



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 Update

The Legislature has reached a crucial point with legislative activity. The bills of potential impact to the Christian School sector are provided below. Of primary importance, at this time, is legislation relating to early childhood programs. For your quick review bills to focus on are noted in *"RED"* with follow-up commentary in *"Green or Blue."*

This is the final week of regularly scheduled Committee meetings. With a waiver of the rules a Committee may take additional action. However, if a bill below is shown as ***"Not moving,"*** there is a very limited chance it will see further activity to run the full course of all Committee assignments & the Floor passage required in each House. Additionally, at this point, if a bill does not have a companion or has not advanced in their respective House or Senate Committees little potential exists to be brought up by Floor Rule and advanced.

Both Houses have their budget proposals basically worked out and are intent to end this session on time. After all it is an election year! With such in mind, barring a blow-up like last that which took place in the 2015 Legislature, the possibility of an early departure and amenable closure of the 2016 session is being sought by Republican leadership.

1. **FL H 31**

**Author:** Spano (R)

**Title:** High School Athletics

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** *Relates to high school athletics; provides requirements regarding fees and contest receipts collected by the Florida High School Athletic Association; provides that a school may join the Association as a full-time member or on a per-sport basis; prohibits the Association from taking any retributory or discriminatory action against specified schools; authorizes the Commission of Education to identify other associations in compliance with specified provisions.*

**Status:** 01/19/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

2. **FL H 43**

**Author:** Plakon (R)  
**Title:** Churches or Religious Organizations  
**Location:** House Second Reading  
**Summary:** Relates to 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 civil or criminal legal actions, penalties or governmental sanctions against such individuals or entities.  
**Status:** 02/04/2016 From HOUSE Committee on JUDICIARY: Reported favorably.  
02/04/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

### 3. FL H 45

**Author:** Raschein (R)  
**Title:** Prohibited Discrimination  
**Location:** House Economic Affairs Committee  
**Summary:** Relates to prohibited discrimination; creates Florida Competitive Workforce Act; prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression; defines terms; provides exceptions for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion.  
**Status:** **NOT MOVING & Senate companion has completed two hearings and STOPPED each time on a tie vote. Therefore this bill to advance the LGBT CAUSE back by the homosexual lobby and big business that seeks economic windfalls from such action has been defeated for this Session.**

### 4. FL H 125

**Author:** Clarke-Reed (D)  
**Title:** High School Graduation Requirements  
**Location:** House K-12 Subcommittee  
**Summary:** Relates to 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 and successfully complete health education assessment.  
**Status:** Not moving

### 5. FL H 145

**Author:** McGhee (D)  
**Title:** Electronic Remittance Fund Transfers  
**Location:** Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

**Summary:** Relates to electronic remittance funds transfers; provides that a specified section of existing law governs certain funds transfers that are remittance transfers; provides the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act governs any inconsistency between a funds transfer under the federal Act and a funds transfer under State existing law; requires an open-end mortgage be cancelled within a specified time frame if the borrower provides written notice of intent to close the mortgage.

**Status:** Not moving

6. **FL H 229**

**Author:** Geller (D)

**Title:** Bullying and Harassment Policies in Schools

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to bullying and harassment policies in schools; requires each school district to revise its bullying and harassment policy at specified intervals; requires each school principal to implement the policy in a certain manner and integrate it with the school's bullying prevention and intervention program; requires the policy to include a procedure for receiving reports of alleged acts of bullying and a list of authorized programs that provide for specified actions; requires related instruction.

**Status:** 01/25/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

7. **FL H 343**

**Author:** Jones M (D)

**Title:** Public K-12 Education

**Location:** House Education Committee

**Summary:** Relates to public K-12 education; relates to requirements for health education curricula and district school board policies on teen dating violence and abuse.

**Status:** Not moving

8. **FL H 353**

**Author:** Powell (D)

**Title:** Discrimination in Employment Screening

**Location:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Summary:** Relates to discrimination in employment screening.

