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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE OF HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS IMPACTING
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS as of March 3, 2009

FL H 3	COMPARE:	FL S 160
	AUTHOR:	Gibbons (D)
	TITLE:	Athletic Coaches
	SUMMARY:	Relates to athletic coaches; requires independent sanctioning authority of youth athletic team to screen background of current and prospective coaches through designated state and federal sex offender registries; requires disqualification of coach appearing on registry; requires written notice to disqualified coach.

FL H 13	SIMILAR:	FL S 2174
	AUTHOR:	McBurney (R)
	TITLE:	Public K-12 Education
	SUMMARY:	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.

FL H 353	COMPARE:	FL S 2478
	SIMILAR:	FL S 1010
	AUTHOR:	Porth (D)
	TITLE:	Mckay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities
	SUMMARY:	Relates to McKay scholarships for students with disabilities; authorizes students who receive certain services under VPK Program to receive John M; includes the McKay Scholarship; deletes requirement that student must have spent prior school year in attendance at Florida public school or Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind to be eligible for scholarship; provides certain rights and requires information explaining rights and responsibilities.

FL H 397	COMPARE:	FL H 1007, FL S 2176
	IDENTICAL:	FL S 2012
	AUTHOR:	Skidmore (D)
	TITLE:	Prohibited Discrimination
	PREFILED:	01/15/2009
	DISPOSITION:	Pending
	LOCATION:	HOUSE

FL H 453	AUTHOR:	Weatherford (R)
	TITLE:	Tax Credits and Nonprofit Scholarship Funding
	SUMMARY:	Relates to tax credits and nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; provides for credits against sales and use tax for contributions to eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; expands Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program to include sales and use tax credits and insurance premium tax credits; revises credits for contributions to nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations.

FL H 473	AUTHOR:	Williams A (D)
	TITLE:	School Bus Safety
	SUMMARY:	

Relates to school bus safety; designates act Ronshay Dugans Act; designates Drowsy Driving Prevention Week; encourages DHSMV and DOT to educate law enforcement community and public about relationship between fatigue and driving performance; restricts use of mobile telecommunications devices by school bus drivers.

FL H 501 **AUTHOR:** Evers (R)
 TITLE: Early Learning
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to early learning; transfers powers, duties, and functions of early learning coalitions to the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI); requires AWI to adopt schedule for transfers, subject to legislative notice and review; abolishes early learning coalitions upon transfer; requires AWI to reclaim state records, property, and funds from early learning coalitions.

FL H 619 **IDENTICAL:** FL S 156
 AUTHOR: Heller (D)
 TITLE: Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions; revises provisions relating to licensure of institutions by Commission for Independent Education; revises accreditation requirements and standards by which institutions are evaluated; provides requirements for recognition of academic degrees conferred; requires institutions and commission to disclose certain information.

FL H 645 **IDENTICAL:** FL S 740
 AUTHOR: Abruzzo (D)
 TITLE: Summer Camp Personnel
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to summer camp personnel; repeals provision relating to exemption from fingerprint requirements for screening purposes which is provided for human resource personnel working at summer camps and other similar facilities.

FL H 659 **IDENTICAL:** FL S 1892
 AUTHOR: Stargel (R)
 TITLE: Sexual Misconduct with Students
 SUMMARY:
 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.

FL H 719 **IDENTICAL:** FL S 1364
 AUTHOR: Stargel (R)
 TITLE: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
 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.

FL H 765 **COMPARE:** FL S 530
 AUTHOR: Kelly (R)
 TITLE: Public Education
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to public education; provides for operation of schools for term of 180 days or

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.

FL H 1449	AUTHOR:	Sachs (D)
	TITLE:	Restraint of Students With Disabilities
	SUMMARY:	Prohibits school personnel from manually physically restraining student with disabilities except in emergency when imminent and significant threat to physical safety of student or others exists; provides further restrictions on use of manual physical restraint and other disciplinary methods; provides for medical evaluation after restraint; provides requirements for training of school personnel.

FL H 1455	AUTHOR:	Reagan (R)
	TITLE:	Childhood Immunizations
	SUMMARY:	Relates to childhood immunizations; revises list of required childhood immunizations; provides set of recommended vaccination requirements that address manner and frequency of administration of immunizations for children who are entitled to admittance into kindergarten or any other initial entrance into public or private school in this state.

