

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

We are about halfway through the 2006 Legislative Session and the Legislature is proceeding at a rapid pace. Education Appropriation Committees in both houses have developed their education proposals. However, they are not in agreement on many items.

Over-all, the budget will reflect the results of a large amount of additional revenue. Currently the Senate school plan would increase statewide spending by 8.7% per student and the House would increase spending by 6.2%. This amounts to \$6,785.20 per student in the Senate and \$6,629.64 in the House (a difference of about \$155 per student).

The Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funds will be increased by \$481 million over the original expectations.

The recruitment and retention of teachers is receiving a high level attention from the Legislature as well as from the DOE and local school districts. The Governor has requested \$188 million for a laptop initiative for all teachers and a \$40 million budget item which districts would match. Although the Governor has requested \$40 million, the item has been budgeted at \$27 million by the Senate and has not received a House appropriation at this time. This money could be used by districts as they see fit. (examples include: moving expenses, down payment assistance, signing bonuses, etc.) Florida is still expected to need upwards of 31,000 additional teachers for the 2006-2007 school year.

The House has proposed \$97,500,000 for technology enhancements called T3 (Technology Tools for Teachers). Options for this money would include laptops, tablets, digital projectors, smart boards, and peripheral equipment. The equipment would become property of the School District.

The Legislators have, at this time, filed approximately 2,300 bills. Education being a hot issue, accounts for about 322 of these bills, which we track on a daily basis.

BILLS WITH MAJOR IMPACT CURRENTLY MOVING THRU THE LEGISLATURE

- HJR 447 is the bill which is proposed for the repeal of the class size amendment. Since it would change the Florida Constitution, this issue would be submitted to the voters for final approval. This bill would also require School Districts to expend, at least, 65% of their operational funds for classroom related instruction. The Senate seems to have some concerns with the 65% issue.
- High School and Middle School Reform has received a great deal of emphasis by both the House and the Senate. This is a huge bill with multiple and complex parts. (SB 2048 and HB 7087) I would encourage the reading of these bills, as the impact will be felt by every district. The bills are approximately 117 pages at this time. Among the issues addressed are: rigor, relevance, school starting dates, paperwork reduction, co-teaching, middle school promotion requirements, high school graduation requirements, academic improvement plans, required diagnostic plans, weighted grades, feeder pattern school grades, differentiated pay schedules for instructional and administrative employees, and professional developmental programs for administrators, and much more.
- The Instructional Personnel Assessment System ties performance pay to student score increases on the FCAT. (SBE Rule 6B 4.010) E Comp Plan. (This name is likely to change.) This language is also included in the High School Reform package. The Senate budget is 55 million while the House has appropriated 210 million, but includes money for differentiated pay. The DOE is expected to begin technical assistance with Superintendents in early April.
- SB 2280 relates to the Jessica Lunsford Act which passed last year. It clears up many of the District and vendor concerns which were raised by the bill.
 - Provides a list of offences that disqualify a contractor
 - Exempts level 2 checks if under supervision of screened personnel
 - Exempt contractors will have a search of the state and national registry of sexual offenders and predators
 - Provides immunity to persons who share background information
 - Allows fingerprints to be taken by law enforcement ,districts, schools or private entity
 - Requires reporting within 48 hours if a contractor is charged with a disqualifying offense
 - Willful failure to report is a 1st degree misdemeanor
 - Caps fees charged for background checks
 - Requires that a person report that they have submitted to level 2 background check in another district
 - Requires school district to use shared system to verify information
 - Requires districts to accept background checks from other districts
- SB 2580, HB 7149, and HB 1489 all deal with Space and Technology. There is a proposal to create a Florida Center for Mathematics and Science Research which

is funded a \$2,000,000 in the House budget. These initiatives support science, technology, engineering and mathematics. (STEM)

