



Capital Office for Administrative, Accreditation & Legislative Services

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TO: All FACCS Administrators

FROM: Dr. Howard G. Burke, FACCS Executive Director

RE: Capital Report

As the regular 2016 Legislative Session begins today there are a number of initiatives underway that may have a direct or indirect impact on the Christian and Private school sector. The primary issues relate to an expansion of multiple CHOICE programs (McKay Scholarship & Step-Up for Student Scholarships re: Corporate Tax Credit Scholarships); changes in the rule making process and recruitment violation reporting for the FHSAA & access to sports programs; the Childcare Development Block Grant and impact to those schools offering School Readiness programs, specified non-discrimination legislation relating to employment, screening practices, practices, sexual orientation; personnel employment requirements for pre-Kindergarten programs, modification of high school graduation requirements (options, hours, assistance, courses, diploma issuance, etc.), curricular offerings for graduation and elective potential, VPK personnel and changes in qualifications of personnel (continuing education hours increased, academic credential changes, & accountability); several bills on seclusion, harassment, bullying of students; dual enrollment & home school students, and a plethora of additional single issue bills.

See below for a comprehensive listing of the legislation, brief summary and current location of the bills are attached. Some legislation is already placed on the Calendar as approved during the Interim Committee meetings and thus has been expedited.

HB 31 - High School Athletics

General Bill by Spano (CO-SPONSORS) Ahern; Combee; Diaz, M.; Grant; Hill; Raulerson; Santiago; Stevenson; Van Zant

High School Athletics: Provides requirements regarding fees & contest receipts collected by FHSAA; provides that school may join FHSAA as full-time member or on per-sport basis; prohibits FHSAA from taking retributory or discriminatory action against specified schools; authorizes Commissioner of Education to identify other associations in compliance with specified provisions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Education Committee

HB 43 - Churches or Religious Organizations

General Bill by Plakon and Cortes, B. (CO-SPONSORS) Baxley; Broxson; Costello; Drake; Fant; Harrison; Hill; Mayfield; Stone; Sullivan; Van Zant

Churches or Religious Organizations: Provides that churches or religious organizations, related organizations, or certain individuals may not be required to solemnize any marriage or provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for related purposes if such action would violate sincerely held religious belief; prohibits certain legal actions, penalties, or governmental sanctions against such individuals or entities.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Judiciary Committee

HB 45 - Prohibited Discrimination

General Bill by Raschein (CO-SPONSORS) Cortes, J.; Edwards; Fitzenhagen; Fullwood; Goodson; Hager; Latvala; Murphy; Narain; Peters; Pilon; Plasencia; Rader; Richardson; Rodríguez, J.; Rouson; Stark

Prohibited Discrimination: Creates "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity or expression; defines terms; provides exceptions for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Economic Affairs Committee

SB 96 - High School Graduation Requirements

General Bill by Hukill (CO-SPONSORS) Sachs

High School Graduation Requirements: Revising the requirements for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include standards for financial literacy; revising the required credits for a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management and seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits of electives, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 08/19/15 S Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SB 110 - Churches or Religious Organizations

General Bill by Bean (CO-SPONSORS) Gaetz

Churches or Religious Organizations: Providing that churches or religious organizations, related organizations, or certain individuals may not be required to solemnize any marriage or provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for related purposes if such action would violate a sincerely held religious belief; prohibiting certain legal actions, penalties, or governmental sanctions against such individuals or entities, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 08/21/15 S Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules

SB 120 - Prohibited Discrimination

General Bill by Abruzzo (CO-SPONSORS) Sobel

Prohibited Discrimination: Creating the "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; revising provisions to include sexual orientation and gender identity or expression and the perception of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, handicap, or marital status as impermissible grounds for discrimination; providing an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 08/21/15 S Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Fiscal Policy

HB 125 - High School Graduation Requirements

General Bill by Clarke-Reed

High School Graduation Requirements: Requires students to earn one-half credit in health education for high school graduation; authorizes waiver for students who request to take & successfully complete health education assessment; reduces number of required credits in elective courses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in K-12 Subcommittee