FL H 8003	SIMILAR:	FL S 1008
	AUTHOR:	Planas (R)
	TITLE:	Equal Rights for Men and Women
	SUMMARY:	Relates to equal rights for men and women; ratifies the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women.

FL S 82	AUTHOR:	Wilson (D)
	TITLE:	Mandatory School Attendance
	SUMMARY:	Relates to mandatory school attendance; changes the ending age for mandatory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age.

FL S 100	AUTHOR:	Wilson (D)
	TITLE:	Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program
	SUMMARY:	Relates to voluntary prekindergarten education program; revises the number of instructional hours that are required for a school-year prekindergarten program delivered by a private kindergarten provider and by a public school.

FL S 146	AUTHOR:	Bullard L (D)
	TITLE:	School Entry Requirements and Swimming Life Skills
	SUMMARY:	Relates to school entry requirements, swimming, and life skills; requires children who enter public or private schools in the state to present evidence of having completed a class in swimming life skills conducted by a certified instructor; provides for certain exemptions from the requirement.

FL S 156	IDENTICAL:	FL H 619
	AUTHOR:	Ring (D)
	TITLE:	Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions
	SUMMARY:	

Relates to nonpublic postsecondary educational institutions; requires that a licensed independent postsecondary educational institution notify the Commission for Independent Education of changes in its accreditation status; requires that institutions become accredited within a specified period after licensure; requires that the commission revoke the license or authorization of an institution that does not meet requirements concerning accreditation.

FL S 160	COMPARE:	FL H 3
	AUTHOR:	Ring (D)
	TITLE:	Criminal History Record Checks and a Sport Coach
	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.

FL S 194	AUTHOR:	Wilson (D)
	TITLE:	School Entry Health and Vision Examinations
	SUMMARY:	Relates to school-entry health and vision examinations; requires children who enter public or private schools in the state to present evidence of having received a comprehensive vision examination; requires the imposition of a fee on the retail sale of nonprescription eyeglasses; provides for the fee to be used by the DOH to assist parents in paying for school-entry comprehensive vision examinations.

FL S 196	AUTHOR:	Wilson (D)
	TITLE:	School Wellness and Physical Education Policies
	SUMMARY:	Relates to school wellness and physical education policies; revises each school district's requirement for reviewing its wellness and physical education policies; provides specific guidelines for a school district's wellness and physical education policies with regard to nutrition education, physical activity, school-based activities, and nutritional guidelines for food and beverages sold or served.

FL S 220	IDENTICAL:	FL H 265
	AUTHOR:	Deutch (D)
	TITLE:	Florida Healthy Teens and Sexuality Education
	SUMMARY:	Relates to Florida Healthy Teens Act and sexuality education; requires public schools that provide certain information or programs to students concerning human sexuality to provide information that meets specified criteria; provides a process to review compliance with such requirement.

FL S 268	IDENTICAL:	FL H 19
	AUTHOR:	Ring (D)
	TITLE:	Health Education
	SUMMARY:	Relates to health education and k-12 grades; amends a provision relating to health education. Deletes provisions that require schools to teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students as part of instruction in human sexuality.

FL S 330	AUTHOR:	Wilson (D)
	TITLE:	School Health Services
	SUMMARY:	Relates to school health services; cites this act as the One School, One Nurse Act; provides legislative intent and purpose relating to public-private partnerships for the

provision of school nurse services; provides duties of the Department of Health and the Department of Education; provides a process for a community to submit a proposal to receive matching funds; provides for the scope of services to be provided; provides review and selection criteria.

FL S 346 **AUTHOR:** Justice (D)
TITLE: Health Education and High School Credit
SUMMARY:
Relates to Health Education and High School Credit; provides for a mandatory one-half credit in health education, independent of physical education credit requirements, for high school students who enter their first year of high school in 2008-2009; provides a waiver for students who request to take and successfully complete a health education assessment developed by the Department of Education; reduces the number of credits in elective courses.

