



***Legislative Update from Rep. Hart***

***Bills Filed In  
2022 Legislative  
Session***

HB 169- PAROLE  
ELIGIBILITY

HB 171- CRIMINAL  
REHABILITATION

HB 305- CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITY OVERSIGHT AND  
PROGRAMMING

HB 1545- CRIMINAL  
JUSTICE

HJR 39-PROHIBITION OF  
SLAVERY AND  
INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE

The 2021 session was very different from any other legislative session due to COVID-19, and the other dangerous legislation that passed which proved to be a challenge.

I was honored to see the ways and means committee take up my proposal which provided an opportunity to get a 7 day back-to-school tax free holiday included in the 2021 tax bill for families.

I would've liked to see the Transportation and Infrastructure committee allow for a 240 million dollar floor as opposed to a 160 million for the Sadoski affordable housing trust fund. These dollars are important to District 61.

I want to thank all of the people of District 61 who have supported me, advocated with me, and stood up for me. I am honored to represent you in Tallahassee and I am looking forward to going back to do the work of the great people of District 61.

Your Voice in Tallahassee,

## *Prison Reform Updates*

from the 2021 Legislative Session

This past Legislative Session we made great progress in the area of criminal justice and prison reform. This year I filed several bills aimed at tackling some of the various problems that plague our state's correctional system. CS/HB 69: Parole Eligibility established clear guidelines on the requirements for parole. The bill would require the Department of Corrections to work with the Florida Commission on Offender Review to create a written and publically available list of what was required to become eligible for parole. The bill was placed on the agenda of the Criminal Justice Subcommittee where committee staff

made changes to the bill to make it more effective. The bill, however, did not move past that stop. I also filed House Bill 165 titled "Treatment of Inmates". This bill established a bill of rights for those housed in Florida Correctional facilities. The bill would require that these rights be printed and a copy given to each inmate once processed into the system. This bill did not receive a hearing, but I will be refiling this legislation in the upcoming session. I also filed House Bill 235 that would reduce mandatory gain-time from 85% to 65%. This legislation would save the state \$800 million dollars over a five-year period had it become law.

Lastly, I was proud to carry the House companion of Senator Brandes' bill, House Bill 1545, which was an extensive Criminal Justice Packet that dealt with a myriad of issues including juvenile case review, interrogation practices, and conditional medical release. I believe this bill would've done wonders for our struggling Department of Corrections and would've given them the tools needed to ensure dignity for our incarcerated juveniles. While progress was made in the efforts of bettering our criminal justice system there is still more work to be done.



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# Traffic Light Update:

I met with Secretary Thibault and Bob Esposito of the Florida Department of Transportation a year ago to advocate for a traffic light at MLK Blvd. and 26th Street. Thanks to their hard work and that of City Commissioner Orlando Gudes the light went live on August 10th.



## Upcoming Event:

## Pictures from the Legislative Session

### Town Hall Meeting: Redistricting

Wednesday January 5th

6pm - 8pm at Pierce Middle School Cafeteria  
5511 N Hesperides St. Tampa, FL 33614



Join State Rep. Susan Valdés and State Rep. Dianne Hart for an open discussion on Redistricting - what it is and how it could impact Hillsborough County.

