



Capital Office for Administrative, Accreditation & Legislative Services

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TO: All Administrators
FROM: Dr. Howard G. Burke, FACCS Executive Director
RE: Capital Update

The following legislative initiatives are moving forward at a rapid pace. The remaining 50+ House and Senate Bills being tracked this Session have been eliminated, in this report, to provide an easy review of only that action which has been taken-up in multiple Committees of assignment. Unless amended to an alternate bill already advancing legislation not commented upon will have little possibility of passage. Further, legislation with a fiscal impact not already included in the proposed budget initiatives & having been through the various Appropriations or Tax Committees would have virtually no chance of being amended or included in the present bills.

If you would like to read the commentary on a specific bill listed below go to www.myflorida.com or <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Welcome/index.cfm?CFID=85838019&CFTOKEN=29087914>, select the respective House or Senate bill, click on bill "Citator," then on the listed bill number and the available content will be provided.

FL H 13	COMPARE: AUTHOR: TITLE: DISPOSITION: SUMMARY:	FL H 157, FL H 7087 McBurney (R) Public K through 12 Education Pending
	Relates to public K-12 education; requires Sunshine State Standards for social studies to include emphasis on civics education; requires social studies standards to be included in assessments; requires FCAT to measure student content knowledge and skills in social studies; provides requirements for administration.	
	STATUS: 04/23/2009	In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.
FL H 453	SIMILAR: AUTHOR: TITLE: DISPOSITION: SUMMARY:	FL S 1310 Weatherford (R) Tax Credits and Nonprofit Scholarship Funding To Governor
	Relates to tax credits and nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; relates to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, direct certification list, Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program, insurance premium tax credits, nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations, the Department of Education, school district tax credit scholarships, insurers corporate income tax liability.	
	STATUS: 04/28/2009 04/28/2009	In SENATE. Passed SENATE. To enrollment.
FL H 659	IDENTICAL: AUTHOR: TITLE: DISPOSITION: SUMMARY:	FL S 1892 Stargel (R) Sexual Misconduct with Students Pending
	Relates to sexual misconduct with students and authority figures; provides for reclassification of specified sexual offenses committed against students by an authority figure or an offender that is acting in such manner as to lead victim to reasonably believe that offender is such an authority figure.	
	STATUS: 04/27/2009	In HOUSE. Read third time. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.

FL H 719	COMPARE: FL H 5009, FL S 1696 SIMILAR: FL S 1364 AUTHOR: Stargel (R) TITLE: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Relates to Florida bright futures scholarship program; revises provisions relating to refund by educational institution to Department of Education of funds received for courses dropped by students after end of drop and add period; provides exception from prohibition against use of scholarship funds for certain courses; requires student's written appeal for such exception; revises requirements for renewal. STATUS: 04/07/2009 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.
FL H 1293	COMPARE: FL H 7087, FL H 1527, FL S 2232, FL H 543 SIMILAR: FL S 2654 AUTHOR: Fresen (R) TITLE: High School Graduation DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Relates to high school graduation; provides requirements for graduation with core diploma, college preparatory diploma, or career preparatory diploma beginning with students entering their first year of high school in 2010-2011 school year; authorizes Graduation Exit Option Program; provides for applicability for graduation of major and minor areas of interest or electives as credit requirements, of physical education and performing arts credit options. STATUS: 04/23/2009 In HOUSE. Read third time. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.
FL H 1411	COMPARE: FL S 1920, FL S 2458, FL H 5005 AUTHOR: Stargel (R) TITLE: Education Personnel DISPOSITION: Pending SUMMARY: Relates to education personnel; designates act Quality Teacher for All Students Act; provides additional access to records by certain DOE employees or agents in cases of child abuse or neglect; requires reporting on effectiveness of teacher preparation program graduates, educational insufficiency, differentiated pay policies, and assignment of teachers; provides requirements relating to contracts with instructional personnel hired on or after July 1, 2009. STATUS: 04/27/2009 In HOUSE. Read third time. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.
FL H 1539	SIMILAR: FL S 2066 AUTHOR: Fresen (R) TITLE: Certification of Public School Athletic Coaches DISPOSITION: To Governor SUMMARY: Relates to certification of public school athletic coaches; provides that completion of sports safety course shall meet certain inservice certification requirements, including teaching the principles of cardiopulmonary resuscitation; requires the sports safety course to be approved by the State High School Athletic Association Board of Directors and meet specified requirements. STATUS: 04/27/2009 In SENATE. Passed SENATE. 04/27/2009 To enrollment.
FL H 7117	COMPARE: FL S 2374 LINKED: FL H 7119 SIMILAR: FL S 2426 AUTHOR: House Education Policy Council TITLE: Student Records DISPOSITION: To Governor

SUMMARY:

Deletes provisions relating to rights parents have regarding children's postsecondary student records to conform to changes made by act; deletes certain provisions governing release of K-12 student records and reports to specified parties; requires that State Board of Education comply with federal law with respect to release of education records; requires that public postsecondary educational institutions comply with federal law.

