

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE MARCH 1, 2006**

The Florida Legislature convenes on March 6, 2006 for the 60 day regular session. It appears to be an exciting session due to the large increase in available revenue. It is estimated that there may be as much as \$3.5 billion dollars above normal expectation. These dollars will be treated as non-recurring revenue.

It appears that education will be a highly visible issue during this session. Some of the issues will be: Middle and High School reform, the requirement for 65% of revenue being spent at the classroom level, attempts to find a way to reinstate the voucher program that was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, and attempts to find a way to repeal the constitutional amendment regarding class size.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

#### **\*State Board Rule 6B-4.010 (Instructional Personnel Assessment System)**

This rule was heard by the State Board of Education on February 21<sup>st</sup>. It unanimously passed. The rule was viewed as highly controversial by many educators. It establishes a performance pay package based upon increased achievement of students in a teacher's class. (You can find the rule and answers to frequently asked questions concerning the rule at [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org) click on press room then on State Board of Education action.)

#### **\*Senate Bill 2048--Middle and High School Reform**

This is a movement supported by the Governor and both houses of the Legislature. Some of the highlights of this 119 page bill are: (complete bill is worth reading) adds "high quality, rigorous, and relevant" to the mission of k-20  
Requires broad public input for the potential revision of Sunshine State Standards by 12/1/06.

- Requires School Boards to adopt standards to provide each student a complete education including academics, PE foreign language, and the arts.
- Combines changes to Middle and High Schools into one section.
- Requires School Boards to adopt policies to provide support to all secondary schools to develop individual school redesign plans beginning in 2006-2007.
- Students are to have an personalized academic and career plan by the end of eighth grade. ( This plan will incorporate the improvement plans for all students below Level 3 on the FCAT.)
- Creates Challenge Secondary Schools Award Program.
- Establishes Middle School Promotion requirements (School Boards may develop alternative methods for students to demonstrate competency in required courses if plans are approved by the State Board of Education.)

- Requires 4 years of mathematics for high school students.
- Requires School Board policies to recognize rigorous coursework and expertise
- and allows for differentiated diplomas.
- Incorporates Middle School into High School grading system.
- Requires dual enrollment to be weighted the same as AP,IB, and AICE.
- Removes honor courses from being weighted the same as AP courses.
- Requires diagnostic assessments/intervention for students scoring below level 3 in reading and mathematics.
- Establishes school improvement rating for alternative schools based on FCAT scores.
- Requires the DOE to post online collective bargaining contracts and salaries and benefits of association personnel paid by the School District.
- Requires districts to adopt differentiated-pay policy for instructional personnel and school administrators. SBE will withhold lottery funds if salary schedules are out of compliance.

**HB-1477** This bill requires that 65% of a School Districts funds must be spent at the classroom level. The impact of this law will rest with the Legislative interpretation of which expenses will count as classroom expenses. Currently very few districts would comply with this law. This bill also ties in the repeal of the class size requirements. This action would go to the voters as a repeal of the constitutional amendment. You can expect this bill to pass.

**SB-306** Opening of school date There has been a great deal of discussion involving the Legislature setting a later date for the opening of schools in Florida. This was removed from the High School reform bill and is in a bill all by itself. The Legislature just addressing the issue has placed pressure on several School Districts and they have delayed the opening of school for next year to a later date than originally planned.

**FSSR- The Florida Shared School Results** is a report from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. It addresses many of the problems expressed by School Districts as they implemented the Jessica Lunsford Act. Originally it appeared that each district would be required to fingerprint all vendors and others on school campuses and vendors might be required to be fingerprinted in each district. The shared system will allow fingerprinting one time and the results will be shared by all districts. The system also allows updates of the information. Most districts are already using the system. SB-2280 filed on Feb.24, attempts to further clarify the original act.

**HB-975 Mature Drivers Act** This law would change from 16 years of age to 17 years of age as the earliest that someone could receive a Florida Drivers License.

### **Achievement Levels for Science**

Score ranges that define the five achievement levels for the science portion of the FCAT for grades 5 & 8 have been established on February 21, 2006 by the State Board of Education for the 2006-07 school year as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Grade 5	100-272	273-322	323-376	377-416	417-500
Grade 8	100-269	270-324	325-386	387-431	432-500
Grade 11	100-278	279-323	324-379	380-424	425-500

### **BILLS OF INTEREST FILED SINCE OUR LAST UPDATE**

#### **PCB HCI2 by Choice & Innovation**

##### **House PCB CI 06-02 – Proposed Committee Bill on Scholarship Accountability**

– Amends provisions relating to John McKay Scholarship program and Cooperate Tax Credit Scholarship Program (CTC).

