

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE KRISTEN ARRINGTON

PROUDLY SERVING DISTRICT 43



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## 2022 Florida Legislative Session in Review

Dear Constituent,

The 2022 Legislative Session was extended for a few extra days in order for the legislature to pass the constitutionally required balanced budget. The \$112.1 billion budget is the largest in the history of Florida and includes \$2.36 million in appropriations projects that I sponsored which will help address some of the important issues facing our district. Thanks to President Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress, Florida received an additional \$6.7 billion as part of the American Rescue Plan!

I sponsored the Guidance Services bill that we first introduced last session and while it passed unanimously in the Florida House, it did not get a vote in the Senate so I will keep fighting for this next year.

I was also proud to sponsor legislation this session that would have prevented homeowners' associations from issuing fines or having such fines become property liens, to protect animals through the creation of an animal abuser registry and by banning testing of cosmetics on animals, to protect county attorneys, and to make sure that everyone has an ID that reflects who they are.

The Capitol was open to constituents this session as COVID-19 precautions began to wind down. We met with many advocacy groups and constituents in person in Tallahassee, but we also had many Zoom meetings for those who requested to meet virtually, received thousands of emails, and hundreds of phone calls from constituents who voiced their opinion on legislation that was important to them, and to our community. I have outlined some of the major legislation below that was passed during session, as well as an overview of the budget and redistricting process.

I wanted to provide an update on the COVID-19 testing sites that Osceola County has partnered with NOMI Health on to help support our residents and visitors. The county is currently at a 3.1% positivity rate. Our community test sites at the 65th Infantry Park, West

Osceola Library, and Veteran Memorial Library continue to trend down in their counts over the last several weeks as well.

The county plans to discontinue operations at these testing sites on April 2. They will continue to monitor on a daily basis for the next 30 days for both usage and positivity, which will allow them to adjust if needed.

I also wanted to highlight the next phase of the state's Homeowners Assistance Fund. The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) launched its Homeowner Assistance Fund Pilot Program on November 8, 2021. As part of the next phase of the Assistance Fund, they have recently launched a registration portal for homeowners to begin the first step in determining their eligibility to receive assistance. The registration portal can be found at [www.FLHomeownerAssistance.org](http://www.FLHomeownerAssistance.org).

If you have been negatively impacted by COVID-19 and are needing assistance paying housing related expenses, you may apply. The DEO has reserved these funds to help the state's homeowners become current on their mortgages and other homeowner expenses and overall help prepare Florida families for future financial stability.

If you have any questions or need constituent services, please feel free to call my office at (407) 846-5016. It is my honor to serve the people of District 43 in the Florida House of Representatives.

Thank you,

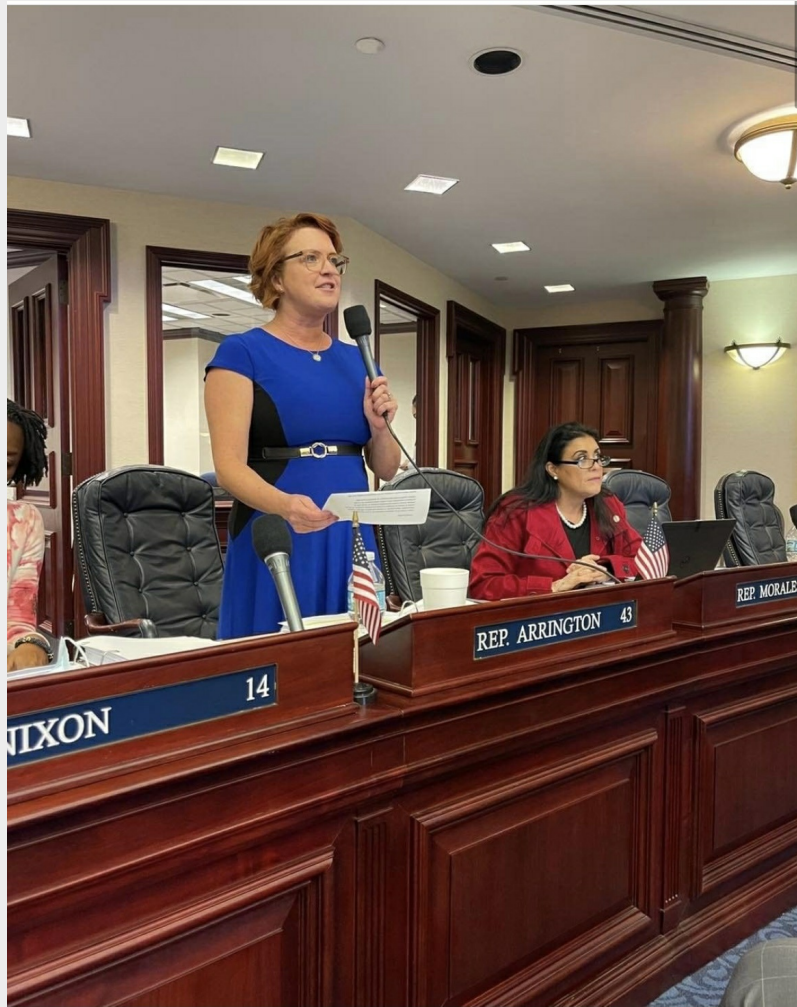
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. R. ...', is written below the text 'Thank you,'.