**Status:** Not moving

9. **FL H 367**

**Author:** Fullwood (D)

**Title:** Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**Location:** House K-12 Subcommittee  
**Summary:** Relates to opportunity scholarship program.  
**Status:** Not moving

10. **FL H 377**

**Author:** [Harrell \(R\)](#)  
**Title:** Exceptional Student Education  
**Location:** House K-12 Subcommittee  
**Summary:** Relates to exceptional student education; defines term dyslexia; establishes Dyslexia Choice Academy Pilot Project within Department of Education (DOE); requires Department of Education (DOE) to consult with Duval County School Board to provide mentoring services; provides for school district participation; provides Dyslexia Choice Academy, school district, Department of Education (DOE), and legislative funding requirements.  
**Status:** Not moving

11. **FL H 401**

**Author:** [Gonzalez J \(R\)](#)  
**Title:** Protection of Religious Freedom  
**Location:** House Civil Justice Subcommittee  
**Summary:** Relates to protection of religious freedom; provides immunity from liability for a health care facility or provider that refuses to provide medical treatments contrary to religious or moral convictions; provides immunity for a person, closely held organization, religious institution, or religious business that refuses to provide products contrary to religious or moral convictions; provides immunity for a private child-placing agency that refuses to participate contrary to religious or moral convictions.  
**Status:** Not moving

12. **FL H 585**

**Author:** [Burgess \(R\)](#)  
**Title:** Instruction for Homebound and Hospitalized Students  
**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee  
**Summary:** Relates to instruction for homebound and hospitalized students; requires school districts to provide instruction to homebound or hospitalized students; requires the State Board of Education to adopt related rules; requires certain districts to enter

into an agreement with certain children's specialty hospitals to establish certain processes and timelines relating to the instruction of such students.

**Status:** 02/03/2016 In SENATE. In Messages.

13. **FL H 669**

**Author:** [Sprowls \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Educational Choice

**Location:** HOUSE

**Summary:** Relates to educational choice; provides for duties of an internal auditor, specific certifications and programs, the use of the Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts Program, the right to certain information, school financial reports, open enrollment, transportation, certain notification to school districts, transfers to another classroom teacher, the Credit Acceleration Program, assessments, and a contract with the Center for Applied Economic Research at Florida Polytechnic University.

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION: Reported favorably with substitute.

14. **FL H 705**

**Author:** [Berman \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Educational Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to qualification for education interpreters; requires the State Board of Education to adopt standards for such interpreters; requires school districts to notify parents if an individual assigned to provide such services for their students does not meet such standards; requires districts to report to the Department of Education, for publication on its website, information regarding individuals providing such services.

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION: Reported favorably.  
02/09/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

15. **FL H 793**

**Author:** [O'Toole \(R\)](#)

**Title:** State Bright Futures Scholarship Program

**Location:** HOUSE

**Summary:** Relates to the State Bright Futures Scholarship Program; provides that initial award period and renewal period for students who are unable to accept initial award immediately after high school due to specific obligations begins upon completion of obligation.

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From HOUSE EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE: Reported favorably with substitute.

16. **FL H 827**

**Author:** Antone (D)

**Title:** High School Interscholastic Athletic Programs

**Location:** House Finance & Tax Committee Committee

**Summary:** Relates to 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; administers, collects, and enforces surcharges; provides for deposit and use of surcharge proceeds for high school interscholastic athletic programs.

**Status:** Not moving

17. **FL H 835**

**Author:** Eisnaugle (R)

**Title:** Home Education Programs

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to home education programs to include exception student education-related services, the offering of certain courses to home educated students, textbook reimbursement for such students, requiring certain actions by school districts in regard to such programs, a home-schooled student dual enrollment eligibility, the grade point average for initial enrollment in a dual enrollment program, a dual enrollment articulation agreement requirement, and a specified vocational scholars award.

