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**Tallahassee, Fla** – Today, **Representative Christine Hunschofsky (D-Parkland)** passed four bills through their final committees. These bills focus on our military families and the mental health of Floridians.

**Representative Hunschofsky** stated: "As we near the end of the 2022 Legislative Session, I am pleased that these four bills have reached the stage where they are ready for a vote by the full House of Representatives. Supporting our 37,000 active duty military and their spouses in Florida and strengthening mental health services throughout Florida is good public policy. I look forward to working with my House and Senate colleagues to get these bills to the Governor's desk."

House Bill 559: Occupational Licensure of Military Spouses unanimously passed the Health and Human Services Committee. This legislation offers a military spouse, who is already licensed in another state, the opportunity to have their application for a license in Florida expedited and the fee waived so that they can get to work quickly once they move to Florida.

House Bill 899: Mental Health of Students unanimously passed the Education Committee. House Bill 899 updates school services to ensure that whole families are made aware of available mental health services available to them, not just the student, to ensure comprehensive care.

<u>House Bill 953: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact</u> unanimously passed the Health and Human Services Committee. This bill will expand telehealth laws for psychologists to ensure the continuation of care across state lines.

House Bill 955: Public Records and Meetings/Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact unanimously passed the Health and Human Services Committee. This is a companion bill to House Bill 953 so that Florida can be in compliance with the Compact.