



# THIS WEEK IN TALLAHASSEE

## *FROM THE VOICE OF FLORIDA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT*

## FLORIDA LAWMAKERS CONVENE FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

**FEBRUARY 11-14, 2025**

This session was the result of a compromise between Republican legislative leaders and Governor Ron DeSantis. Legislators prioritized passing bills that enhance immigration enforcement and align with federal efforts to identify and deport undocumented immigrants.

### Key Legislative Actions

- **Creation of a State Board of Immigration Enforcement**, which includes the governor, agriculture commissioner, attorney general, and chief financial officer.
- **\$250 million allocated** for a grant program to support law enforcement officers involved in Homeland Security immigration operations.
- **\$48.1 million allocated** to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the construction and renovation of immigration enforcement facilities, including a new station along the I-10 corridor in North Florida.
  - This station is specifically tasked with curbing illegal immigration activities within the corridor.
- **Local law enforcement agencies are now required** to fully cooperate with federal authorities in enforcing immigration laws.
- **Implementation of state-level crimes** for immigrants who illegally enter or re-enter Florida.

PBA's legislative team continues to lobby on our priorities: **state employee pay raises, FRS COLA and our pro law enforcement policy issues addressing the three day wait exemption and Marsy's law.**