**Status:** 02/05/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

NOTE: This bill has language that is aimed at resolving the present dual enrollment issues of a private school being charged for students taking dual enrollment courses. The amended language does not need to be amplified by supporters as it may hinder the further advancement of the bill. The language states, "A postsecondary institution eligible to participate in the dual enrollment program pursuant to s. 1011.62(1)(i) may enter into a private school articulation agreement with a private school that is in compliance with s. 1002.42(2) and provides a secondary curriculum pursuant to s. 1003.4282. The postsecondary institution shall complete and submit the private school articulation agreement to the Department of Education. The articulation agreement must include a provision expressing that a private school or student may not be required to pay costs associated with tuition and fees, including technology, registration, and laboratory fees."

18. **FL H 837**

**Author:** Bileca (R)

**Title:** Scholarships for Students With Disabilities

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to 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 and scholarship awards are not subject to specified funding calculations; creates transition-to-work program for specific students enrolled in program; provides participation requirements for students, schools, and businesses; relates to a private school's transition-to-work program.

**Status:** 02/08/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

19. **FL H 859**

**Author:** Fullwood (D)

**Title:** Education in Public Schools Concerning Human Sexuality

**Location:** House K-12 Subcommittee

**Summary:** Relates to education in public schools concerning human sexuality; creates State Healthy Adolescent Act; requires public schools that provide information or programs relating to human sexuality to provide comprehensive, medically accurate, and factual information that is developmentally and age appropriate; provides for review of certain materials and students to be excused in certain circumstances.

**Status:** Not moving

20. **FL H 887**

**Author:** Adkins (R)

**Title:** Computer Coding Instruction

**Location:** HOUSE

**Summary:** Relates to computer coding instruction; requires high schools to offer computer coding courses; requires State College System institutions and 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.

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From HOUSE EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE: Reported favorably with substitute.

21. **FL H 1045**

**Author:** Fullwood (D)

**Title:** Certified School Counselors

**Location:** House K-12 Subcommittee

**Summary:** Relates to certified school counselors; requires schools to have minimum number

of full-time certified school counselors; provides counselor qualifications; requires specified services.

**Status:** Not moving

22. **FL H 1053**

**Author:** [Plakon \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Independent Postsecondary Educational Institutions

**Location:** House Education Appropriations Subcommittee

**Summary:** Relates to independent postsecondary educational institutions; requires independent postsecondary educational institutions to provide financial information to students; requires the Commission on Independent Education to prepare an accountability report; requires licensed institutions to provide certain data to the Commission; authorizes administrative fines for an institution that fails to timely submit the data; relates to placement rates; revises criminal penalty for the unlawful closure of institutions.

**Status:** Not moving

23. **FL H 1125**

**Author:** [McBurney \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Child Care Personnel Employment

**Location:** House Health & Human Services Committee

**Summary:** Relates to eligibility for employment as child care personnel; prohibits the Department of Children and Families from granting to certain individuals exemptions from disqualification from employment as child care personnel; disqualifies certain individuals from such employment regardless of prior exemption.

**Status:** Not moving

24. **FL H 1135**

**Author:** [Mayfield D \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Educational Accountability

**Location:** House K-12 Subcommittee

**Summary:** Relates to educational accountability; revises definition of Learning Gains and calculation of certain learning gains.

**Status:** Not moving

25. **FL H 1259**

**Author:** [Dudley \(D\)](#)



**Title:** Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program  
**Location:** House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee  
**Summary:** Relates to voluntary prekindergarten education program; revises provisions relating to qualifications of prekindergarten instructors employed by private prekindergarten provider and pre- and post-assessment administered to students enrolled in Voluntary Prekindergarten.

**Status:** Not moving

26. **FL H 1305**

**Author:** [Eagle \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Student Health and Epinephrine Auto Injectors

**Location:** HOUSE

**Summary:** Relates to student health and epinephrine auto-injectors; authorizes a public school or private school to receive for free or purchase at fair market value or at a reduced price a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors from manufacturers.

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION: Reported favorably with substitute.

27. **FL H 1315**

**Author:** [Fitzenhagen \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Concussions and Head Injuries in Students

**Location:** House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee

**Summary:** Relates to concussions and head injuries in students; requires certain medical personnel to undergo continuing education relating to concussions and head injuries in children; requires independent sanctioning authorities and FHSAA to refer certain students to concussion oversight team; prohibits certain students from returning to athletic practice or competition and classroom instruction until certain requirements are met.