#### **SB 0010 by Atwater**

**Scholarship Programs/Accountability;** amends provision re John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; revises student eligibility requirements for receipt of scholarship & restricts eligibility therefor; revises & adds obligations of DOE, including verification of eligibility of private schools & establishment of procedure for notification of violations, subsequent investigation, & certification of compliance by said schools, etc. Amends Ch. 1002, 220.187. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

#### **HB 0033 by Domino**

**Homestead Property/Just Value;** constitutional amendment to provide additional circumstance for assessing homestead property at less than just value. Amends s. 4, Art. VII.

#### **HB 0039 by Farkas**

**Limitations on Property Assessments;** constitutional amendment to apply to all residential & commercial property limitations on assessments of property at just value currently applicable only to homestead property. Amends s. 4, Art. VII.

**SB 0080 by Aronberg**

**False or Misleading Electronic Mail;** provides exemption from criminal liability for certain carriers whose equipment transmits commercial electronic mail messages that violate provision which prohibits specified actions re transmission of false or misleading unsolicited commercial electronic mail messages; provides criminal penalties for violations; provides applicability, etc. Amends 668.606,.6075,.610; creates 668.608. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 0119 by Zapata**

**Higher Education Finance/Residents;** revises provisions re determination of resident status for tuition purposes; provides conditions for reclassification as resident for tuition purposes; requires that evidence be provided re legal residency & dependent status; provides general requirements for student eligibility for state financial aid awards & tuition assistance grants; provides penalties for false statements, etc. Amends 1009.21,.40. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 0127 by Hays**

**Immunizations;** requires each district school board & governing authority of each private school to provide info. to parents concerning meningococcal disease & vaccine therefor; requires DOH to adopt rules specifying age or grade level of students for whom such info. will be provided; requires each board & governing authority of each private school to determine means & method for provision of information to parents concerning said disease. Amends 1003.22. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 0368 by Wilson**

**School Health Services;** cites act as "One School, One Nurse Act"; specifies that certain persons be considered agents of state for purposes of sovereign immunity when rendering school health services; creates specified provision re public-private partnerships for provision of school nurse services; provides for scope of services to be provided; provides legislative intent re funding of act, etc. Amends 381.0056, 768.28; creates 381.0058. APPROPRIATION: \$75,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 0443 by Barreiro**

**Local Govt./Special Dist. Property;** constitutional amendment to authorize property owned by county, municipality, or special district & used by it or leased & operated for governmental-governmental or governmental-proprietary purposes to be exempt from taxation as provided by general law. Amends s. 3, Art. VII.

**HB 0447 by Pickens**

**Class Size/Classroom Instruction;** constitutional amendment to revise class size requirements & their date of implementation to provide that they shall be based on school district average number of students who are assigned to teacher in specified grades; to authorize, in exceptional circumstances, school district to request from

Governor temporary waiver of class size requirements or 65-percent classroom instruction expenditure requirement, etc. Amends s. 1, Art. IX.

**HB 0527 by Gibson, III (H)**

**Suicide Prevention;** creates Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention in Drug Control Office; authorizes Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention to seek & accept grants or funds from any source to support its operation; creates Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council within Drug Control Office; creates interagency workgroup for state agencies within council in order to coordinate state agency plans for suicide prevention, etc. Creates 397.3335,.3336. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 0646 by Campbell**

**Sexual & Career Offenders;** revises definition of term "institution of higher education" to include career center; revises provisions re use of prior felonies for sexual predator determination; removes provisions allowing sexual predator to register at FDLE; revises provisions re definition of "sexual offender"; revises provision re offender's driver's license or identification card renewal, etc. Amends 775.21,.261, 943.0435, 944.606,.607. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 0765 by Jennings, Jr.**

**Students/Computers & Internet Access;** creates program to offer discounted computers & Internet access to public school students & students in home education programs in grades 5 through 12; requires DOE to negotiate terms with computer manufacturers, certain nonprofit corporations, & broadband Internet access providers; requires Digital Divide Council to implement pilot project to assist low-income students with purchasing said computers & Internet access services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 0967 by Glorioso**

**Public K-12 Education Instruction;** revises provisions re required instruction & courses of study in public schools; includes study of history of U.S. & free enterprise; provides requirements for teaching history of U.S. at certain grade levels; amends provision re general requirements for high school graduation to include study of Declaration of Independence in credit requirement for American government, etc. Amends 1003.42,.43, 1002.20. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 1003 by Llorente**

