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Tallahassee, FL - Representative Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa)'s bills, [House Bill 649](#) Transfers in Divorce, and [House Bill 1215](#) Abandoned and Historic Cemeteries, each passed unanimously in all three of their committee stops and are headed to the House floor.

HB 1215 addresses the multitude of abandoned African-American cemeteries located throughout the State of Florida by creating a taskforce to investigate, maintain, and memorialize these locations. It passed through the Government Operations Subcommittee, Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee, and State Affairs Committee.

HB 649 specifies that certain interests received by transferees after divorce are exempt from claims of creditors upon being awarded or received. It passed through the Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee, Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, and Judiciary Committee.

“It is with great honor that I announce that HB 1215 and HB 649 have passed all three of their committee stops with strong bipartisan support. With HB 1215, we now find our chance as a state to work together to honor those who were forgotten and, oftentimes, degraded. HB 649 clarifies existing law to strengthen protection of retirement benefits at issue in divorce. I am grateful to my colleagues for their unanimous support of both bills and look forward to the opportunity to bring them before the membership of the entire Florida House,” said **Representative Driskell**.

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State Representative Fentrice Driskell represents Florida House District 63, which is located in Hillsborough County and includes the Tampa-area communities of Carrollwood, Lake Magdalene, Lutz, University, New Tampa, and Pebble Creek.