**Status:** Not moving

28. **FL H 1423**

**Author:** [Powell \(D\)](#)

**Title:** After School Programs

**Location:** House Education Committee

**Summary:** Relates to after-school programs; deletes legislative intent provision regarding certain not-for-profit organizations and 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 and municipal governments; requires certain employees of not-for-profit organizations and municipal governments to meet certain background screening requirements.

**Status:** Not moving

29. **FL H 4013**

**Author:** [Diaz M \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Blended Learning Courses

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to blended learning courses; deletes a requirement that students in a blended learning course must be full-time students of the school and receive online instruction in a classroom setting at the school.

**Status:** 01/25/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

30. **FL H 4055**

**Author:** [Steube \(R\)](#)

**Title:** School Safety

**Location:** House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

**Summary:** Relates to school safety; deletes a provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into an elementary or secondary school facility or administration building.

**Status:** Not moving

31. **FL H 7003**

**Author:** [House State Affairs Committee](#)

**Title:** Financial Literacy Program for Those with Disabilities

**Location:** Chaptered

**Summary:** Establishes the Financial Literacy Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; provides for participation by specified financial institutions; provides requirements for related information on specified websites; relates to employment of underrepresented groups by executive agencies; creates a Unique Abilities Partner Program.

**Status:** **01/21/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.**  
01/21/2016 Filed as Chapter No. 2016-3

32. **FL H 7011**

**Author:** [House Education Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

**Title:** Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act

**Location:** Tabled

**Summary:** Creates the State Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act for students with intellectual disabilities; establishes student eligibility requirements; establishes State Center for Students with Unique Abilities; establishes the State Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Scholarship for qualified students; authorizes certain school districts and charter schools to be eligible to receive incentive payments for implementing a standard student attire policy; provides immunity from liability.

**Status:** 01/14/2016 In HOUSE. Laid on table, refer to S672

33. **FL H 7019**

**Author:** [House Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee](#)

**Title:** Postsecondary Access and Affordability

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to postsecondary access and affordability; specifies that instructional material costs are not included in tuition for certain online programs; requires annual reports on college affordability; revises provisions relating to textbook and instructional materials affordability and certain fees; requires certain universities and institutions to provide public notice relating to tuition and fees; requires related cost-benefit analyses; relates to a tuition differential and the use of revenues therefrom.

**Status:** 02/01/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

34. **FL H 7021**

**Author:** [House K-12 Subcommittee](#)

**Title:** Reading Instruction

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to reading instruction; revises provisions relating to the State reading program; relates to office, school improvement plans, and early warning systems, instruction and intervention for students with substantial reading deficiencies, and parental notification for such students; revises the emergent literacy and performance standards training course requirements to include specific reading instruction; relates to the use of kindergarten data; relates to teacher certification and endorsements.

**Status:** 02/02/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

35. **FL H 7029**

**Author:** [House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee](#)

**Title:** School Choice

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to school choice; revises provisions relating to charter schools and their funding, governance of board meetings, virtual education contracts, the Credit Acceleration Program, State Education Finance Program, educator professional development, blended learning, assessment and examination scores, and charter school capital outlay funding.

**Status:** 01/27/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

36. **FL H 7039**

**Author:** [House Education Committee](#)

**Title:** Extracurricular Activities

**Location:** House Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to extracurricular activities; revises provisions relating to extracurricular activities, interscholastic athletic competitions, and FHSAA; authorizes Education Practices Commission to suspend educator certificates for certain violations relating to recruitment; requires FHSAA to report certain information to Department of Education (DOE).