CS/SB 156 - After-school Programs

General Bill by Community Affairs and Smith (CO-SPONSORS) Stargel; Thompson

After-school Programs: Deleting a legislative intent provision regarding certain not-for-profit organizations and background screening for such organizations; revising the term "specified agency" to include certain divisions within the Department of Education; requiring child care personnel of the not-for-profit organizations or municipal governments to meet certain background screening requirements, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Last Event: 12/03/15 S Now in Education Pre-K - 12

CS/HB 229 - Bullying and Harassment Policies in Schools

General Bill by K-12 Subcommittee and Geller

Bullying and Harassment Policies in Schools: Requires school districts to review their bullying & harassment policies at specified intervals, school principals to implement district's bullying and harassment policy at school & integrate it with specified programs; requires policy to include procedure for reports of alleged acts of bullying & list of authorized bullying & harassment programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Education Appropriations Subcommittee

SB 268 - Bullying and Harassment Policies in Schools

General Bill by Ring

Bullying and Harassment Policies in Schools: Requiring school districts to revise their bullying and harassment policy at specified intervals; requiring the policy to include mandatory reporting procedures and a list of authorized programs that provide bullying and harassment identification, prevention, and response instruction, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 09/17/15 S Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Fiscal Policy

HB 343 - Public K-12 Education

General Bill by Jones, M.

Public K-12 Education: Provides short title for ch. 2010-217, Laws of Florida, relating to requirements for health education curricula & district school board policies on teen dating violence & abuse.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in K-12 Subcommittee

HB 353 - Discrimination in Employment Screening

General Bill by Powell (CO-SPONSORS) Berman; Bracy

Discrimination in Employment Screening: Prohibits public employer from inquiring into or considering applicant's criminal history on initial employment application unless required to do so by law.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

HB 367 - Opportunity Scholarship Program

General Bill by Fullwood

Opportunity Scholarship Program: Provides that student being promoted to grade 6 or grade 9 may not receive opportunity scholarship if middle school or high school to which student is assigned meets specified criteria.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in K-12 Subcommittee

HB 377 - Exceptional Student Education

General Bill by Harrell

Exceptional Student Education: Defines term "dyslexia"; establishes Dyslexia Choice Academy Pilot Project within DOE; requires DOE to consult with Duval County School Board to provide mentoring services; provides for school district participation; provides Dyslexia Choice Academy, school district, DOE, & legislative funding requirements; provides for rulemaking.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in K-12 Subcommittee

HB 401 - Protection of Religious Freedom

General Bill by Gonzalez (CO-SPONSORS) Costello; Fant

Protection of Religious Freedom: Provides immunity from liability for health care facility, health care provider, person, closely held organization, religious institution, business owned or operated by religious institution, or private child-placing agency that refuses to perform certain actions that would be contrary to religious or moral convictions or policies.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

SB 406 - Playground Safety

General Bill by Sobel

Playground Safety: Citing this act as the "Playground Safety Act"; requiring certain new and existing playgrounds to comply with specified safety standards and guidelines; authorizing counties and municipalities to require permits and charge fees for the construction or renovation of certain playgrounds, etc.

Effective Date: 01/01/2017

Last Event: 10/09/15 S Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Community Affairs; Fiscal Policy

SB 448 - Discrimination in Employment Screening

General Bill by Clemens (CO-SPONSORS) Joyner; Thompson

Discrimination in Employment Screening: Prohibiting a public employer from inquiring into or considering an applicant's criminal history on an initial employment application unless required to do so by law, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 10/09/15 S Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Fiscal Policy

SB 452 - Seclusion and Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools

General Bill by Flores

Seclusion and Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools: Providing requirements for the use of manual physical restraint by school personnel; requiring each school to ensure medical evaluation of a student after the student is manually physically restrained; prohibiting school personnel from placing a student in seclusion; requiring that each school district develop policies and procedures governing the authorized use of manual physical restraint, personnel authorized to use such restraint, training procedures, analysis of data, and the reduction of the use of manual physical restraint, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 10/09/15 S Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education;