FL S 520 **IDENTICAL:** FL H 17
AUTHOR: Hill (D)
TITLE: Public School Attendance
SUMMARY:
Relates to public school attendance; creates the Student Preparedness Pilot Program; requires selected school districts, including the Duval County School District, to review and identify curricula options for certain students; requires students who attain the age of 16 years but have not reached the age of 18 years in pilot program districts who do not regularly attend school to be subject to specific attendance and completion requirements.

FL S 530 **COMPARE:** FL H 765
AUTHOR: Lynn (R)
TITLE: Education Finance Program
SUMMARY:
Relates to the Florida Education Finance Program and its requirements; revises provisions relating to the minimum requirements that each school district must meet to participate in the Florida Education Finance Program; revises the term full-time equivalent student to conform to changes made by the act.

FL S 544 **AUTHOR:** Sobel (D)
TITLE: Class Size Requirements
SUMMARY:
Relates to class size requirements and extracurricular courses; redefines the term extracurricular courses.

FL S 602 **IDENTICAL:** FL H 487
AUTHOR: Fasano (R)
TITLE: Prekindergarten Instructors and Credentials
SUMMARY:
Relates to prekindergarten instructor credentials; provides legislative findings. Requires that prekindergarten instructors meet certain educational goals by a specified period.

FL S 740 **IDENTICAL:** FL H 645
AUTHOR: Aronberg (D)
TITLE: Summer Camp Personnel and Fingerprint Requirements
SUMMARY:
Relates to summer camp personnel and fingerprint requirements; repeals a specified provision relating to an exemption from fingerprint requirements for screening purposes which is provided for human resource personnel working at summer camps and other similar facilities.

FL S 776 **AUTHOR:** Siplin (D)
 TITLE: K 12 Public Schools
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to k-12 public schools and character-development programs; requires that the character-development program for kindergarten through grade 12 include conflict-resolution management.

FL S 1008 **SIMILAR:** FL H 8003
 AUTHOR: Joyner (D)
 TITLE: Equal Rights for Men and Women
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FL S 1010 **COMPARE:** FL S 2478
 SIMILAR: FL H 353
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 TITLE: Mckay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities
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 Relates to Mckay scholarships for students with disabilities; authorizes students who receive certain services under the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to receive a John M. McKay Scholarship; deletes the requirement that a student must have spent the prior school year in attendance at a Florida public school or the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind to be eligible for a scholarship.

FL S 1310 **IDENTICAL:** FL H 453
 AUTHOR: Gardiner (R)
 TITLE: Tax Credits and Nonprofit Scholarship Funding
 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.

FL S 1364 **IDENTICAL:** FL H 719
 AUTHOR: Pruitt (R)
 TITLE: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
 SUMMARY:
 Relates to The Bright Futures Scholarship Program; revises provisions relating to the refund by an educational institution to the Department of Education of funds received for courses dropped by students after the end of the drop and add period; provides an exception from the prohibition against the use of scholarship funds for certain courses. Revises credit-hour requirements for renewal of a scholarship.

FL S 1540 **COMPARE:** FL H 785, FL S 406, FL S 2218
 SIMILAR: FL H 997
 AUTHOR: Wise (R)
 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.

FL S 1892 **IDENTICAL:** FL H 659
AUTHOR: Crist (R)
TITLE: Sexual Misconduct and Students
SUMMARY:
Relates to sexual misconduct, students and authority figures; provides definitions. Provides for reclassification of specified sexual offenses committed against students by an authority figure or an offender that is acting in such a manner as to lead the victim to reasonably believe that the offender is such an authority figure; provides for severity ranking of offenses.

FL S 1988 **AUTHOR:** Wise (R)
TITLE: School Choice Pilot Project
SUMMARY:
Relates to school choice pilot project/Orange county; establishes the Education Empowerment Zone Pilot Project in Orange County; provides student eligibility requirements for school choice options, including public, charter, private and virtual school choice; provides eligibility requirements for receipt of an education empowerment zone grant to attend a private or virtual school; specifies parent and student responsibilities for participation.

FL S 2012 **COMPARE:** FL H 1007, FL S 2176
IDENTICAL: FL H 397
AUTHOR: Deutch (D)
TITLE: Prohibited Discrimination
SUMMARY:
Relates to prohibited discrimination; revises provision to include sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, and familial status as impermissible grounds for discrimination and discrimination in public lodging establishments and public food service establishments, etc.