**Status:** 01/12/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Calendar.

37. **FL H 7053**

**Author:** [House Education Committee](#)

**Title:** Child Care and Development Block Grant Program

**Location:** House Special Order Calendar

**Summary:** **Relates to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program; provides an exception from a prohibition against the use of information in the abuse hotline for employment screening of child care personnel; expands the list of entities that have access to child abuse records for approving providers of school readiness services; requires school readiness program providers to provide Department of Children and Families and local licensing agencies with access for inspection purposes.**

**Status:** 02/05/2016 In HOUSE. Placed on Special Order Calendar 02/10/16.

**NOTE: This is a must pass bill for the State to keep from losing \$500 million+. This bill has been stripped of the previous language attacking “Religious Exemption, & Substantial Compliance under FS 402.316 and 402.3025” and at this time is clean from such modified language that failed in the last three Legislative sessions. Under the present amended language (Committee Substitute) the impact to the private Christian school will come to play only if they participate in the State School Readiness Program which is an extension of the Federal Government trickling down to states and local Learning Coalitions. If you opt to participate in SR it means your program and facilities will conform to Federal/State and local requirements for curriculum, personnel, disqualification, increased annual training, and at**

least one annual inspection by the DCF with results posted and made available to parents if & when a deficiency is determined. The inspection has previously been discussed and is a checklist with most items from Chapter 65c-22 which all FACCS ministries with religious exemption, before/after care, etc. type programs already meet or substantially comply with. There will be enhanced background screening through the Clearinghouse and to satisfy the Federal Law all personnel will undergo a new fingerprint, screening and background check regardless of current status or date of last renewal (due to additional statutory disqualifying offences being added to the statutes). **The bottom line is if you want to participate in SR and take Federal/State monies under the Childcare Development Block Grant you will submit (regardless of religious exempt status) to the statutory revisions required for the State to come into compliance and receive half a billion dollars. This has no application to any other scholarship (Step-Up, McKay, or Personal Learning Saving's Accounts), the VPK Program, summer camps at religious ministries, etc. The companion bill is also in line for passage. This legislation will be signed once received by the Governor. Therefore each Christian school or private early childhood program will need to determine whether to continue or drop out of the three-year-old School Readiness Program.**

38. **FL HJR 759**

**Author:** Diaz M ®

**Title:** Constitutional Amendment Resolution

**Location:** HOUSE

**Summary:** Proposes an amendment to the Constitution related to charter schools; requires the State Board of Education to direct the Department of Education to establish a statewide charter school authorizer to authorize, operate, control, and supervise charter schools.

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION: Reported favorably.

39. **FL PCB 6049**

**Author:** House Education Committee

**Title:** Child Care and Development Block Grant

**Location:** House Education Committee

**Summary:** Relates to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Program.

**Status:** 01/11/2016 Assigned HOUSE Bill No. 7053.

**SEE Number 37 comments above.**

40. **FL PCB 6065**

**Author:** House Highway & Waterway Safety Subcommittee

**Title:** Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

**Location:** HOUSE

**Summary:** Relates to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

**Status:** Not moving

41. **FL S 96**

**Author:** [Hukill \(R\)](#)

**Title:** High School Graduation Requirements

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to high school graduation requirements; revises the requirements for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include standards for financial literacy; revises 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.

**Status:** Not moving

42. **FL S 110**

**Author:** [Bean \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Churches or Religious Organizations

**Location:** Senate Rules Committee

**Summary:** *Relates to 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 a sincerely held religious belief; prohibits certain legal actions, penalties, or governmental sanctions against such individuals or entities.*

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From SENATE Committee on COMMUNITY AFFAIRS: Reported favorably.

43. **FL S 120**

**Author:** [Abruzzo \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Prohibited Discrimination

**Location:** SENATE

**Summary:** *Relates to prohibited discrimination; creates the Florida Competitive Workforce Act; revises 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; provides an exception for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion.*

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Reported unfavorably.  
**02/09/2016 In SENATE. Dead for session.**

44. **FL S 156**

**Author:** [Smith C \(D\)](#)

**Title:** After School Programs

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to after-school programs; authorizes specified not-for-profit organizations or municipal governments to continue licensing such programs; requires child care personnel of such organizations or municipal governments to meet certain background screening requirements; creates an advisory council.