CS/SB 468 - Computer Coding Instruction

General Bill by Education Pre-K - 12 and Ring (CO-SPONSORS) Brandes

Computer Coding Instruction: Requiring high schools to offer computer coding courses; requiring the Commissioner of Education to identify the computer coding courses that may satisfy two credits of foreign language instruction under certain circumstances; requiring a student to earn two credits in certain computer coding courses in order to be eligible for an initial award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 12/04/15 S Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2) - (Committee Substitute)

SB 472 - Exceptional Student Education

General Bill by Bean

Exceptional Student Education: Requiring the Department of Education to establish the Dyslexia Choice Academy Pilot Project; requiring the Duval County School Board to provide mentoring services to participating school districts; providing Dyslexia Choice Academy, school district, department, and legislative funding requirements, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 10/21/15 S Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SB 480 - High School Graduation Requirements

General Bill by Bullard

High School Graduation Requirements: Requiring students to earn one-half credit in health education, independent of the physical education credit requirements, for high school graduation; authorizing a waiver for students who request to take and successfully complete a health education assessment developed by the

Department of Education, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 10/21/15 S Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SB 520 - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

General Bill by Lee (CO-SPONSORS) Gaetz

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program: Providing that the initial award period and the renewal period for students who are unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation begin upon the completion of the religious or service obligation; requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Academic Scholars award, the Florida Medallion Scholars award, or the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, to identify a social or civic issue or a professional area of interest and develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 12/03/15 S Subcommittee Recommendation: CS by Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; YEAS 7 NAYS 0

SB 528 - Opportunity Scholarship Program

General Bill by Gibson

Opportunity Scholarship Program: Providing that a student being promoted to grade 6 or grade 9 may not receive an opportunity scholarship if the middle school or high school to which the student is assigned meets specified criteria, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 10/21/15 S Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SB 536 - After-school Child Care Programs

General Bill by Smith

After-school Child Care Programs: Requiring the Department of Children and Families to create a tiered after-school licensure program; requiring the department to adopt rules to implement the tiered after-school program; requiring the department to initiate rulemaking to implement the program by a certain date; requiring the department to submit a report to the Governor and Legislature by a certain date, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 10/26/15 S On Committee agenda-- Children, Families, and Elder AffairsTemporarily Postponed

HB 585 - Instruction for Homebound and Hospitalized Students

General Bill by Burgess (CO-SPONSORS) Sprowls

Instruction for Homebound and Hospitalized Students: Requires school districts to provide instruction to homebound or hospitalized students; provides for student eligibility, methods of providing instruction to homebound or hospitalized students, & initiation of services.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Education Committee

HB 669 - Educational Choice

General Bill by Sprowls (CO-SPONSORS) Diaz, M.

Educational Choice: Revises list of public & private educational choice options available to students; requires school districts to provide & publish certain information; revises controlled open enrollment process; requires school district to establish process for parent to request that his or her child be transferred to another classroom; revises components of Credit Acceleration Program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Choice & Innovation Subcommittee

SB 684 - Choice in Sports

General Bill by Gaetz and Stargel

Choice in Sports: Revising public school choice options available to students to include CAPE digital tools, CAPE industry certifications, and collegiate high school programs; requiring each district school board and charter school governing board to authorize a parent to have his or her child participate in controlled open enrollment; requiring the FHSAA to allow a school to maintain full membership in the association or to join by sport, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: 11/18/15 S Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

HB 705 - Educational Interpreters for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Dual Sensory Impaired

General Bill by Berman

Educational Interpreters for Individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Dual Sensory Impaired: Defines term "educational interpreters" for inclusion in classification of instructional personnel; provides minimum qualifications for persons functioning as educational interpreters; provides SBE with rulemaking authority; provides duties of DOE.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in K-12 Subcommittee

HJR 759 - Charter Schools

Joint Resolution by Diaz, M.

Charter Schools: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to require SBE to establish statewide system for approval of charter schools.