**High School Athletics/Steroid Tests;** requires Fla. High School Athletic Association to facilitate 3-year drug testing program to randomly test for anabolic steroids in students in grades 9 through 12 who participate in interscholastic athletics in its member schools; provides that finding of drug test shall be separate from student's educational records; provides penalties for students selected for testing who fail to provide specimen, etc. Amends 1006.20. APPROPRIATION: \$3,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 1005 by Llorente**

**High School Drug Testing;** exempts from public records requirements finding of drug test administered to student by testing agency with which Fla. High School Athletic Association has contracted; exempts from public meetings requirements meeting at which challenge or appeal is made; provides for future review & repeal; provides statement of public necessity. Amends 1006.20. EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent. 02/06/06 HOUSE Filed

**HB 1025 by Bullard (E)**

**Personnel Discipline/Public Schools;** authorizes Education Practices Commission to penalize any person who knowingly obtained or knowingly attempted to obtain educator certificate by fraudulent means. Amends 1012.795. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**HB 1035 by Proctor**

**FRS/Contribution Rates;** redefines term "average final compensation" re members of Special Risk Class; adjusting contribution rates to fund modification in average final compensation; provides statement of important state interest. Amends 121.021. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1047 by Stargel**

**Parental Relocation with a Child;** provides for notification of certain persons of intent to relocate child; requires certain information to be provided on Notice of Intent to Relocate; limits disclosure of certain information re cases of domestic violence; authorizes court to grant temporary order restraining relocation of child under certain circumstances; authorizes court to order certain contact with child by nonrelocating party, etc. Creates 61.13001. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1059 by Rivera**

**Collective Bargaining/Agent's Dues;** eliminates right of certain bargaining agents to have certain dues & assessments deducted & collected by employer from certain employees; provides legislative findings & intent; provides that deduction & collection of certain dues & assessments is proper subject of collective bargaining; provides requirements & limitations; provides for accounting of funds; provides for enforcement. Amends 447.303. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1065 by Jordan**

**Education/Spouses/Disabled Veterans;** provides that it is declared policy of state to provide educational opportunity at state expense for spouses of deceased or disabled servicemembers; provides criteria for qualification for such benefits for unremarried spouses of deceased servicemembers & dependent spouses of disabled servicemembers; specifies uses of funds appropriated for such educational

opportunities; revises terminology, etc. Amends 295.01,.03,.05. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1069 by Vana**

**Education Accountability;** requires DOE to annually report state's ranking in state-by-state comparison in specified educational measures; provides legislative goals; requires rulemaking. Creates 1008.47. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1073 by Roberson**

**Prevention First Act/Health/Schools;** creates said act; requires Health Secretary to develop & maintain on DOH Internet website information on family planning & referrals to local community resources to assist women & families in preventing unintended pregnancies; requires school districts to develop comprehensive family life & human sexuality education curriculum; provides duties of licensed health care facilities & practitioners re treatment of rape survivors, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**HB1085 by Traviesa**

**District School Bd./Hillsborough Co.;** provides for seven-member district school board, with five members elected from single-member residence areas & two members elected from district at large; provides for reapportionment; provides that elections shall be held in accordance with general law; repeals special act re calling of referendum to authorize such district school board, to conform. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**HB1089 by Galvano**

**Construction Contracting;** revises commencement periods for actions founded on design, planning, or construction of improvements to real property; provides application; requires implied warranties of fitness for certain materials & work re condominiums to be specified by contract; amends provision re converter reserve accounts & warranties; limits applicability to certain improvements, etc. Amends 95.11, 718.203,.618. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1139 by Murzin**

**Construction Defects/Property;** revises provisions to expand application to construction defects in any property; deletes language limiting application to only residential property. Amends 558.001,.002,.004,.005. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2006.

**HB1149 by Justice**

**FRS/Benefits/Regular Class;** revises calculation of retirement benefits payable to Regular Class members; provides retroactive applicability; provides for funding of benefit increases to Regular Class members; provides finding of important state interest. Amends 121.091. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1189 by Legg**

**District School Board/Pasco County;** provides that resolution of said school board which provides for receipt of proceeds from local government infrastructure surtax authorized under specified provision, may include covenant to limit levy of capital local school property taxes; ratifies & confirms referendum. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**HB 1213 by Barreiro**

**Schools/Parents/Student Evaluation;** requires fully informed consent by parent prior to his or her child's evaluation for emotional, behavioral, or mental disorder, specific learning disability, or other health impairment; specifies contents of statement that must be signed by parent & maintained in student's school records; includes in statement understanding that evaluation may result in diagnosis for which psychotropic or psychiatric medications may be prescribed. Amends 1003.57. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1221 by Cannon**