**Status:** Not moving

45. **FL S 260**

**Author:** [Smith C \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Remittance Electronic Funds Transfers

**Location:** SENATE

**Summary:** **Relates to financial transactions to include a convenience fee imposed upon a student of family paying certain fees by credit care to a private school; provides the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act governs any inconsistency between a funds transfer made under the federal act and under State existing law; reduces the time for a mortgagee or an assignee to cancel a mortgage except in cases where the loan is an open-end mortgage; revises the grounds for denial of a consumer loan license.**

**Status:** 02/09/2016 From SENATE Committee on BANKING AND INSURANCE:  
Reported favorably with substitute.

46. **FL S 268**

**Author:** [Ring \(D\)](#)

**Title:** **Bullying And Harassment Policies In Schools**

**Committee:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Hearing:** 02/11/2016 10:00 am, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**Summary:** Relates to bullying and harassment policies in schools.

**Status:** 02/08/2016 In SENATE. On Committee agenda 02/11/16.

47. **FL S 406**

**Author:** [Sobel \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Playground Safety

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to the Playground Safety Act; requires certain new and existing playgrounds to comply with specified safety standards and guidelines; provides for inspections; requires building permits and payment of fees; includes a subdivision, park, school, apartment complex, hotel, motel, resort, campground, office, hospital, shopping center, child care facility, homeowners' association, or restaurant.

**Status:** Not moving

48. **FL S 448**

**Author:** Clemens (D)

**Title:** Discrimination In Employment Screening

**Location:** Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee

**Summary:** Relates to discrimination in employment screening.

**Status:** Not moving

49. **FL S 452**

**Author:** Flores (R)

**Title:** Seclusion and Restraint of Students With Disabilities i

**Location:** Withdrawn

**Summary:** Relates to seclusion and restraint of students with disabilities in public schools; provides requirements for the use of manual physical restraint by school personnel; requires each school to ensure medical evaluation of a student after the student is manually physically restrained; prohibits school personnel from placing a student in seclusion.

**Status:** 01/04/2016 Withdrawn from SENATE Committee on EDUCATION PRE-K - 12.

50. **FL S 468**

**Author:** Ring (D)

**Title:** Computer Coding Instruction

**Location:** Senate Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to computer coding instruction; requires high schools to offer such courses; requires the identification of courses that satisfy credits of foreign language instruction; requires the State College System institutions and universities to recognize the credits as foreign language credits; requires the inclusion of such courses in the Course Code Directory; requires district board's to submit a plan for such curriculum to the Commissioner of Education and Legislature.

**Status:** 02/05/2016 In SENATE. Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2).



02/05/2016 In SENATE. Placed on Calendar.

51. **FL S 472**

**Author:** [Bean \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Exceptional Student Education

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to exceptional student education; requires the Department of Education to establish the Dyslexia Choice Academy Pilot Project; requires the Duval County School Board to provide mentoring services to participating school districts.

**Status:** Not moving

52. **FL S 480**

**Author:** [Bullard D \(D\)](#)

**Title:** High School Graduation Requirements

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to high school graduation requirements.

**Status:** Not moving

53. **FL S 520**

**Author:** [Lee T \(R\)](#)

**Title:** State Bright Futures Scholarship Program

**Location:** Senate Second Reading

**Summary:** Relates to the State bright futures scholarship program; provides 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; relates to academic credit for volunteer service work, and certification thereof; provides prerequisites for an academic scholars award or medallion scholars award.

**Status:** 01/15/2016 In SENATE. Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2).  
01/15/2016 In SENATE. Placed on Calendar.

54. **FL S 528**

**Author:** [Gibson A \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Opportunity Scholarship Program

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to the Opportunity Scholarship Program; provides 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.

**Status:** Not moving

55. **FL S 672**

**Author:** Gaetz D (R)

**Title:** Educational Options

**Location:** Chaptered

**Summary:** Relates to educational options; provides for student eligibility requirements for enrollment in the Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program, establishment of the Center for Students with Unique Abilities, certain funding, a Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Scholarship, incentive payments for school districts and charter schools that implement a student attire policy, certain changes concerning scholarships, and certain prepaid college and college savings programs.

