

2025 SUNSHINE STATE POLICY PRIORITIES



EDUCATION

- ▶ **Promote education freedom at the local level** by ensuring that public school buildings no longer in use are made available first to education entrepreneurs (traditional private schools, micro and/or hybrid schools, a la carte course providers, learners' markets, etc.) before being demolished or sold to others.
- ▶ **Promote education freedom at the state level** by protecting the wide flexibility of Florida's Personalized Education Program (PEP) scholarships and by lifting regulatory restrictions on online providers, hybrid schools, and other emerging education enterprises.
- ▶ **Promote education freedom at the national level** by adopting an Enhanced Child Tax Credit for families that take financial responsibility for the education of their children and by converting the federal Title I program into a block grant that Florida could use to fund weighted scholarships for students living in low-income neighborhoods.

- ▶ **Promote education freedom in higher ed** by making future performance funding for state universities conditional upon a school's successful participation in the Board of Governor's annual survey assessing how well each university cultivates respect for free expression and viewpoint diversity.

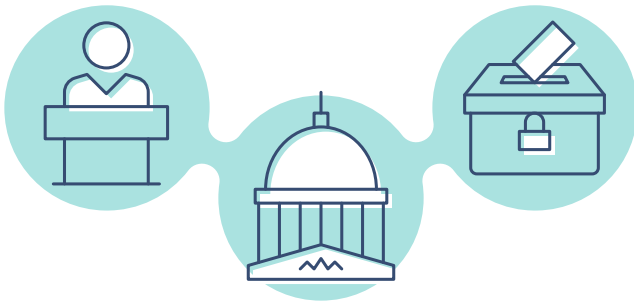


HEALTHCARE

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.

ENTERPRISE

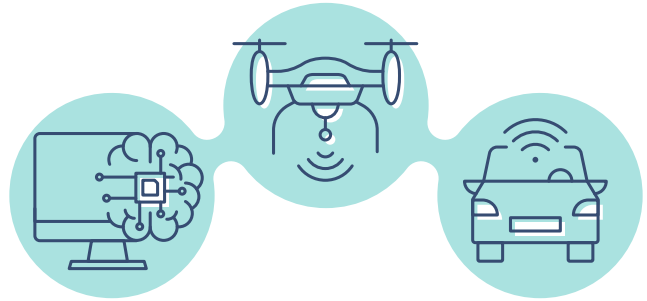
- ▶ **Protect interchange fee agreements.** Oppose efforts to interfere with business-to-business contracts through government initiatives seeking to sever the sales tax from interchange fees. These government overreach efforts create a new tax collecting regime with severe penalties for enforcement, create the potential for unwarranted consumer privacy concerns, and restrict the availability of credit for Floridians. Eliminating interchange fees could potentially impose new obligations on networks and providers, create novel liabilities such as dual transactions, and present implementation challenges.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Protect competition and property rights in the live event ticket market.** Ensure that individuals purchasing tickets to live events in Florida, like 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

- ▶ **Remain vigilant in holding up election integrity in Florida as the national model for conducting accurate, secure, and efficient elections.** This includes addressing fraud and misinformation concerns with the citizen's initiative signature gathering process, monitoring and regulating foreign influence in elections, and securing ballot processes by implementing a 2-factor authentication process for mail ballots.
- ▶ **Protect Florida's litigation system by placing reasonable limitations on the use of third-party litigation financing.** These legal reform solutions should impose appropriate safeguards on litigation finance and require disclosure when these arrangements are utilized.
- ▶ **Address Florida's ongoing medical malpractice insurance crisis.** Impose a sensible, per-claimant limit on recovery of noneconomic damages in medical malpractice cases .
- ▶ **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 2026 ballot limiting state budget growth to no more than the sum of the percentage of inflation plus the percentage growth in population.



TECH & INNOVATION

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Establish pro-AI policies.** Artificial Intelligence has the power to make Floridians healthier and more productive, however these benefits can only be realized if the legislature creates a regulatory environment that prioritizes innovation and rejects burdensome regulations. The legislature should also create clear policies for the use of AI that apply across the state, providing clarity for developers and consumers.
- ▶ **Reform Florida's communication service tax.** Extend the prohibition on municipalities increasing the local CST rate beyond 2026. Increase transparency on how municipalities spend revenue generated through the CST.
- ▶ **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.

- ▶ **Broadband deployment.** Ensure BEAD money is spent efficiently in Florida.

- ▶ **Portable benefits program.** Allow companies to contribute to independent contractors' portable benefit plans without risking employment reclassification.

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