- The opening date of schools for students is still an issue that the Legislature will deal with. The date being proposed is not earlier than 7 days before Labor Day, except if passed by a supermajority vote of the School Board.
- Co-teaching is addressed by several bills including the reform package. These bills would allow districts to use co-teaching as a strategy for meeting the requirements of the Class Size Amendment, under certain conditions. Team teaching has not been addressed.
- Charter Schools are addressed in several bills. These bills would allow entities other than the School Board to also sponsor charter schools. (Municipalities, State Universities, Community Colleges, and Regional Consortia.)
- Veterans Day bills (SB 354 and HB 397) would require Veterans Day to be a school holiday.
- Voucher Legislation is addressed in HJR 1573 which would allow the Legislature to expend funding, whether public or private, without regard to the religious nature of any provider. This would be a change in the Florida Constitution and would be required to go before the voters for approval.

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

- SB 2252 and HB1221 address the issue of School Board Chairs. These bills would allow districts, where no School Board members are elected on a district wide (at large) basis, to elect the School Board Chair in a district wide election. This would result in an additional member of the School Board.
- HB 213 and SB 532 allows for the division of School Districts of more than 45,000 students, into districts of 20,000 or more students.
- The Pledge of Allegiance is addressed in SJR 534 which would require that Schools Boards adopt a policy which would require the daily recital of the Pledge in all Pre-K-12 schools.
- SB 84 creates new provisions for non-resident ESE students. It also requires the DOE to develop a common form for individual education plans.
- Career and Professional Academies are addressed in SB 1480. This bill encourages the establishment of Career and Professional Academies in high schools. These Academies must offer relevant and rigorous curriculum that leads to industry certification. The DOE must work with Workforce Florida, Inc. and Enterprise Florida on this project.
- SB 535 addresses School Safety/Bullying and Harassment as it requires School Boards to develop student safety and discipline policies which prohibit bullying and harassment in schools.
- Instructional Materials (HB 945) legislation would require School Districts to purchase classroom sets of textbooks for each core class. This appears to be in

addition to the textbooks issued to students. This would be a significant additional cost, but as yet there is no Senate companion.

- Supplemental Educational Services are addressed in HB 1373. Federal law requires states to adopt standards governing the provision of SES to eligible students. This bill would establish statewide standards and DOE responsibilities.

Bills Filed Since March 1, 2006

PCB HGM2 by Growth Management

House PCB GM 06-02 -- Growth Management; Bill removes requirements that entire local comprehensive plan be financially feasible. Provides for waivers of transportation facilities concurrency, deletes record keeping and reporting requirements related to transportation impacts and provides for small scale amendments for certain build-out municipalities.

PCB HFC3 by Fiscal Council

House PCB FC-06-03 - Education Funding, implements various policy's relating to funding, including delay of implementation of classsize amendment, allows slot machine revenue to be available for bonding, increases award of Florida medallion scholars enrolled in Community colleges, revises provisions relating to funding of special programs.

HB 1373 by Attkisson

Supplemental Education Services; provides for student access to & provider accountability for said services in Title I schools; provides responsibilities of DOE, local education agencies, providers of said services, & parents to provide additional academic instruction designed to increase academic achievement of eligible students; provides criteria that must be met by provider approved by DOE; provides for DOE monitoring & evaluation of provider performance, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1377 by Arza

School Boards/Class Ring Vendors; requires each district school board that selects vendor to market student class rings to select vendor that meets certain criteria; requires each said board to notify students & parents that purchase of class ring may be through any vendor marketing said rings & that student may participate in related ceremonies or activities regardless of vendor through which purchase was made. Amends 1003.02. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1389 by Arza

County Discretionary Sales Surtaxes; allows each charter county to levy voter-approved surtax for community college in county; provides restrictions on source of expenses for referendum re this surtax; provides purposes for which proceeds of surtax may be used; provides for automatic expiration of such surtax unless it is reenacted by ordinance; provides that other funding may not be reduced because said

college has received such proceeds, etc. Amends 212.055. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

HB 1403 by Richardson

Schools/Health & Vision Examinations; requires children who enter public or private schools in state to present evidence of having received comprehensive vision examination; provides exemption; provides for imposition of fee on retail sale of nonprescription eyeglasses; provides for collection of fees & remittance to DOH to assist families in paying for school-entry comprehensive vision examinations, etc. Amends 1003.22, 1002.20,.42. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006 except as otherwise provided.