**District School Boards/Chair;** provides for alternate procedure for election of district school board chair in any school district that does not have district school board member elected at large; requires referendum & provides requirements for submitting such referendum to electors; provides for resolution of tie vote by said chair & said board members; amends provisions re organization of said boards, to conform. Creates 1001.364,.365; amends 1001.371. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1233 by Ausley**

**Early Learning Incentives Task Force;** establishes Early Learning Quality Incentives Task Force to be administratively housed in Agency for Workforce Innovation; provides duties & membership; requires recommendations to Governor & Legislature; provides for termination of task force; requires DCFS, in cooperation with said agency, to contract for study re administration & regulation of child care services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**HB1237 by Mealor**

**Science & Technology Research;** creates 21st Century Technology, Research, & Scholarship Enhancement Act; creates Fla. Technology, Research, & Scholarship Board within Board of Governors of State University System; requires that board provide recommendations for 21st Century World Class Scholars Program & Centers of Excellence Program; requires minimum investment of private funds; provides for expiration of act, etc. Creates 1004.226. APPROPRIATION. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB1243 by Mahon**

**Education Personnel;** authorizes regional professional development academy to receive funds from certain sources for purpose of developing programs & services; provides that said academy is not component of any school district or governmental unit to which it provides services. Amends 1012.985. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**HB 1295 by Samson**

**School Districts/Paperwork Reduction;** amends provision re powers & duties of district school boards; revises provisions re required school improvement plans; requires public hearings & analysis re excess paperwork & data collection; deletes personalized middle school success plan; requires implementation of progress monitoring plans & deletes student improvement plans; provides planning options to improve student academic achievement, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 1301 by Ausley**

**Voluntary Pre-K Education Program;** exempts certain said program personnel from re fingerprinting or rescreening; requires curriculum selected or designed by private prekindergarten provider or public school to include certain assessments of student's progress; deletes restriction re minimum kindergarten readiness rate adopted by State Education Board as satisfactory for private prekindergarten provider or public school. Amends 402.3057, 1002.67,.69. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006

**SB 1796 by Baker**

**State Group Insurance Program;** prohibits funding for benefits granted under said program from being used to provide benefits for any individuals other than enrollees & spouses & dependent children of enrollees; prohibits community college & university boards of trustees from establishing benefits programs that use state funding to provide benefits for any individuals other than enrollees & spouses & dependent children of enrollees. Amends 110.123, 1001.64,.74. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 1812 by Lawson Jr.**

**District School Tax;** includes health, property, & casualty insurance costs as authorized uses of school district millage; authorizes school districts meeting certain class size requirements to use revenues generated by district school tax for specified purposes. Amends 1011.71 EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 1928 by Peaden, Jr.**

**High School Athletics/Steroid Tests;** requires Fla. High School Athletic Association to facilitate 3-year drug testing program to randomly test for anabolic steroids in students in grades 9 through 12 who participate in interscholastic athletics in its member schools; provides that finding of drug test shall be separate from student's educational records; provides penalties for students selected for testing who fail to

provide specimen, etc. Amends 1006.20. APPROPRIATION: \$3,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 1930 by Government Efficiency Appropriations**

**Educational Facilities/Planning/Use;** requires that utilization standards for educational space be updated periodically; increases minimum room utilization rate for postsecondary classrooms. Amends 1013.03. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 1938 by Wilson**

**Voluntary Pre-K Education Program;** revises number of instructional hours that are required for school-year prekindergarten program delivered by private kindergarten provider & by public school; revises number of instructional hours that are required in order for student in school-year prekindergarten program delivered by public school or private prekindergarten provider to be considered full-time equivalent student in Voluntary Pre-K Education Program. Amends Ch. 1002. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 2034 by Baker**

**Education/Spouses/Disabled Veterans;** provides that it is declared policy of state to provide educational opportunity at state expense for spouses of deceased or disabled servicemembers; provides criteria for qualification for such benefits for unremarried spouses of deceased servicemembers & dependent spouses of disabled servicemembers; specifies uses of funds appropriated for such educational opportunities; revises terminology, etc. Amends 295.01,.03,.05. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 2048 by Education**

**Education;** requires that Legislative Budget Commission review proposed federal education plans; specifies that mission of state's K-20 education system is to provide high quality, rigorous, & relevant learning opportunities for students; requires legislative approval of revised state plan to implement certain federal requirements; requires maintenance of uniform school district personnel classification system, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**SB 2056 by Dawson**

**Legislators/Salaries/Increase;** increases annual salaries of members of Legislature. Amends 11.13. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 2068 by Ethics and Elections**

**Early Voting;** provides for supervisor of elections to file request with Division of Elections of Dept. of State to designate additional early voting sites; provides requirements for such request; requires that division receive public comment on proposed early voting sites; specifies timeframe within which division must approve or disapprove request for additional sites. Amends 101.657. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**SB 2082 by Peaden, Jr.**

**High School Drug Testing/Pub. Rec.;** exempts from public records requirements finding of drug test administered to student by testing agency with which Fla. High School Athletic Association has contracted; exempts from public meetings requirements meeting at which challenge or appeal is made; provides for future review & repeal; provides statement of public necessity. Amends 1006.20. EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent.

