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Florida Osteopathic Medical Association Legislative Update

Committee Week #3

November 3 - 7, 2025

During the Florida legislative interim committee week ending November 7, 2025, a range of bills were discussed and advanced in committees in preparation for the 2026 Regular Session.

Nov. 3–7, 2025 was the Legislature’s third interim/committee week in the fall schedule leading up to the 2026 regular session; both House and Senate committees convened for hearings, briefings, and bill workgroups rather than floor votes.

Key bills and topics addressed during this period included various proposals aimed at property tax relief, such as eliminating or phasing out non-school homestead property taxes, exempting seniors from these taxes, and creating an additional exemption for homeowners with insurance. Property insurance legislation also saw discussion, including a bill to limit rate increases and another to permanently remove sales tax on impact-resistant building materials.

Healthcare discussions encompassed several bills, such as requirements for human trafficking training for nursing students, addressing the recovery of non-economic damages in medical negligence cases, and civil liability for the wrongful death of an unborn child.

Major, recurring themes across the week included property-tax reform and proposals, agency and higher-education oversight hearings, and policy markups/workshops in subject-area committees (energy, environment, criminal justice, education, etc.). Local reporting flagged property-tax reform as a major item of attention heading into committee weeks.

The Legislature has three more committee weeks scheduled: November 17-21, December 1-5 and December 8-12, and the FOMA team will continue to update you.

Legislative Issues to Watch:

1. EKGs – **Monitor**. no bills filed to date, watching this issue for any changes from last year’s legislation.
2. Vaccines – **Monitor**. No news from DOH on workshop or hearing. Waiting to see what Governor’s vaccine package will contain. Might see a medical conscious exemption. Also, discussion around requirements to treat individuals who have not been vaccinated.
3. [Wrongful Death – HB 6003 \(Trabulsky\)](#) – **Oppose**. Removes the provision precluding certain persons from recovering damages for medical negligence resulting in death.
4. Parental Rights – [SB 166 \(Grall\)](#) [HB 173 \(Kendall\)](#) – **Oppose** unless fix issues from last year’s language re: STDs. Parental Rights; Revising requirements for the provision of maternal health and contraceptive information and services to minors; requiring consent from a parent or guardian for a minor’s treatment for certain diseases; repealing a provision relating to minors’ access to outpatient crisis intervention services and treatment; requiring school districts to provide parents with specified information before the district administers certain questionnaires or forms to students, etc.
5. [Acupuncture – HB 169 \(Alvarez\)](#) – **monitor**. if the same as last year – good with language. Acupuncture: Revises licensure requirements; provides applicability; exempts certain persons from certain regulations governing the practice of acupuncture. Effective Date: July 1, 2026. This bill has only two committees of reference.
6. [Step therapy - SB 70 \(Harrell\)](#) – **support**. Step-therapy Protocols; Requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to approve drug products for Medicaid recipients for the treatment of serious mental illness without step-therapy prior authorization under certain circumstances; directing the agency to include rate impacts resulting from the act in certain rates that become effective on a specified date, etc.
7. [Temporary Licensure of AAs – SB 148 \(Harrell\)](#) – **Anesthesiologists support**. Temporary Licensure of Anesthesiologist Assistants; Requiring the Department of Health to issue a temporary license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to applicants meeting specified criteria; providing that temporary licensees may practice only under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist and pursuant to a written protocol, etc.
8. [Medical Review Committee – SB 64 \(Harrell\)](#) – **Monitor**. Inclusion of amendment for DO to be added. Medical Review Committees; Revising the definition of the term “medical review committee”, etc.
9. [Mandatory Review of Insurance Claim Denials SB 202 \(Bradley\)](#) – **Monitor**. necessary amendment if it moves. Mandatory Human Reviews of Insurance Claim Denials; Requiring that insurers’ decisions to deny a claim or any portion of a claim be made by qualified human professionals; prohibiting the use of algorithms, artificial intelligence, or

machine learning systems as the sole basis for determining whether to adjust or deny a claim; authorizing the Office of Insurance Regulation to conduct market conduct examinations and investigations under certain circumstances, etc.

