



Addendum to  
2008 Legislative Summaries

# Florida

## Department of Education

**Bill Number:** House Bill 503

**Bill Title:** Preservation & Protection of the Right to Keep & Bear Arms in Motor Vehicles Act

**Bill Sponsor:** Environment & Natural Resources Council and Representative Evers

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008

**DOE Contact:** Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations, (850) 245-0406

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### **Executive Summary:**

The bill amends s. 790.251, F.S. to:

- Allow persons who are properly licensed to possess weapons in their vehicles while on their employers' property, whether privately or publicly employed.
- Prohibit specified employer sanctions against them pursuant to such licensure.

The act retains the current prohibition of weapons in schools, on school grounds, and in school buses that is provided in s. 790.115, F.S. Other than maintaining the provisions of s. 790.115, F.S., the bill does not apply to school district employers or employees.

### **General Implementation Timeline:**

July 1, 2008                      The act will become effective.

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**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 2422

**Bill Title:** Local Government Finance

**Bill Sponsor:** Senators Alexander

**Effective Date:** Upon becoming a law

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### Executive Summary:

The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund is a large pooled asset fund, managed by the State Board of Administration (board) on behalf of local governments. The decline in the value of debt and mortgage-backed securities that began in 2007 affected homeowners, financial institutions, and institutional investors alike, including local government investments in Florida. The Local Government Surplus Funds Trust Fund had small holdings of such securities from four investment funds whose underlying assets became impaired as mortgage delinquencies, credit impairments, and foreclosures climbed.

The bill amends s. 218.401, F.S., Definitions, to:

- Provide for additional definitions.

The bill amends s. 218.407, F.S., Local government investment authority, to:

- Bring additional safeguards to the management of funds in this intergovernmental pool. The major new safeguard is the requirement for more widespread disclosure of securities holdings when there is a credit downgrade or an impairment of the underlying assets. In these circumstances the board is authorized to make a one-time partitioning of the impaired assets into a separate trust account (created by HB 7097) until they return to par value, have their credit rating restored, return to performing status, or can be liquidated.

The bill amends s. 218.409, F.S., Administration of the trust fund; creation of advisory council to:

- Place a premium on disclosure and communications among all of the investing parties.
- Require the board to inform all of the investors of the objectives of the fund along with its risks and conditions of participation. The investors, in turn, must acknowledge to the board that they understand these provisions and consent to them.
- Establish a separate Participant Advisory Council to provide input to the board in case of liquidity impairments. Because these funds are invested for liquidity, it is important that investing local governments have access to them.
- Require an annual financial audit of the pooled funds account by the Auditor General and periodic reporting to the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee.



**General Implementation Timeline:**

The act will take effect upon becoming a law.

Monthly      The board or a professional money management firm will provide a report at least monthly or upon the occurrence of a material event to include any material impacts on the trust fund, a management summary of the status of the current investment portfolio and the individual transactions over the last month, and a detailed report of the market value of the portfolio.