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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Representative Christopher Benjamin (D- Miami Gardens)'s [HB 527](#) passed on the House Floor. This bill authorizes specified persons to visit at their pleasure county and municipal detention facilities; prohibiting persons not otherwise authorized by law from entering such facilities; prohibiting the unreasonable withholding of permission to enter such facilities from professional journalists or writers, etc. [SB 206](#) was filed by **Senator Jason Pizzo (D-Miami)**. This bill will allow specific persons to visit county and municipal detention centers.

Representative Benjamin had this to say, "Access is important and is a very powerful tool to be able to go unannounced to jails and prisons to determine the conditions of the facilities, staff and those they supervise."

Senator Pizzo had this to say, "With a surging legislative interest in the visits to State prison facilities these bills are a natural extension off fostering a more complete look into the conditions of all Correctional Facilities."

More information about this bill can be found [Here](#).

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