10. [Psychiatric APRN – SB 138 \(Truenow\)](#) and [HB301 \(Shoaf\)](#) – **Oppose**. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Autonomous Practice; Authorizing certain advanced practice registered nurses to engage in autonomous practice to provide mental health services as defined by rule of the Board of Nursing, etc.
11. [Florida Health Choices Program – HB 141 \(Yarkosky\)](#) – **review and observe**. Renaming "Florida Health Choices Program" as "Florida Employee Health Choices Program"; revises legislative findings & intent; revises definitions; revises purpose & components of program; revises eligibility & participation requirements for vendors under program; revises types of health insurance products that are available for purchase through program; removes certain pricing transparency requirements to conform to changes made by act; revises structure of insurance marketplace process under program; removes option for risk pooling under program; removes exemptions from certain requirements of Florida Insurance Code under program; renaming corporation administering program as "Florida Employee Health Choices, Inc."; revises membership of board of directors; authorizes corporation to exercise certain powers; revises duties of board & corporation; revises fiscal year in which corporation's annual report is due.
12. Chiropractic Medicine – **Neutral**. Nothing filed to date, should be compromise language.
13. Pharmacists/MATs – **Neutral**. latest compromise language with treat to limit it to certain physicians.
14. [Naturopath HB223 \(Smith, D.\)](#)– **Oppose**. Naturopathic Medicine: Creates Board of Naturopathic Medicine within DOH; provides for licensure by examination of naturopathic doctors; provides financial responsibility requirements as condition of licensure for naturopathic doctors; provides that patients are responsible for advising treating health care practitioners about any legend drug, nutrient, or natural medicinal substance that naturopathic doctor has prescribed or recommended to patient; provides for licensure by endorsement of naturopathic doctors. This bill has three committees of reference.
15. Physician Assistants – **Oppose**. Nothing filed to date, seeking independent practice.
16. [Mobile Opportunity by Interstate Licensure Endorsement Act SB154](#) (Harrell) – adds requirement that dentists and dental hygienist must graduate from a school or college accredited by the American Dental Association.
17. Psychology Prescribing – **Oppose**
18. [Prescribing Authority SB374](#) (Trumbull) - Deleting the requirement that a supervising physician notify the Department of Health in writing of any delegation of prescribing

authority to a physician assistant; deleting the requirement that a supervising physician's name be included in the prescription issued by a physician assistant; revising requirements for the drug formulary for physician assistants; revising the drug formulary requirements for advanced practice registered nurses authorized to prescribe medications

19. [Connecting to Care Act SB294](#) (Rodriguez) - Names the legislation as the 'Connecting to Care Act. Provides that pharmacists, in addition to nurses and physician assistants, may deliver medication in medication-assisted treatment programs when authorized. Expressly permits pharmacists to administer antipsychotic medications and opiate treatment medications by injection under a protocol with a supervising physician. Requires pharmacists to complete an 8-hour continuing education course on safe and effective administration of these medications.
20. [Civil Liability for the Wrongful Death of an Unborn Child HB 289 \(Greco\)](#) and [SB164 \(Grall\)](#) - Prohibits right of action against mother for wrongful death of unborn child or against health care provider for legal medical care provided in certain circumstances; authorizes parents of unborn child to recover certain damages; prohibits recovery of certain damages if decedent is unborn child. SB164 was heard in the Judiciary committee on November 4 and passed 5-4, the senate language has two more committee meeting stops.
21. Electronic Prescribing – No news, nothing filed to date.
22. Out of Network Providers – No news, nothing filed to date.
23. Federal Rural Health Transformation Grant Program – The AHCA presented the Rural Health Transformation Program on Tuesday November 4, 2025, before the House Health and Human Services Committee. Brian Meyer, Deputy Secretary Division of Medicaid presented on the Rural Health Transformation Act (RHTA) outlining the state's strategy for utilizing the program's funding to address rural healthcare challenges, focusing on improving access, outcomes, and workforce development. Key areas of the presentation included the required eight elements of the state plan: improving access, enhancing outcomes, using new technology, strengthening partnerships, recruiting/training a workforce, implementing data-driven solutions, planning for long-term financial solvency, and identifying causes of hospital closures.