HB 1427 by Bendross-Mindingall

Education; provides that academy programs shall be additional public school choice option; requires DOE to develop plan for school district to establish academy programs in public schools; requires development & implementation of FCAT Pretest as diagnostic tool; revises provisions re school & school district performance grading system; renames Fla. School Recognition Program as Every Child Matters Program, etc. Amends Chs. 1002, 1008; creates 1002.391. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1485 by Hays

Educational Facilities/Funding; revises sum appropriated for Classrooms for Kids Program; revises eligibility criteria for High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance Grant Program; revises provisions for allocation of funds; provides calculations. Amends 1013.65,.738. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1489 by Waters

State's Aerospace Industry; redesignates "Florida Space Authority" as "Space Florida"; prohibits Space Florida from endorsing political candidates or making campaign contributions; characterizes certain property as Space Florida territory; requires Space Florida to create business plan & marketing campaign; requires Space Florida to coordinate its activities with federal & state agencies; expands exemption from sales & use tax on certain machinery & equipment, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

HB 1493 by Gibson (A)

Schools/Advanced Placement Courses; provides purpose & definitions re Advanced Placement courses & teacher training; requires each high school to offer such courses taught by Advanced Placement teachers; requires school districts to offer rigorous courses as preparation for Advanced Placement coursework; provides State Board of Education's duties re funding, implementation of integrated instructional program, communication of information, & evaluation, etc. Creates 1003.495. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1515 by Antone

Fla. School Recognition Program; requires that faculty & staff who receive nonrecurring bonuses from school recognition awards be currently employed at school or were employed at school during year of improved performance. Amends 1008.36. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

HB 1517 by Bendross-Mindingall

Job Opportunities for Youths; provides legislative intent to support statewide vocational training & placement provided to at-risk youth through Professional Opportunities Program for Students, Inc.; requires that program proposals be submitted to Workforce Florida, Inc.; requires report to Legislature; revises percentage of monthly collections of excise taxes on alcoholic beverages to be deposited into Alcoholic Beverage & Tobacco TF, etc. Amends 561.121, 563.05. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1539 by Sands

Lobbying/Reporting Requirements; revises provisions re reporting requirements for legislative lobbyists & lobbyists of executive branch & Constitution Revision Commission; removes requirement that each lobbying firm & principal maintain certain records & documents for specified period; removes requirements for each lobbying firm to file quarterly compensation reports; removes provisions re electronic compensation report filing requirements, etc.

HB 1565 by Clarke

Financial Assistance/Students; creates Florida Reimbursement Grant Program to Provide Postsecondary Psycho-Academic Testing to Students with Disabilities; provides for rulemaking by State Board of Education; requires student who applies for such grant to apply for Pell Grant; requires that amount of such grants be specified in General Appropriations Act; provides that act be implemented only to extent that it is funded & authorized, etc. Creates 1009.892. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1567 by Rubio

Eminent Domain; restricts certain transfers of property taken by eminent domain to certain natural persons or private entities; requires disclosure of eminent domain authority in resolutions finding slum or blight conditions; provides that power of eminent domain does not vest in community redevelopment agency but rather with governing body of county or municipality; revises eminent domain authority & procedures, including notice, hearings, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1569 by Rubio

Eminent Domain; constitutional amendment to prohibit transfer of ownership or control of private real property taken by eminent domain pursuant to petition filed on or after January 2, 2007, to any natural person or private entity, except that ownership or

control of such property may be conveyed to specified natural persons or entities in specified circumstances, etc. Amends s. 6, Art. X.

HB 1573 by Rubio

Education; constitutional amendment to provide that every child deserves equal opportunity to receive quality education regardless of his or her family's income, religion, or race & that funding for quality education through classroom instruction is paramount & to require Legislature to ensure that funding provided for public schools shall primarily be used for classroom instruction rather than admin. expenditures, etc. Amends s. 8, Art. IX.