### **Guidance Services Bill Passes Unanimously in the Florida House**

**HB 229** Guidance Services and Academic Career Planning passed unanimously in the Florida House.

HB 229 would require a middle grade student's current personalized academic and career plan to include information on the career and technical education graduation pathway options and work-based learning opportunities, including internships and pre apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. Additionally, it would expand the current annual school district parental notification on high school acceleration options which include Dual enrollment and AP opportunities to include notification to students and for the info to be presented in a language understandable to students and parents.

This bill was sent to the Florida Senate in messages but was not brought up for a vote before the end of legislative session.



Rep. Arrington presenting HB 229 on the House Floor.



Representative Arrington speaks at press conference with Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Nikki Fried.

### **Bills I Co-sponsored that Passed the FL Legislature**

- [\*\*SB 236/HB 15\*\*](#): Children with Developmental Delays. This bill passed in the Senate on 3/1/22 and the House on 3/8/22.
- [\*\*CS/CS/CS/HB 25\*\*](#): Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs. This bill passed in the Senate on 3/1/22 and passed in House on 3/8/22.
- [\*\*SB 418/ HB 55\*\*](#): Assistive Technological Advisory Council. This bill passed in the Senate on 2/10/22 and in the House on 3/4/22.
- [\*\*HM 63\*\*](#): Recognizing Veteran Suicide. This Memorial Bill passed in both the House and the Senate.
- [\*\*CS/HB 105\*\*](#): Regulation of Smoking by Counties and Municipalities. This bill passed in the House on 2/24/22 and in the Senate on 3/2/22.
- [\*\*CS/HB 195\*\*](#): Juvenile Diversion Program Expunction. This bill passed in the House on 2/24/22 and in the Senate on 3/8/22.
- [\*\*CS/HB 475\*\*](#): Alzheimer's Disease and Related Forms of Dementia Education and Public

Awareness. This bill passed in the Senate on 2/17/22 and in the House on 3/7/22.

- [SB 434/HB 489](#): Tourism Marketing. This bill passed in the Senate on 3/2/22 and in the House on 3/8/22.
- [HM 505/SM 826](#): Florida National Guard. This memorial passed in the House and the Senate on 3/3/22.
- [HR 1597](#): Ukraine. This House Resolution condemning the invasion of Ukraine and supporting the Ukrainian people was unanimously adopted in the House on 3/2/22.
- [HR 8055](#): Holodomor Remembrance Day. This House Resolution was adopted on 2/24/22.
- [HB 7071](#): Taxation.  
This bill passed the House and the Senate on 3/14/22.

