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The LaMarca Letter !



The 2026 Regular Legislative Session marked my final session in the Florida House of Representatives. Throughout the session, my office remained focused on advancing meaningful policy changes to better serve the people of Florida. I am proud to share that we successfully passed four bills this year, and I would like to highlight a few of them below.

HB 1417 – Department of Environmental Protection (Signed into Law)

HB 1417 represents a significant environmental policy package focused on streamlining regulation and enhancing coastal resilience. The bill eliminates the Environmental Regulation Commission to simplify rulemaking and expands the use of public-private partnerships (P3s) to support resiliency projects. Additionally, also strengthens coastal protection efforts and increases transparency through additional reporting requirements. This legislation is expected to accelerate project delivery while leveraging private-sector investment in critical infrastructure.

HB 1221/SB1472- Department of Financial Services (Passed)

This bill provided updates to the My Safe Florida Home program. As well as, the bill ratifies rules designating qualifying gold and silver as legal tender. Lastly, modernizes the Florida Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act by renaming it the “Abandoned Personal Property Act”. Also revises definitions, holder duties, notice, reporting and verification requirements, dormancy and unclaimed triggers.

HB 1253 / SB 178 – Athletics in Public K-12 Schools (Passed)

Passed through SB 178, this legislation allows coaches to provide limited assistance such as food, transportation, and recovery services to student-athletes using personal funds. The bill includes safeguards such as parental consent, reporting requirements, and a \$15,000 annual cap per team. The goal is to support student well-being while maintaining fairness and preventing recruiting abuses.

As the 2026 Regular Legislative Session concludes, we now turn our attention to returning to Tallahassee to finalize the state budget and continue important policy discussions.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office we are always happy to help

Best Wishes,

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