Effective Date: Not Specified

Last Event: Filed on Thursday, November 19, 2015

HB 793 - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

General Bill by O'Toole

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program: Provides that initial award period & renewal period for students who are unable to accept initial award immediately after high school due to specific obligations begins upon completion of obligation; requires student, as prerequisite for certain awards, to identify social or civic issue or professional area of interest & develop specified plan.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Filed on Monday, November 30, 2015

SB 806 - Instruction for Homebound and Hospitalized Students

General Bill by Legg

Instruction for Homebound and Hospitalized Students: Requiring school districts to provide instruction to

homebound or hospitalized students; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules related to student eligibility, methods of providing instruction to homebound or hospitalized students, and the initiation of services; requiring each school district to enter into an agreement with certain hospitals within its district by a specified date, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SB 824 - Dual Enrollment Program

General Bill by Stargel

Dual Enrollment Program: Exempting dual enrollment students from paying technology fees; requiring a home education secondary student to be responsible for his or her own instructional materials and transportation in order to participate in the dual enrollment program unless the articulation agreement provides otherwise; authorizing certain instructional materials to be made available free of charge to dual enrollment students in home education programs and private schools if provided for in the articulation agreement; requiring a postsecondary institution eligible to participate in the dual enrollment program to enter into an articulation agreement with certain eligible private schools, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

HB 827 - Funding for High School Interscholastic Athletic Programs

General Bill by Antone

Funding for High School Interscholastic Athletic Programs: Levies surcharge on admission charges for professional sporting events; defines "professional sporting event"; provides that certain admissions are exempt from surcharge; requires DOR to administer, collect, & enforce surcharge; provides for deposit & use of surcharge proceeds for high school interscholastic athletic programs; provides formula for allocating funds among school districts & high schools.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Filed December 01, 2015

HB 835 - Education

General Bill by Eisnaugle

Education: Revises provisions relating to home education programs, nonenrollment & nonattendance cases, dual enrollment programs, & Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Filed December 01, 2015

HB 837 - John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program

General Bill by Bileca

John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program: Provides certain students enrolled in John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program are exempt from specific provisions & scholarship awards are not subject to specified funding calculations; creates transition-to-work program for specific students enrolled in program; provides for requirements & participation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Filed December 01, 2015

HB 859 - Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality

General Bill by Fullwood

Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality: Creates "Florida Healthy Adolescent Act"; requires public schools that provide information or programs relating to human sexuality to provide comprehensive, medically accurate, & factual information that is developmentally & age appropriate; provides for review of certain materials & students to be excused in certain circumstances; repeals certain health education provisions.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Filed December 02, 2015

HB 887 - Computer Coding Instruction

General Bill by Adkins

Computer Coding Instruction: Requires high schools to offer computer coding courses; requires Florida College System institutions & state universities to recognize the credits as foreign language credits; requires Commissioner of Education to identify computer coding courses that may satisfy two credits of foreign language instruction; requires inclusion of certain computer coding courses in Course Code Directory; requires each district school board to submit plan for computer coding curriculum to commissioner & Legislature.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Filed December 03, 2015

SB 890 - Education

General Bill by Flores

Education: Establishing the State Seal of Bilingual Program to recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level of competency in a world language; revising eligibility for the Florida Academic Scholars award to include a student who has been awarded an Advanced Placement Capstone diploma; requiring a specified calculation of additional full-time equivalent student membership for a student who receives an Advanced Placement Capstone diploma in determining the annual operating allocation for each school district, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

SJR 976 - Charter Schools

Joint Resolution by Stargel

Charter Schools: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the State Board of Education to direct the Department of Education to establish a statewide system for the approval of charter schools within the state, etc.

