



Legislative Affairs Department
Broward County Public Schools

Special Sessions: 2025A and 2025B
January 13-17, 2025

OVERVIEW

Governor Ron DeSantis called for a special session of the Florida legislature to be held from January 27-31, 2025, to implement immigration policies that are anticipated from executive orders during the first week of the incoming Trump Administration. The call included the following issues:

- combating illegal immigration
- condominium regulation
- agricultural relief in response to natural disasters
- replenishing the My Safe Florida Home program
- citizens' initiative petition process

[Governor's Office Outline of Special Session 2025A Legislative Proposals](#)

Special Session 2025A convened Monday, January 27, and House and Senate immediately adjourned sine die. Special Session 2025B commenced immediately upon adjournment, bringing to discussion CS/SB 2-B, the Tackling and Reforming Unlawful Migration Policy (TRUMP) Act, that strengthens the state's approach to illegal immigration by providing for coordination within the state and with federal immigration agencies. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$515,030,239 from the General Revenue Fund (\$20,562,630 in recurring funds and \$494,467,609 in nonrecurring funds) and 149 full-time equivalent positions to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to implement this act.

The bill that passed in both chambers, enhances the statewide efforts to enforce federal immigration laws. Specifically, the bill creates the Chief Immigration Officer to serve as the state's official liaison with the Federal Government for purposes of the enforcement of federal immigration laws. The bill also establishes the Office of State Immigration Enforcement, the State Immigration Enforcement Council, and the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program. The bill creates and increases various criminal penalties relating to illegal immigration and prohibits students who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes from receiving the out-of-state fee waiver for recent Florida high school graduates.

[Proclamation: Special Session 2025B January 27-29, 2025](#)

[Amendment to Proclamation: Special Session 2025](#)

Related Documents

- [Tackling and Reforming Unlawful Migration Policy Act Partners with President Trump, Local Law Enforcement to Protect Communities from Criminal Illegal Immigrants](#)

- [Response by House Speaker Daniel Perez and Senate President Ben Albritton to Governor DeSantis' statement on SB 2B/HB 1B – The TRUMP Act](#)
- [Joint Memo: Improvements to the TRUMP Act](#)
- [Florida House Democrats on Special Session 2025B](#)
- [ACLU of Florida Slams Florida Legislature's Fast-Track Passage of Anti-Immigrant Bill During Special Session](#)
- [DeSantis one pager: Side by Side: Governor Ron DeSantis' Proposals and the Florida Legislature's Weak Response](#)
- [Statement from Florida Sheriff's Association President and Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell](#)
- [Florida Democrats Respond to Passage of Trump Act](#)
- [Senate Majority one-pager: The TRUMP Act](#)

Once received on his desk, Governor DeSantis has the authority to sign into law or veto SB 2. There is no timeframe for when Governor DeSantis will be presented with the bill to take formal action on it.

Summary of Senate and House bills filed for the 2025B Special Session.

Senate Bills Filed for the 2025B Special Session

SB 2: Immigration by Gruters

Streamlines Florida's immigration enforcement responsibilities, centralizing them under the Commissioner of Agriculture.

- Establishes the Commissioner as the chief immigration officer and sole liaison with federal agencies on immigration matters.
- Authorizes the Commissioner to appoint a liaison employee within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Establishes the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program, detailing grant application procedures and prohibiting certain funding uses.
- Creates the Local Law Enforcement Federal Participation Incentive Program, providing bonuses to local officers participating in federal task force operations.
- Implements changes throughout various Florida statutes to ensure alignment with new immigration law enforcement directives, including amending existing definitions and protocols.
- Introduces criminal penalties for unauthorized voting by aliens and increases fines for selected immigration-related offenses.
- Requires strict compliance with federal immigration laws by local and state authorities without introducing new sanctuary policies.
- Mandates comprehensive reviews, reporting, and rule adoption by the Office of State Immigration Enforcement to enforce immigration laws effectively.

Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law
[Staff Analysis \(post meeting\)](#)

SB 2BC1: Amendment 843850 by Gruters

Amends Florida statutes to enhance immigration enforcement and designate the Commissioner of Agriculture as the chief immigration officer for the state.

- Defines the Commissioner of Agriculture as the liaison between state, local government entities, law enforcement agencies, and federal government for immigration enforcement.
- Establishes the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program and the Local Law Enforcement Federal Participation Incentive Program within the Office of State Immigration Enforcement.
- Creates provisions for unauthorized aliens voting, imposing penalties and clarifying that ignorance of unauthorized status is not a defense.

- Specifies that the emergency management powers of the Governor cannot suspend any provisions related to the enforcement sections of this amendment.
- Requires businesses to verify work authorization using E-Verify and outlines procedures for noncompliance.
- Defines a "valid passport" in relation to state definitions and legal presence verification.
- Establishes the Office of State Immigration Enforcement to support the Commissioner, facilitate federal coordination, employ law enforcement officers with statewide jurisdiction, and conduct annual reporting.

Filed: 01/28/25; Adopted on 2nd Reading

House Bills Filed for the 2025B Special Session

HB 2: Immigration by McClure

The bill designates the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture as the chief immigration officer and centralizes various immigration enforcement responsibilities within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

- Assigns the Commissioner of Agriculture as the exclusive state liaison for federal immigration enforcement, with the authority to appoint an employee to assist in this role.
- Establishes the Commissioner of Agriculture as the head of the newly created Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program, which supports local law enforcement in federal immigration law enforcement efforts.
- Prohibits grants from being used for activities already funded by federal or other sources and mandates the adoption of procedural rules for the grant program.
- Details additional duties for the Commissioner, such as coordinating immigration law enforcement audits, recommending improvements to state-federal cooperation, and reporting on available detention space to state and federal legislators.
- Amends various Florida Statutes to incorporate these changes and to define terms related to these new administrative structures and responsibilities.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

[Staff Analysis \(post meeting\)](#)

Veto Overrides Filed for the 2025B Special Session

HB 5001: General Appropriations Act

- Appropriation Item 2802 passed to reinstate (Lump Sum - Legislative Support Services - Senate) and related proviso; \$ 28,296,810
[Line Item Veto Analysis](#)
- Appropriation Item 2803 passed to reinstate (Lump Sum - Legislative Support Services - House) and related proviso; \$ 28,379,170
[Line Item Veto Analysis](#)