

2024 State Session | Final Report



 **FORT LAUDERDALE**

The City You Never Want to Leave

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Broadband and Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity Funding

1 **Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Funding**

\$100 million allocated for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program.

2 **Cybersecurity Grants**

\$40 million provided for Local Government Cybersecurity Grants.

3 **Broadband Expansion**

Four-year extension of promotional pole attachment rates for underserved areas.



Affordable Housing Initiatives | (SB 328)

Floor Area Ratio

Restrictions on counties limiting floor area ratio for certain developments.

Height Regulation

Counties granted authority to regulate development height in specific situations.

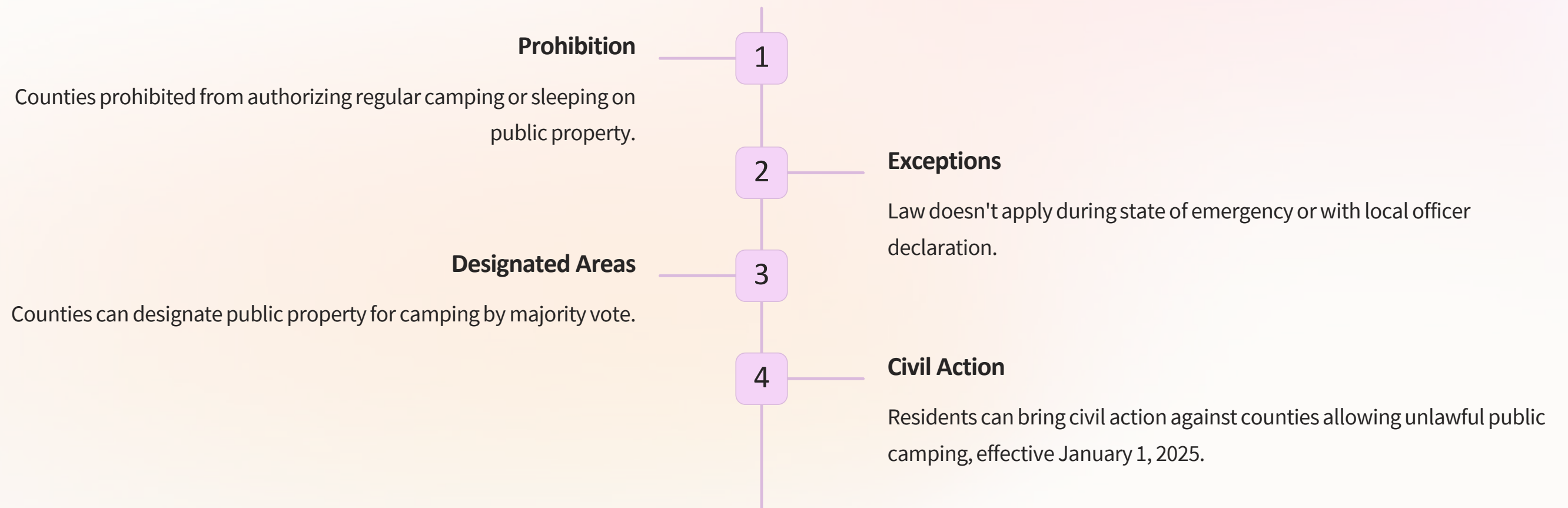
Tax Exemptions

Revised criteria for multifamily projects' eligibility as charitable properties.





Public Camping and Sleeping Regulations | HB 1365





Tax Holidays | CS/HB 7073

Back-to-School	14 days	\$97.2M savings
Disaster Preparedness	Two 14-day periods	\$80.2M savings
Freedom Month	July 2024	\$90.5M savings
Tool Time	7 days	\$19.8M savings



Local Government Regulations

Teleconferencing | HB 157

While it didn't pass this year, the proposal would allow municipalities to conduct business through teleconferencing in specific situations.

Citizen Advisory Committees | CS/CS/SB 224

Regional citizen volunteer advisory committees authorized to hold public meetings using communication media technology. It also outlines notice requirements for these meetings or workshops conducted through communication media technology, ensuring transparency and accessibility.



My Safe Florida Home Program and Condo Pilot Program

Funding for Storm Damage

Provide inspections and grants for condo associations to mitigate hurricane damage.

Grant Matching

Mandates that grants be matched by the association at \$1 for every \$2 provided by the state, with specific limitations for roof and opening protection projects.

My Safe FL Home Program

During Special Session 2022-D (SB 2-D), the Legislature reestablished the My Safe Florida Home Program to provide financial incentives for property owners to obtain free home inspections which identify mitigation measures and provide grants, reducing vulnerability to hurricane damage and helping decrease the cost of property insurance.

\$200 million for additional grants available in FY 2024-25.



FAILED Vacation Rentals Regulations

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Tax Payment

Operators required to pay taxes when listing on advertising platforms.

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Local Regulations

Grandfathering of certain county laws on vacation rental registration.

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Occupancy Limits

Maximum overnight occupancy requirements exempt from 15-day cure period.

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Advertising Platforms

Reporting requirements for vacation rental listings modified.

Public-Private Partnerships

Alternative Process

New process for local governments to enter partnerships through unsolicited proposals.

Public Meetings

Two public meetings required to determine project's public interest.

Transparency

Mandated publication of report in Florida Administrative Register for 7 days.





Building Regulations and Permit Permit Timelines

- 1 Application Review**
Local governments must provide written notice within 5 business days of application receipt.
- 2 Approval Timelines**
30-60 business days for most residential permits, depending on structure size.
- 3 Expedited Process**
10-12 business days for certain applications using private providers or CDBG programs.





City Appropriations | \$3.625 million



Homeless Mental Health Housing Program

\$250,000 received for Mental Health Housing Program to mental-health related homelessness cases.



Infrastructure

\$3,000,000 received for Breakers Ave. Resiliency and Pedestrian Improvements.



Park Improvements

\$200,000 eligible under the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) for Carter Park improvements.



Generators

\$175,000 received for stormwater pump station generators along the New River.

