens. Establish an AI task force made up of stakeholders to recommend a pro-AI regulatory framework in Florida.
- ▶ **Reform Florida's Communication Service Tax.** Extend the prohibition on municipalities increasing the local CST rate.
- ▶ **Cybersecurity safe harbor/Continued investments** - Create an affirmative defense for entities that comply with state cybersecurity law and industry standards but are targeted by cybercriminals. Continue funding cybersecurity initiatives and workforce training programs.

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