STATUS:

04/28/2009 In SENATE. Passed SENATE.
04/28/2009 To enrollment.

FL S 160 **COMPARE:** FL H 3
AUTHOR: Ring (D)
TITLE: Criminal History Record Checks and a Sport Coach
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
Relates to criminal history record checks and a sports coach; requires the sanctioning authority of an independent youth athletic team to screen any person who is a sports coach of an independent youth athletic team; requires the sanctioning authority to screen the sports coach through the designated public websites of the Department of Law Enforcement and the United States Department of Justice; requires the disqualification of any applicant if the applicant appears on any registry; authorizes appeals.
STATUS:
04/14/2009 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE.

FL S 1310 **SIMILAR:** FL H 453
AUTHOR: Gardiner (R)
TITLE: Tax Credits and Nonprofit Scholarship Funding
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
Relates to tax credits and nonprofit scholarship funding organizations; provides for credits against the sales and use tax for contributions to certain eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; expands the Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program to include sales and use tax credits and insurance premium tax credits; specifies that a taxpayer's use of the credit doesn't reduce alternative minimum tax credits.
STATUS:
04/27/2009 In SENATE. Placed on Special Order Calendar.
04/27/2009 In SENATE. Substituted on SENATE floor by H 453.
04/27/2009 In SENATE. Laid on table.

FL S 1540 **COMPARE:** FL S 390, FL H 785, FL S 406, FL S 1250
SIMILAR: FL H 997
AUTHOR: Wise (R)
TITLE: Zero Tolerance Policies and Schools
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
Relates to zero-tolerance policies and schools; revises the requirements for zero-tolerance policies; deletes provisions relating to agreements with the county sheriff's office and local police departments; requires that such agreements specify guidelines for addressing acts that pose a serious threat to school safety; prohibits said policies from requiring the reporting of petty acts of misconduct and misdemeanors to a law enforcement agency.
STATUS:
04/28/2009 In SENATE. Amendment(s) adopted on SENATE floor.
04/28/2009 In SENATE. Ordered engrossed.

FL S 2066 **SIMILAR:** FL H 1539
AUTHOR: Haridopolos (R)
TITLE: Public School Athletic Coaches
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
Relates to public school athletic coaches and the certification; provides that completion

of a sports safety course shall meet certain certification requirements. Requires the sports safety course to be approved by the Florida High School Athletic Association Board of Directors and to meet specified requirements.

STATUS:

04/27/2009 In SENATE. Substituted on SENATE floor by H 1539.
04/27/2009 In SENATE. Laid on table.

FL S 2096 **SIMILAR:** FL H 7055
AUTHOR: Oelrich (R)
TITLE: Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
Relates to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions; revises the criteria for licensure by means of accreditation for an independent postsecondary educational institution; requires that, in order to maintain its license, an institution file a report with the Commission for Independent Education which includes the results of a site visit performed by an accrediting agency; requires that each institution request such site visits.
STATUS:
04/24/2009 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. *****To HOUSE.

FL S 2374 **COMPARE:** FL H 7117
LINKED: FL S 2426
SIMILAR: FL H 7119
AUTHOR: Detert (R)
TITLE: Public Records
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
Relates to public records; expresses the legislative intent to revise laws relating to a public records exemption for educational records.
STATUS:
04/28/2009 In SENATE. Placed on Special Order Calendar.

FL S 2574 **AUTHOR:** Haridopolos (R)
TITLE: Information Technology
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:
Relates to information technology; deletes an obsolete provision relating to duties of the Legislative Budget Commission; revises the duties of the Agency for Enterprise Information Technology; creates the Office of Information Security within the agency; provides that the Northwood Shared Resource Center is an agency established with the DCFS; establishes a state e-mail system as an enterprise information technology service.
STATUS:
04/09/2009 In SENATE. Placed on Calendar.

The following **Congressional legislative information** and request for action has been received from the American Family Association April 28 2009.

Get ready, America. Congress is set to make various sexual orientations legally protected.

Your call is needed today!

Congress is set to give legally protected status to 30 sexual orientations, including incest.

Because of pressure from homosexual groups, Congress has refused to define what is meant by "sexual orientation" in H.R. 1913, the "Hate Crimes" bill. This means that the 30 different sexual orientations will be federally protected classes.

*The U.S. House of Representatives is set to vote on H.R. 1913 in a matter of days. **Right now, there is still time to kill this bill, but time is short.***

Take Action!

contact@afa.net to get the direct telephone number for your representative, along with suggested talking points for your call. Call your representative today to demand politely, but firmly, that he or she vote against H.R. 1913.

Please forward this to all your family and friends. You may be told this information is incorrect. If so, ask why then did the House Judiciary Committee refuse to define "sexual orientation?"

Pastors, it is time to take a stand. Share this information with your members, and ask them to call.

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