HB 1615 by Culp

Education for Children With Autism; provides for autism scholarships for early education & intervention for children with autism spectrum disorders; provides eligibility requirements; provides costs eligible for reimbursement; defines "autism spectrum disorders"; provides that Centers for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD Centers) shall operate as charter schools without certain authorization; provides certain waivers for students attending CARD Center charter schools. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 1619 by Murzin

Schools/Student Yearbook Photographs; authorizes district school boards to contract with photographers for purpose of taking student yearbook photographs; permits inclusion of certain photographs. Amends 1001.43. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 2380 by Carlton

School District Funding; increases amount that district school board may spend for new construction of educational plant space; revises requirements for calculating number of students per classroom for 2006-2007 fiscal year. Amends 1003.03, 1013.64. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2414 by Margolis

School Food Service Program/Fructose; requires district school board plans to eliminate sale or use of products containing high-fructose corn syrup from school food service programs & on school grounds; requires DOE approval of plans, monitoring of plan implementation, & reporting. Amends 1006.06. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 2424 by Webster

Charter Schools; revises purposes for which said school may be established; requires that director, governing board, & sponsor of said school take certain action if school is graded "D" or "F"; requires that DOE provide certain training & assistance to applicants for said schools; exempts said school from occupational fees; removes said schools

from special academic programs provided for students from military families, etc.
Amends FS. Effective Date: Upon becoming law

SB 2458 by Rich

Prevention First Act/Health/Schools; creates said act; requires Health Secretary to develop & maintain certain information on family planning & resources on website of DOH; requires that website contain certain info. concerning family planning & health services; requires DOE to develop comprehensive family life & sexuality education plan; provides duties of licensed health care facilities & practitioners re treatment of rape survivors, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 2480 by Dockery

Educational Facilities/Funding; revises sum appropriated for Classrooms for Kids Program; revises eligibility criteria for High Growth District Capital Outlay Assistance Grant Program; revises provisions for allocation of funds; provides calculations. Amends 1013.65,.738. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2486 by Constantine

Natural Disaster Preparedness; requires Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Relations to conduct study of costs associated with protecting & storing vital records & supplies in school during hurricane; requires local government to have procedure in its emergency management plan for evacuating certain residents before natural disaster; requires local government to test its evacuation plan annually, etc. Amends 252.355,.38; creates 455.2287. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006 except as otherwise provided.

SB 2488 by Atwater

Schools/Hurricanes/Cash Flow Loans; creates Educational Facilities Hurricane Restoration Cash Flow Loan Program for purpose of assisting district school boards in making timely payments in restoring educational facilities; provides eligibility requirements for receiving said loan; requires DOE to administer loan program & distribute loan funds; requires DCA to notify DOE when certain federal payments have been distributed. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 2546 by Sebesta

Public Educational Facilities; clarifies that architectural design & plans for constructing new educational plants & facilities or for modifying existing plants & facilities are not subject to jurisdiction of local fire officials; authorizes district school board to request that local fire official resolve ambiguity in uniform firesafety standards re new or modified construction; requires that such assistance be provided at no cost. Amends 1013.12. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2558 by Saunders

Student Transfers/Athletics; requires that bylaws of Florida High School Athletic Association allow student who transfers to or from private school to be eligible to engage in high school athletic competition at new school in year of transfer; provides retroactivity. Amends 1006.20. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 2562 by Wilson

Schools/Health & Vision Examinations; requires children who enter public or private schools in state to present evidence of having received comprehensive vision examination; provides exemption; provides for imposition of fee on retail sale of nonprescription eyeglasses; provides for collection of fees & remittance to DOH to assist parents in paying for school-entry comprehensive vision examinations, etc. Amends 1003.22, 1002.20,.42. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006 except as otherwise provided.