FL S 2066 **AUTHOR:** Haridopolos (R)
TITLE: Public School Athletic Coaches
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.

FL S 2096 **AUTHOR:** Oelrich (R)
TITLE: Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions
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.

FL S 2124 **IDENTICAL:** FL H 999
AUTHOR: Wise (R)
TITLE: Educational Choice
SUMMARY:
Relates to educational choice and class size grant program; establishes the Class Size Grant Program to provide the option to attend a public school other than the one to

which a student is assigned, or to provide a class size grant to a private school of choice, for students assigned to classrooms that exceed constitutional class size limits; provides school district, DOE, and Commissioner of Education obligations and authority.

FL S 2396 **AUTHOR:** Wise (R)
TITLE: Educational Instruction
SUMMARY:
Relates to educational instruction; requires that the instructional staff of a public school teach a thorough presentation and critical analysis of the scientific theory of evolution and certain governmental, legal, and civic-related principles.

FL S 2414 **AUTHOR:** Peaden (R)
TITLE: Interscholastic Athletics
SUMMARY:
Relates to interscholastic athletics; provides that the nonprofit organization governing interscholastic athletics is exempt from the Administrative Procedure Act; requires that a public high school that sponsors an interscholastic athletics program be a member of the organization.

FL S 2486 **AUTHOR:** Wise (R)
TITLE: Fire Safety Rules
SUMMARY:
Requires that the State Fire Marshal adopt rules in consultation with the DOE; requires that the State Fire Marshal assume specified duties for certain counties; requires inspection of certain property by an official appointed by a district school board within a specified period after the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and annually thereafter; requires that the board include a plan of action and schedule for correcting any deficiencies.

FL S 2564 **SIMILAR:** FL H 1325
AUTHOR: Deutch (D)
TITLE: Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program
SUMMARY:
Requires that students who are participating in the Corporate Income Tax Credit Scholarship Program take the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test under certain conditions; provides additional requirements for private schools that are participating in the program; revises the DOE's obligations under the program; provides additional requirements for teachers employed by or under contract with private schools.

FL S 2570 **AUTHOR:** Wise (R)
TITLE: Early Learning
SUMMARY:
Relates to early learning; deletes an obsolete reference to the repealed subsidized child care program; authorizes county agencies responsible for licensure or approval of child care providers to be granted access to certain confidential reports and records in cases of child abuse or neglect; clarifies that a licensed foster home may be dually licensed as a child care facility and receive certain payments for the same child.

FL S 2574 **AUTHOR:** Haridopolos (R)
TITLE: Information Technology
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.

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- FL S 2576 **AUTHOR:** Lynn (R)
 TITLE: Sales and Use Tax
 SUMMARY:
Creates the Florida Sales Tax Fairness Restoration Act; provides additional responsibilities of the Joint Legislative Sunset Committee for the purpose of reviewing exemptions from the general state sales and use tax and exclusions of sales of services from such taxation; provides for future repeal of certain specified provisions relating to various sales and use tax exemptions, exclusions, and credits.
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- FL S 2628 **AUTHOR:** Wise (R)
 TITLE: Virtual Instruction Programs
 SUMMARY:
Repeals provisions relating to the K-8 Virtual School Program within the DOE; provides that virtual instruction programs may be provided by the same or different contracted providers. Requires that a virtual instruction program provide virtual instruction to part-time or full-time students enrolled in virtual courses in kindergarten through grade 12; deletes provisions relating to funding provided through the Florida Education Finance Program.
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- FL S 2654 **AUTHOR:** Altman (R)
 TITLE: High School Graduation
 SUMMARY:
Relates to high school graduation; provides requirements for graduation with a core diploma, for graduation with a college preparatory diploma, and for graduation with a career preparatory diploma beginning with students entering their first year of high school in the 2010-2011 school year; provides credit requirements, authority to modify courses for exceptional students, standards for graduation, and authority for rulemaking and enforcement.
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- FL S 7050 **AUTHOR:** Senate Education - Pre-K - 12 Committee
 TITLE: Criminal Background Screening
 SUMMARY:
Relates to criminal background screening; revises the term child care personnel and screening to specify the personnel who are subject to the screening requirements and conform to changes made by the act; prohibits the DCFS from adopting different background screening standards for facilities that serve different age groups.