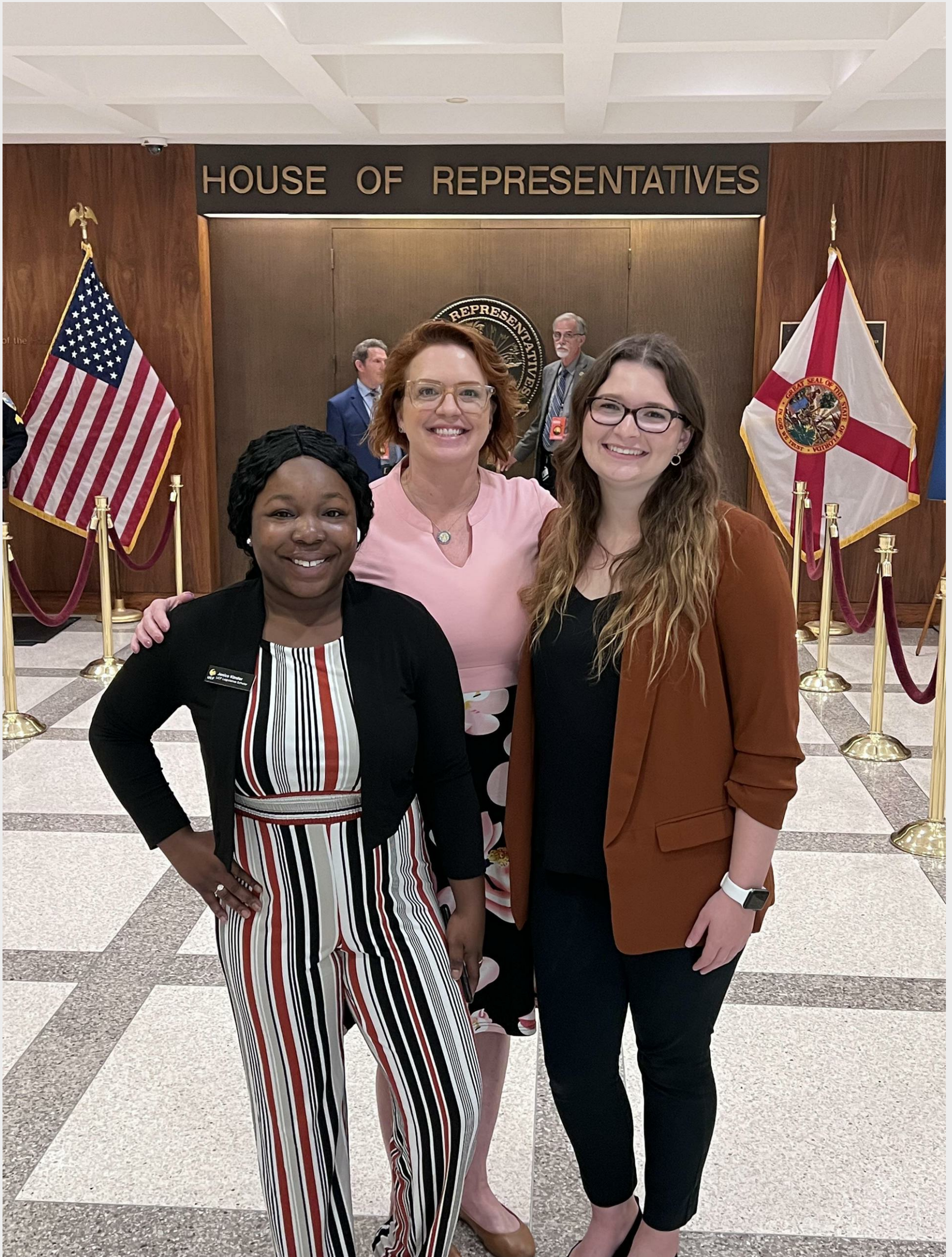


Rep. Arrington with the District 43 Team, District Aide Carla-Rivera Marrero and Legislative Aide Eleanor McDonough

### **Appropriations Projects Included in the Florida Budget**

- **[HB 2727](#)**: Osceola County North Lake Tohopekaliga Restoration and Water Quality Study - **\$400,000**
- **[HB 3123](#)**: Hope Partnership Attainable Housing - **\$500,000**

- [HB 2449](#): Kissimmee Shingle Creek Regional Trail Security and Protection Project - **\$400,000**
- [HB 2447](#): Kissimmee Public Safety Training Support Annex - **\$500,000**
- [HB 2451](#): Victory Village Rehabilitation Project - **\$250,000**
- [HB 3287](#): Osceola Recovery Project - **\$250,000**
- [HB 3463](#): Improved Access to Care Through Transportation - **\$60,000**