SB 2574 by Wilson

Corporate Income Tax/Education; provides for tax credits for contributions to eligible nonprofit educational-improvement organizations, as well as for contributions to eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; provides that additional purpose of section is to enable students in specified grades in public schools to receive certain assistance in attaining grade-level performance, etc. Amends 220.187. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2576 by Wilson

Education/High School; requires that certain information concerning value of high school education, test scores that help students obtain diploma, & options for postsecondary training & workforce participation be provided to students who are in 9th grade & to those who withdraw from public school; provides that Legislature intends to provide students & parents with tools & resources to ensure academic success, etc. Amends 1003.425, 1008.25. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2578 by Wilson

Elementary Education; provides maximum student-teacher ratio for classrooms in grades K through 3 of schools designated as 100 lowest-performing elementary schools; requires construction of primary learning centers at such schools by specified deadline; requires hiring of teachers of reading skills at such schools by specified deadline; provides for continuing operational funding for each such center & school that meets eligibility requirements, etc. Creates 1003.035. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2580 by Fasano

State's Aerospace Industry; redesignates "Florida Space Authority" as "Space Florida"; prohibits Space Florida from endorsing political candidates or making campaign contributions; characterizes certain property as Space Florida territory;

requires Space Florida to create business plan & marketing campaign; requires Space Florida to coordinate its activities with federal & state agencies; expands exemption from sales & use tax on certain machinery & equipment, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 2594 by Wise

Fla. Schools of Excellence Fund; creates said fund within Department of Education; provides for sources of moneys & purposes of fund; provides for annual carryforward of funds; provides for future review & termination or re-creation of fund. Creates 1002.332. EFFECTIVE DATE: Contingent.

SB 2596 by Wise

Schools of Excellence Act; creates said act; establishes Fla. Schools of Excellence Office; provides powers & duties of office, including power to authorize establishment of charter schools, to review & approve or deny applications for designation as FSE charter school, & to review performance of such schools; provides that FSE charter schools are public schools & are components of state education system; provides for performance-based bonus system, etc. Creates 1002.331. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2602 by Constantine

Schools/Health-related Education; requires each school district to submit to DOE, by specified deadline, copies of district's school wellness policy & physical education policy; requires DOE & school districts to post links to those policies on their websites; requires that school district physical education programs & curricula be developed with involvement of & review by certified physical education instructor, etc. Amends 381.0056, 1003.455; creates 1003.453. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2616 by Wise

Supplemental Educational Services; provides for student access to & provider accountability for supplemental educational services in Title I schools; provides responsibilities of DOE, local educational agencies, providers of supplemental educational services, & parents to provide additional academic instruction designed to increase academic achievement of eligible students; provides criteria that must be met by provider approved by dept., etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2620 by Smith

Education/Assessment/Accountability; requires OPPAGA to conduct comprehensive policy review of Assessment & Accountability provisions; requires report to Legislature; provides subject matter of policy review; provides for future repeal, unless reviewed & reenacted by Legislature, etc. Repeals Ch. 1008. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 2636 by Posey

Space Florida Act; revises purpose of Fla. Space Research Institute; provides for institute to serve as multi-university center for research & technology development; requires institute to submit plan to Board of Governors for its operation; provides for board to invite participation of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University; provides for comanagement of Space Life Sciences Lab at John F. Kennedy Space Center, etc. Amends 331.368. APPROPRIATION: \$11,000,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.

SB 2650 by Rich

Voluntary Pre-K Education Program; exempts certain said program personnel from refingerprinting 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 Board of Education as satisfactory for private prekindergarten provider or public school. Amends 402.3057, 1002.67,.69. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2688 by Haridopolos

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.

SB 2706 by Haridopolos

Bargaining Agents/Dues & Assessments; 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.

SB 2714 by Klein

Public Records/Custodians; provides that custodian of public record or agency head may designate another officer or employee of agency to permit inspection & copying of public records; provides that identity of designee must be disclosed to public; requires custodians of public records & their designees to respond to requests to inspect & copy public records promptly & in good faith; corrects cross-references. Amends 119.07, 497.140, 627.311,.351. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006. 03/03/06 SENATE Filed

SB 2724 by Rich

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.

SB 2690 by Education Appropriations

Appropriations; provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2006, & ending June 30, 2007, to pay salaries, & other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of State government. APPROPRIATION: \$19,000,058,870. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006 or upon becoming law, whichever occurs later, except as otherwise provided.