Effective Date: Not Specified

Last Event: Filed December 01, 2015

SB 980 - Funding for High School Interscholastic Athletic Programs

General Bill by Thompson

Funding for High School Interscholastic Athletic Programs: Levying a surcharge on the charge for admission to professional sporting events; requiring the Department of Revenue to administer, collect, and enforce the surcharge; providing for deposit and use of surcharge proceeds for high school interscholastic athletic programs, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed December 01, 2015

SB 990 - Bright Futures Scholarship Program

General Bill by Montford

Bright Futures Scholarship Program: Providing that the initial award and renewal periods for students who are unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation begin upon the completion of the religious or service obligation, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed December 01, 2015

SB 1026 - High School Athletics

General Bill by Simmons

High School Athletics: Providing requirements regarding fees and contest receipts collected by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA); requiring the FHSAA to allow a school to join the FHSAA as a full-time member or on a per-sport basis, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed December 02, 2015

HB 1045 - Certified School Counselors

General Bill by Fullwood (CO-SPONSORS) Plasencia; Slosberg

Certified School Counselors: Requires schools to have minimum number of full-time certified school counselors; provides counselor qualifications; requires specified services; requires counselors to follow specific standards.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in K-12 Subcommittee

HB 1053 - Independent Postsecondary Educational Institutions

General Bill by Plakon

Independent Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Requires independent postsecondary educational institutions to provide financial information to students; revises qualifications for specified member of Commission for Independent Education; revises provisions relating to licensure of institutions by commission relating to minimum standards for evaluation, criteria for licensure by accreditation, & requirements for maintaining surety bond, cash deposit escrow account, or irrevocable line of credit.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Now in Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee

SB 1062 - Educational Choice

General Bill by Stargel

Educational Choice: Deleting a requirement that a student has to spend the prior school year in attendance at certain schools in order to receive a John M. McKay Scholarship; revising eligibility criteria for a student to participate in virtual instruction, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Introduced January 12, 2016

SB 1068 - Education

General Bill by Legg

Education: Revising the duties of the Just Read, Florida! Office; revising requirements for school improvement

plans and early warning systems; revising core curricula requirements for certain teacher preparation programs to include certain reading instruction and interventions; requiring candidates for an educator certificate in certain areas to demonstrate competence in specified areas, etc.

Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Last Event: Introduced January 12, 2016

SB 1076 - Education

General Bill by Legg

Education: Prohibiting a district school board from limiting the number of public school students who may enroll in a collegiate high school program; revising the purpose of the Credit Acceleration Program, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Introduced January 12, 2016

SB 1088 - John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program

General Bill by Stargel

John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program: Exempting a foster child from specified eligibility provisions; creating a transition-to-work program for specific students enrolled in the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; exempting a John M. McKay Scholarship award from a specified funding calculation for purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Introduced January 12, 2016

HB 1125 - Child Care Facilities

General Bill by McBurney

Child Care Facilities: Prohibits employment of certain child care personnel by child care facility.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Filed January 05, 2016

SB 1136 - Schools

General Bill by Montford

Schools: Requiring a charter school application and charter to document that the governing board is independent of a management company; prescribing procedures for the withdrawal of a student from a charter school if the withdrawal is initiated by the school; authorizing specified persons to file a complaint with the Department of Education under certain circumstances; establishing procedures and requirements for audits and investigations of charter schools; revising the terms "full-time student" and "part-time student" for purposes of the Florida Education Finance Program, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed January 12, 2016

SB 1162 - Certified School Counselors

General Bill by Detert

Certified School Counselors: Requiring each elementary school, middle school, and high school to have a minimum number of full-time certified school counselors; requiring a certified school counselor to provide a specified program and spend a specified amount of time on the delivery of services to students, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Introduced January 12, 2016

HB 1259 - Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

General Bill by Dudley

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program: Revises provisions relating to qualifications of prekindergarten instructors employed by private prekindergarten provider & pre- and post-assessment administered to students enrolled in VPK; provides that private prekindergarten providers meeting certain criteria are eligible for additional funding in GAA.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Filed January 08, 2016

SB 1398 - Private Postsecondary Education

General Bill by Braynon

Private Postsecondary Education: Requiring the Higher Education Coordinating Council to review certain complaints; requiring certain individuals to make a reasonable effort to satisfy a complaint or grievance against an institution directly through an institution's established procedures; requiring an institution to submit an institutional closing plan to the Commission for Independent Education within a specified period, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed January 06, 2016