# BY THE NUMBERS

**\$43.7**\* General Revenue Funds

**\$29.1**\* State Trust Funds

**\$39.2**\* Federal Funds

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**\$112.1**\* Total Budget

\* = in Billion    ~ = Approximately



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\$43.7

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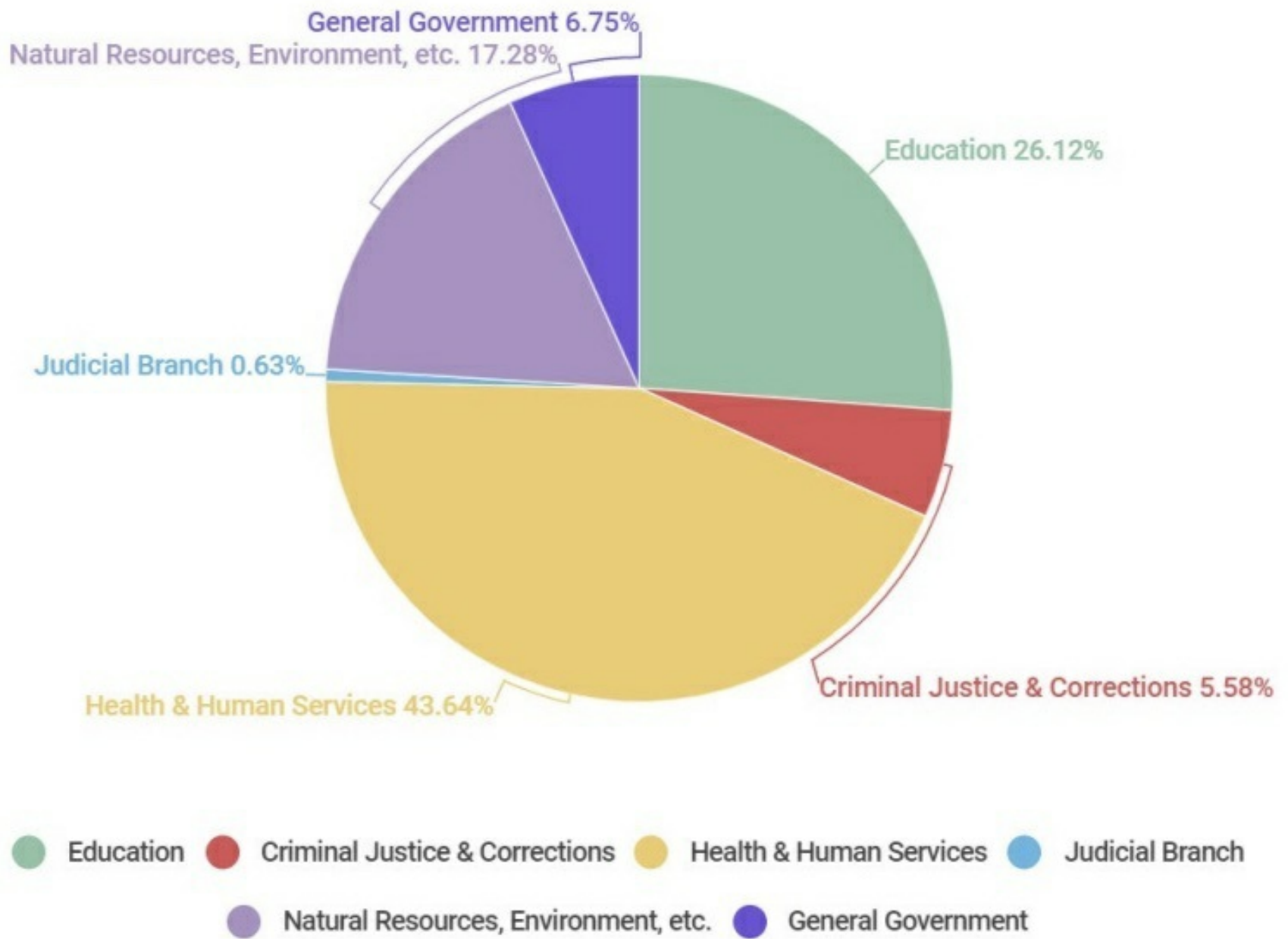
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Dollars in Billions