SB 2748 by Atwater

School Boards/Class Ring Vendors; requires each district school board that selects vendor to market student class rings to select vendor that meets certain criteria; requires each said board to notify students & parents that purchase of class ring may be through any vendor marketing said rings & that student may participate in related ceremonies or activities regardless of vendor through which purchase was made. Amends 1003.02. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

SB 2778 by Fasano

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 6001 by Governmental Operations

Travel Expenses/Reimbursement; (THIS BILL COMBINES H117 & 477) revises per diem, subsistence, & mileage rates for purposes of reimbursement of travel expenses of public officers, employees, & authorized persons. Amends 112.061. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 7087 by PreK-12

Education; authorizes Legislative Budget Commission to review state plan to implement federal requirements; revises mission of state's K-20 education system; creates Just Read, Florida! Office in DOE; deletes requirement that certain children receive preference for admission to special academic programs even if maximum enrollment has been reached; establishes revised general requirements for high school graduation, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law

HB 7097 by Community Colleges & Workforce

Postsecondary Education: Authorizes an articulation agreement for delivery of associate in applied science degree programs by career centers; provides requirements

for use of the designation "technical college"; revises provisions relating to establishment of interinstitutional mechanisms by public postsecondary educational institutions; ... Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

HB 7103 by Choice & Innovation

Charter Schools; modifies provisions re duties of sponsors, application process, denial of application, & review of appeals; revises provisions re payment & reimbursement to said school by school district & authorizes withholding of lottery funds under certain circumstances; requires legislative review of said schools in 2010; provides that educator professional liability insurance shall cover said school personnel, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006 except as otherwise provided.

SB 7114 by Education Appropriations

Appropriations; provides moneys for annual period beginning July 1, 2006, & ending June 30, 2007, to pay salaries, & other expenses, captial outlay - buildings, & other improvements, & for other specified purposes of various agencies of State government

HB 7119 by PreK-12

Student Athlete Recruiting; requires Fla. High School Athletic Association to hold certain bylaws in abeyance; provides for creation of task force to review student athlete recruiting issues; provides for task force membership & duties; requires recommendations to Governor & Legislature; requires OPPAGA to conduct review of recruiting violations by Fla. High School Athletic Association member schools. APPROPRIATION: \$110,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon becoming law.

SB 7126 by Ways and Means

Appropriations Implementing Bill; provides for use of specified calculations re Fla. Education Finance Program; authorizes extension of repayment periods for moneys transferred between funds as result of hurricanes striking state in 2004; provides for additional positions to operate additional prison bed capacity under certain circumstances; directs DEP to make specified awards of grant moneys for pollution control purposes, etc. Amends FS. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006 except as otherwise provided.

HB 7143 by Judiciary

Constitution/Legislature/Power; constitutional amendment to revise rules of construction to be used when interpreting extent of political power vested in legislative branch to provide that expression of one thing does not imply exclusion of another, unless limitation is absolutely necessary to carry out purpose of constitutional provision & without regard to comprehensiveness of constitutional provision. Amends s. 12, Art. X.

HB 7167 by Growth Management

Growth Management; revises requirements & procedures for public schools interlocal agreements; revises concurrency requirements & procedures; deletes annual appropriation from State Transportation Trust Fund for State Infrastructure Bank purposes; revises requirements & procedures for coordination of planning with local governing bodies; revises appropriation from Public Education Capital Outlay & Debt Service Trust Fund to Classroom for Kids Program, etc. Amends FS. APPROPRIATION: \$63,600,000. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.

HB 7171 by Choice & Innovation

Charter Schools; establishes Florida Schools of Excellence Commission as charter school authorizing entity; provides for startup funds; provides powers & duties of commission, including serving as sponsor of charter schools, approving certain entities to act as cosponsors, approving or denying applications for Florida Schools of Excellence (FSE) charter schools, & developing standards for & evaluating performance, etc. Creates 1002.335; amends 1002.33. EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/2006.