**Status:** **01/21/2016 Signed by GOVERNOR.**  
01/21/2016 Filed as Chapter No. 2016-2

56. **FL S 684**

**Author:** Gaetz D (R)

**Title:** Choice in Sports

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** Relates to choice in sports; provides for public school choice options available to certain students, certain digital tools and industry certifications, collegiate high school programs, private educational choice options, the use of the Personal Learning Scholarship Accounts Program, high school athletic competition eligibility, transportation, open enrollment, school district funding, requirements of the Florida High School Athletic Association, certain recruitment violations, and related matters.

**Status:** 01/27/2016 To SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

57. **FL S 806**

**Author:** Legg (R)

**Title:** Homebound and Hospitalized Student Instruction

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** Relates to instruction for homebound and hospitalized students; requires school districts to provide instruction to homebound or hospitalized students; requires 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.

**Status:** 01/28/2016 From SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE on EDUCATION: Reported favorably. (7-0)

58. **FL S 824**

**Author:** Stargel (R)

**Title:** Dual Enrollment Program

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Summary:** Relates to the dual enrollment program; exempts such students from paying technology fees; requires home education secondary student to be responsible for instructional materials and transportation to participate in the program; requires a postsecondary institution program dual eligible to enter into an articulation agreement; requires the submission of such agreement to the Department of Education; relates to both home education and private school students participation.

**Status:** 02/03/2016 To SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE on EDUCATION.

59. **FL S 842**

**Author:** Hays (R)

**Title:** Property Prepared for a Tax Exempt Use

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** Relates to property prepared for a tax-exempt use; consolidates and revises provisions relating to obtaining an ad valorem exemption for property owned by an exempt organization, including the requirement that an organization owner take affirmative steps to demonstrate an exempt use; provides for notices of tax liens by property appraisers, exceptions for houses of public worship, an exemption applicable to affordable housing, property owned by an educational institution, and related matters.

**Status:** 01/27/2016 To SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

60. **FL S 890**

**Author:** Flores (R)

**Title:** Education

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to education; establishes the State Seal of Biliteracy Program to recognize a high school graduate who has attained a high level of competency in a world language; revises eligibility for the Florida Academic Scholars award to include a student who has been awarded an Advanced Placement Capstone diploma.

**Status:** Not moving

61. **FL S 980**

**Author:** [Thompson G \(D\)](#)

**Title:** High School Interscholastic Athletic Programs

**Location:** Senate Finance and Tax Committee

**Summary:** Relates to funding for high school interscholastic athletic programs.

**Status:** Not moving

62. **FL S 990**

**Author:** [Montford \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Bright Futures Scholarship Program

**Location:** Senate Higher Education Committee

**Summary:** Relates to bright futures scholarship program.

**Status:** Not moving

63. **FL S 1026**

**Author:** [Simmons \(R\)](#)

**Title:** High School Athletics

**Committee:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Hearing:** 02/11/2016 10:00 am, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**Summary:** **Relates to high school athletics; provides requirements regarding event fees, third party sanctioning fees and contest receipts collected by the nonprofit High School Athletic Association; requires the Association to allow a school to join the Association as a full time member or on a per-sport basis; prohibits the Association from taking retributory or discriminatory action against schools that also maintain membership in another athletic organization; includes private schools.**

**Status:** 02/08/2016 In SENATE. On Committee agenda 02/11/16.

64. **FL S 1062**

**Author:** [Stargel \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Educational Choice

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Summary:** Relates to educational choice; deletes 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.

**Status:** 02/03/2016 To SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE on EDUCATION.

65. **FL S 1068**

**Author:** [Legg \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Education

**Committee:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Hearing:** 02/11/2016 10:00 am, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**Summary:** Relates to education.

**Status:** 02/08/2016 In SENATE. On Committee agenda 02/11/16.

66. **FL S 1076**

**Author:** [Legg \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Education

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Summary:** Relates to education; provides additional options for student participating in a structured high school acceleration program; prohibits a district school board from limiting the number of public school students who may enroll in such program; requires each school district to notify students in certain grades about the program; revises provisions regarding program funding; provides compliance and reporting requirements; requires students to earn passing scores on specified assessments and examinations.