## Proportional Funding Allocation by Section



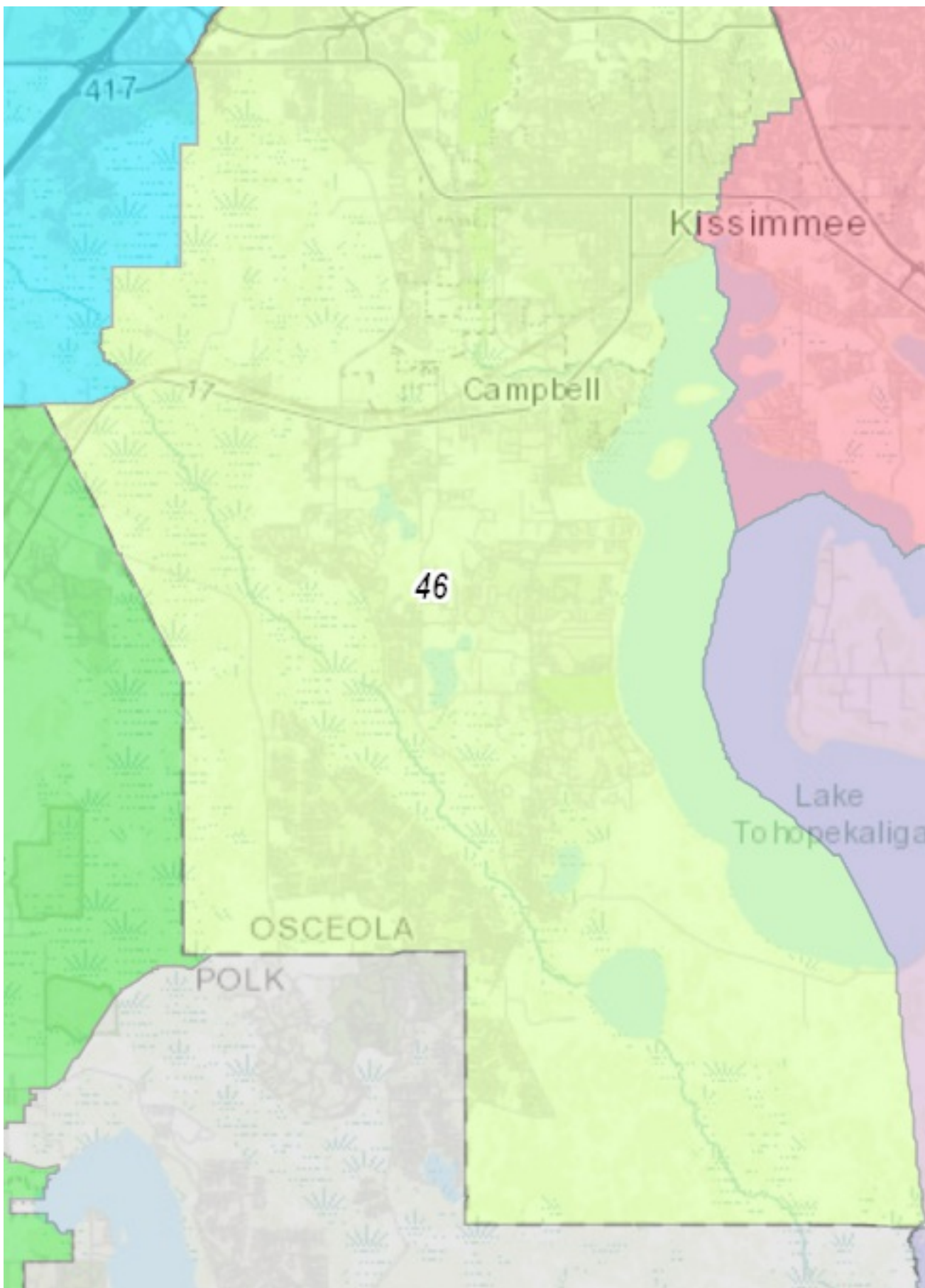
## Spending Allocation by Section

Section	Amount
<b>Education</b>	\$ 29,268,379,223
<b>Criminal Justice &amp; Corrections</b>	\$ 6,257,148,587
<b>Human Services</b>	\$ 48,909,546,871
<b>Judicial Branch</b>	\$ 702,774,972
<b>Natural Resources, Environment, Growth Managements, Transportation</b>	\$ 19,367,675,516
<b>General Government</b>	\$ 7,565,508,833

### [New State Redistricting Map](#)

Below is a picture of the new district map (H8013) that was passed by the legislature. This map will adjust the borders of our district and rename it as District 46. The district will expand to include all of Poinciana but residents in Buenaventura Lakes will be in the newly created District 47. Please click the link below if you would like more information regarding redistricting.

