

## NASW Florida Priority Bills for 2020 Legislative Session (draft)

**Mental and Behavioral Health Services/Child Welfare:** Support legislation for additional funding and increased service delivery:

- **(SB 190/HB 81)** Support School Social Workers in the delivery of mental health services by expanding Medicaid school-based services. Passed one committee in the House. <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/81>; <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/190>
- **(SB 104/HB 687)** Expand mental health services for Veterans and their families by expanding statewide the 211 pilot program. Passed 2 committees in the Senate. <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/104>; <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/687>
- **(SB 122/HB 43)** "Jordan's Law" improves effective case management in child welfare by reducing caseloads and streamlining communication. Passed 1 committee in the House. <http://jordanslaw.com/>; <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/00122>; <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/43>

**Social Justice:** Advocate for just and fair criminal justice system, immigration policies, employment, 2020 census, and prevention of gun violence.

- **(SB 610/HB 285)** Direct Filing of an Information: Removes references to state attorney's discretion to direct file juvenile; revises discretionary direct file criteria; provides for opportunity for hearing to reverse direct file; revises provisions concerning housing of children held in detention; expunctions of criminal history records granted when the person was a minor. Passed 1 Senate committee. <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/610/ByCategory>; <https://public.lobbysystems.com/index.cfm?type=bills&id=53091>
- **(SB 68/HB 163)** Update and expand funding for housing options for individuals experiencing homelessness. Passed 1 committee in both the Senate and House. <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/68>; <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/163>
- **(SB 206/HB 161)** "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; adding sexual orientation and gender identity as impermissible grounds for discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments; providing an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion, etc. <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/161> <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2020/206>