**SB 2084 by Alexander**

**Science & Technology Research;** creates 21st Century Technology, Research, & Scholarship Enhancement Act; creates Fla. Technology, Research, & Scholarship Board within Board of Governors of State University System; requires that board provide recommendations for 21st Century World Class Scholars Program & Centers of Excellence Program; requires minimum investment of private funds; provides for future repeal of act, etc. Creates 1004.226. APPROPRIATION. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 2142 by Bullard (L)**

**Minority Construction Enterprises;** creates Minority Contractors Technical Assistance Grant Program to be administered by DMS; requires technical assistance grant recipients to intensify efforts to increase number of minority enterprises in certain construction & construction-related projects; requires technical grant recipients to provide educational & technical assistance to new & existing minority construction enterprises, etc. Creates 288.7055. APPROPRIATION: \$2,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 2170 by Judiciary**

**Opportunity Scholarship Program;** constitutional amendment proposing amendment to State Constitution, re issues raised in legal challenge to Opportunity Scholarship Program.

**SB 2234 by Judiciary**

**Education/Failing Schools;** expresses intent of Legislature to create program to enhance failing schools; requires Education Commissioner to develop & submit such program to Legislature; prescribes elements of program; clarifies that tax credit program applies to students in families having limited financial resources; prescribes obligations of school districts to inform parents about failing schools, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 2252 by Webster**

**District School Boards/Chair;** provides for alternate procedure for election of district school board chair in any school district that does not have district school board member elected at large; requires referendum & provides requirements for submitting such referendum to electors; provides for resolution of tie vote by said chair & said board members; amends provisions re organization of said boards, to conform. Creates 1001.364,.365; amends 1001.371. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 2254 by Wise**

**Local Funding for Schools;** clarifies provisions requiring that DOR certify to Commissioner of Education by specified date district & state totals of final taxable values for school purposes for prior year; provides for amount of state funds allocated to school district to be adjusted due to change in assessment roll required by final court decision. Amends 1011.62. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 2264 by Argenziano**

**Florida Retirement System;** deletes provisions consolidating former stat & county officers & employees' retirement system, retirement system for school teachers, & highway patrol pensions & pension trust fund; revises & provides definitions applicable to FRS; consolidates specified retirement systems under FRS; provides for assumption of liabilities & assets by FRS, etc. Amends 121.011,.021; renumbers 121.181,.1905,.191; creates 121.023. EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/2006.

**SB 2280 by Argenziano**

**School Dist. Contractors/Screening;** amends background screening requirements for certain noninstructional school district employees & contractors; provides for submission of fingerprints; requires school districts to screen results of criminal records checks; provides list of violations that such persons must not have committed if they are to satisfy screening requirements; provides consequences of failure to meet said requirements, etc. Amends 1012.465; creates 1012.467,.468. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 7039 by Choice & Innovation**

**K-8 Virtual School Program;** establishes said program within DOE; authorizes schools to be for-profit or nonprofit entities; provides for 3-year contracts for approved schools & authorizes contract renewals; requires schools to provide each student with materials, equipment, & services necessary to receive instruction; requires schools to participate in statewide assessment program & be subject to school grading system, etc. Creates 1002.375. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**HB 7041 by Choice & Innovation**

**Scholarship Program Accountability;** amends provisions re John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program; revises student eligibility requirements for receipt of scholarship & restricts eligibility therefor; revises & adds

school district obligations & clarifies parental options; provides funding & payment requirements for former Fla. School for Deaf & Blind students & for students exiting DJJ program, etc. Amends 1002.39, 220.187, 213.053; creates 1002.421. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

**SB 7104 by Judiciary**

**Opportunity Scholarship Program**; expresses legislative intent to enact laws re Opportunity Scholarship Program. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

**HJR 9003 by Bowen**

**Bennett, Samuel**; recognizes Samuel Bennett for being named Florida's Teacher of the Year for 2005 & for his continued dedication to his students & fellow faculty members as well as for his efforts on behalf of young citizens who will one day become the future of great State of Florida.