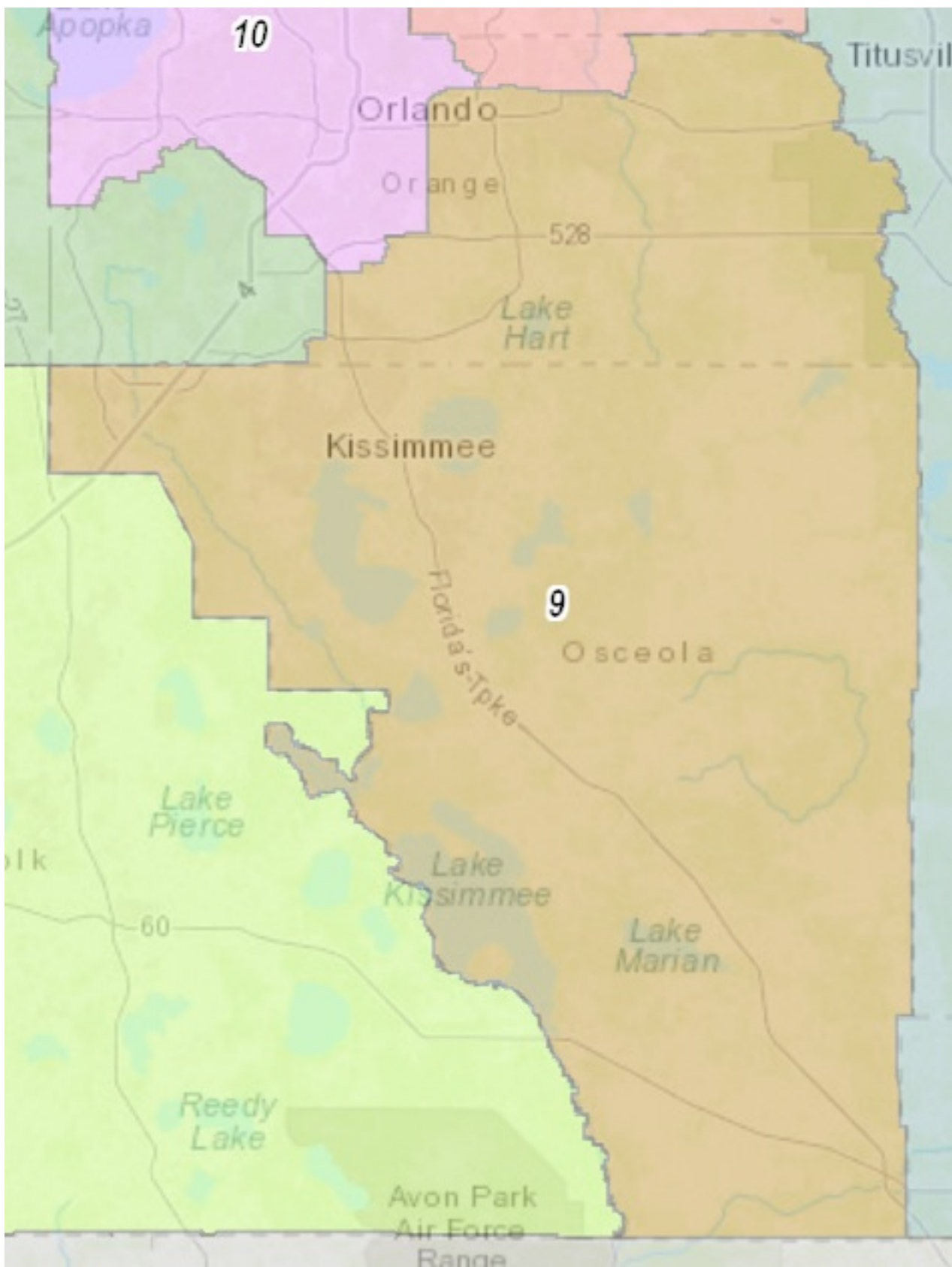
[Click here to view the Florida State Redistricting Map](#)



### **[New Congressional Redistricting Map](#)**

Below is a picture of the new congressional district map (HB 8019) passed by the legislature. Our area will still be a part of Congressional District 9 where the current member of Congress is Congressman Darren Soto. This district includes all of Osceola County and expands further north into Orange County. This map has been sent to Governor DeSantis' desk for a signature. Please click the link below if you would like more information regarding redistricting.

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