**Status:** 02/08/2016 To SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE on EDUCATION.

67. **FL S 1088**

**Author:** [Stargel \(R\)](#)

**Title:** John Mckay Scholarships for Students With Disabilities

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Summary:** Relates to the John Mckay scholarships for students with disabilities program; exempt a foster child from eligibility provisions; creates transition-to-work program enrolled in the scholarship program; provides participation requirements for schools, students, and businesses; exempts the scholarship award from the State education finance program.

**Status:** Not moving

68. **FL S 1136**

**Author:** [Montford \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Schools

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to schools; requires a charter school application and charter to document that the governing board is independent of a management company; prescribes procedures for the withdrawal of a student from a charter school if the withdrawal is initiated by the school; authorizes specified persons to file a complaint with the Department of Education under certain circumstances; establishes procedures and requirements for audits and investigations of charter schools.

**Status:** Not moving

69. **FL S 1162**

**Author:** [Detert \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Certified School Counselors

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to certified school counselors.

**Status:** Not moving

70. **FL S 1166**

**Author:** [Gaetz D \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Education Funding

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** Relates to education funding; revises the calculation for certain supplemental funds for exceptional students education programs; requires the funds to be prorated under certain circumstances.

**Status:** 02/01/2016 To SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS.

71. **FL S 1398**

**Author:** [Braynon \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Private Postsecondary Education

**Location:** Senate Higher Education Committee

**Summary:** Relates to private postsecondary education; requires the Higher Education Coordinating Council to review certain complaints; requires certain individuals to make a reasonable effort to satisfy a complaint or grievance against an institution directly through an institution's established procedures.

**Status:** Not moving

72. **FL S 1420**

**Author:** [Bean \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Eligibility for Employment As Child Care Personnel

**Location:** Senate Criminal Justice Committee

**Summary:** Relates to eligibility for employment as child care personnel; prohibits the removal of or exemption from certain disqualifications from employment for child care personnel under certain circumstances; specifies certain offenses that disqualify a person from such employment; requires that certain persons who have been granted an exemption from disqualification be rescreened by a certain date.

**Status:** Not moving

73. **FL S 1462**

**Author:** [Latvala \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Character Development Instruction

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Summary:** Relates to character development instruction; requires such education programs to provide certain instruction to students in specified grades.

**Status:** Not moving

74. **FL S 1522**

**Author:** [Stargel \(R\)](#)

**Title:** Home Education

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** **Relates to education; specifies that a home education program is not a school district program; requires reporting and funding through the Florida Education Finance Program; requires that home education program students be provided access to certain courses and programs offered by the school district.**

**Status:** Not moving

75. **FL S 1612**

**Author:** [Sobel \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to the voluntary prekindergarten education program.

**Status:** Not moving

76. **FL S 1676**

**Author:** [Sachs \(D\)](#)

**Title:** Child Transportation Safety

**Location:** Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

**Summary:** Relates to child transportation safety; requires public and private vehicles for hire to be equipped with an alarm system; includes child care facilities and large family child care homes; requires school buses to be equipped with such systems; requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules and maintain a list of alarm manufacturers and approved alarm systems.

**Status:** 01/27/2016 From SENATE Committee on CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND ELDER AFFAIRS: Reported favorably. (5-0)

#### 77. **FL S 7034**

**Author:** Senate Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee

**Title:** Prenatal Services and Early Childhood Development

**Location:** Senate Special Order Calendar

**Summary:** Relates to prenatal services and early childhood development; revises 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; relates to the Early Steps Program; authorizes the program to include certain screening and referral services; requires the program follow specified performance standards; requires an individualized family support plan.

**Status:** 02/05/2016 In SENATE. Pending reference review under Rule 4.7(2).  
02/05/2016 In SENATE. Placed on Calendar.  
02/05/2016 In SENATE. Placed on Special Order Calendar 02/10/16.  
**NOTE: See comments under Number 37 companion in House.**

#### 78. **FL SJR 976**

**Author:** Stargel (R)

**Title:** Charter Schools

**Location:** Senate Education Pre-K - 12 Committee

**Summary:** Relates to charter schools.

**Status:** Not moving

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