



Guide to the Legislative Process & What YOU Can Do

1. Get to know your local legislators, educate them about nurse practitioners & share our Talking Points.

We recommend you start this process 3-6 months prior to the legislative session starting. There are two things that encourage legislators to vote a certain way, money and votes. As a constituent in your area, you should get to know your legislators & help educate them of the barriers and how certain bills can affect nurse practitioners and your community.

Here is how to find your state legislators if you don't already know who they are:

1. Go to www.flsenate.gov/Senators/Find
2. Type in your address and click **Search**
3. This will take you to your State Senator which shows your **State Senate District #** as well as your **State House District #** (below the picture, make note of this) – **NEVER use the “Email this Senator” link because you cannot put in your own Subject line**
 - Take note of their District Office location, legislative aide/s and phone number
 - Click on their name above the photo to see full details such as their district map, bills introduced, media, and personal/career information
4. Below click on “State House” to see your House Representative
 - Take note of their District Office location, legislative aide/s and phone number
 - Click on their image to see full details such as their personal information, district map, and sponsored bills
5. Go to <https://public.lobbytools.com/> to get the legislators email address
6. Call & schedule an appointment to meet face to face with your legislators prior to the legislative session starting. Legislators start having meetings and preparing for session long before it starts, and once session does start, they are typically in Tallahassee and it will be harder for you to meet with them. You may meet or speak to their legislative aide/s as well, that is okay, they will share information to them.
 - If you absolutely cannot meet with them, email them. Tell them who you are, be sure to include that you LIVE in their district.
 - Whether meeting with them in person or sending an email, you can use this general outline:

Good afternoon Senator/Representative _____,

My name is _____. I am a (APRN, Autonomous APRN, PMHNP, etc) and live here in (City). As an APRN or commonly known as a nurse practitioner, here are some issues I have come across.

- Be specific – bullet points are great!
- Feel free to add in information from our [Talking Points webpage](#) as well.
- Give printed information to them so they can look at it later

Thank you for your time. If I can be of any assistance or help answer any questions regarding nurse practitioners, please let me know.

2. Watch legislation daily (by setting up an account you can do this easily).

A bill can affect APRN's even if it is listed in an unsuspected area such as DOC, Disaster Relief, Medicaid, Children & Families, etc.

Where to go:

1. Go to www.FLSenate.gov
2. Click on Session, then Bills
3. Session year: 2026
4. Chamber: select "Senate and House"
5. As you identify Bills to watch, you can click on "Track Bill" icon to the right of the page (you must sign up and create an account to do this, but it will help in keeping you up to date with changes through email)

What to look at:

Bill History: This will show you where the Bill has been and where it is going next

- If the Speaker/President likes the Bill, it will get referred to 3 or less Committees
- If the Speaker/President does not like the Bill, it will get referred to 5 or more Committees

****The House Speaker & Senate President assigns Representatives & Senators to the committees. This happens 2-4 months prior to session starting typically.***

Related Bill: They must have a Bill in the House & Senate; this will show you the other Bill for House or Senate

- The House is limited to 6 Bills per member which they can file (this is why Leadership needs to be on our side)
- The Senate can file as many Bills as they want
- A Committee can also file a Bill
- Each bill must eventually have a companion bill from the other side (House or Senate)

Bill Text: This will pull up link to read the entire bill which you want to do as things are sometimes hidden in texts

- Look for keywords like NP, Nurse Practitioner, Physician, Provider, Nurse, Nursing, Health Care, etc.
- Look for Physician only language.
- When identifying wording to be addressed, use the line number (found on the left of the Bill) to identify
- Words with the strike through are suggested to be removed
- Words underlined are suggested to be added

Amendments: Show all amendments suggested and actions taken

Analyses: Provides and analysis of the bill

Vote History: Shows all voting history on Committees and on the Floor

Citations: can look up more information on the statutes referenced

- s.s = state statute
- s = federal statute

3. Report any concerns, positive bills/items, or questions to the legislative committee by emailing <mailto:legislativecommittee@flanp.org>.

4. Save the following email addresses so you don't miss updates: admin@flanp.org and legislativecommittee@flanp.org.

We will send out weekly legislative update reports to FLANP Members once committees start meeting in the fall. We will also send out CALL TO ACTION emails occasionally; please act promptly on these.

5. Attend the FLANP Legislative Committee Meetings

The Governmental Affairs Chair typically holds a meeting monthly. Keep an eye on our events calendar for notices & registration links. You must be a FLANP Member to attend these.

6. Plan to join us at the Capitol!

Showing up together at the Capitol in large numbers puts us in everyone's forefront. Typically, we will have meetings scheduled to meet with specific legislators. It's a great opportunity to learn as well as network with other NPs from throughout the state. We will post information on our calendar and email this out once a date has been determined.