SB 1420 - Eligibility for Employment as Child Care Personnel

General Bill by Bean

Eligibility for Employment as Child Care Personnel: Prohibiting certain job applicants from employment with a child care facility, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event Filed January 06, 2016

HB 1423 - After-school Programs

General Bill by Powell

After-school Programs: Deletes legislative intent provision regarding certain not-for-profit organizations & background screening for such organizations; revises definition; defines term "not-for-profit organization or municipal government"; provides certain provisions do not apply to not-for-profit organizations & municipal governments; requires certain employees of not-for-profit organizations & municipal governments to meet certain background screening requirements; creates study group.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Last Event: Filed January 12, 2016

SB 1462 - Educational Instruction

General Bill by Latvala

Educational Instruction: Requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop an elective course for certain students which must be included in the Course Code Directory, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed January 07, 2016

SB 1522 - Education

General Bill by Stargel

Education: Specifying that a home education program is not a school district program; requiring reporting and funding through the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring that home education program students be provided access to certain courses and programs offered by the school district; specifying student eligibility for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed January 08, 2016

SB 1612 - Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

General Bill by Sobel

Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program: Revising requirements for prekindergarten instructors employed by a private prekindergarten provider; revising requirements for the pre- and post-assessment administered to students enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed January 08, 2016

SB 1676 - Child Transportation Safety

General Bill by Sachs

Child Transportation Safety: Citing this act as the "Haile Brockington Act"; requiring vehicles used to transport children by public entities or by private organizations for hire to be equipped with a certain alarm system by a specified date; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Children and Families, and the State Board of Education to adopt rules and maintain a list of alarm manufacturers and approved alarm systems, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Filed January 08, 2016

HB 7011 - Educational Options

General Bill by Education Appropriations Subcommittee and Fresen and Bileca (CO-SPONSORS) Cortes, B.

Educational Options: Creates "Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act"; establishes student eligibility requirements for enrollment in program; establishes Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities; establishes Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Scholarship for certain qualified students; authorizes certain school districts and charter schools to be eligible to receive incentive payments for implementing a standard student attire policy that meets certain criteria; revises provisions relating to Florida Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts Program & Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program; provides appropriations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Bill released to House Calendar December 03, 2015

SB 7034 - Prenatal Services and Early Childhood Development

General Bill by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

Prenatal Services and Early Childhood Development: Revising the requirements for the Department of Health to maintain a clearinghouse of information for parents and health care providers and to increase public awareness on developmental evaluation and early intervention programs; renaming the "Infants and Toddlers Early Intervention Program" as the "Early Steps Program"; requiring the development of an individualized family support plan for each child served in the program, etc.

Effective Date: 07/01/2016

Last Event: Introduced January 12, 2016

HB 7039 - Extracurricular Activities

General Bill by Education Committee and Diaz, M.

Extracurricular Activities: Revises provisions relating to extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletic competitions, & FHSAA; authorizes Education Practices Commission to suspend educator certificates for certain violations relating to recruitment; requires FHSAA to report certain information to DOE; requires DOE staff to advise commissioner of all referrals by FHSAA relating to certain recruiting offenses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: Bill released to House Calendar January 12, 2016

CS/HB 4013 - Blended Learning Courses

General Bill by Choice & Innovation Subcommittee and Diaz, M.

Blended Learning Courses: Deletes requirement that students in blended learning course receive online instruction in classroom setting at school.

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Last Event: CS Filed on Thursday, December 03, 2015

HB 7053 – Child Care, Religious Exemption, Readiness & VPK

Relating to the Child Care and Development Block Grant: Expands list of entities that have access to child abuse records for approving providers of school readiness services; requires school readiness program providers to provide DCF & local licensing agencies with access for inspection purposes; requires certain child care providers to submit affidavit of compliance with licensure requirements of Ch. 402, F.S., & federal law; provides criteria for exemption from disqualification for employment with school readiness program provider; revises duties of OEL; revises provisions relating to child & parent eligibility for school readiness programs. Effective date: 7/1/2016

Last Event: Filed December 04, 2015