

Emergent Design and Development
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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There is one week to go in the regular Legislative Session. When we began the Session, we were tracking more than 300 bills related to education - about 140 are still alive. The reality is that at this late date, only about 40 have a real chance of passing both Houses of the Legislature.

The last week of session will be a very active week as Legislators complete the conferencing activities and prepare a final budget. The budget must be completed in time to meet the legal requirement of being printed 72 hours before the final vote.

BILLS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

SB 004 High School Standards **(Signed into law)**
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0004er.pdf>

SB 006 Teacher Quality **(Vetoed)**

SB 2126 Corporate Tax Scholarships **(Signed into law)**
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2126er.pdf>

SB 2060 Sovereign Immunity **(On the Governor's desk for action)**
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2060er.pdf>

SB 622 Seminole Gaming Compact **(On the Governor's desk for action)**
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0622er.pdf>

BILLS THAT HAVE PASSED BOTH HOUSES BUT NOT YET SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

SB 002 Class Size Amendment
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0002er.pdf>

HB 105 Civics Education
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h010502er.pdf>

BILLS OF EDUCATIONAL INTEREST THAT MAY PASS (have passed one House)

HB 031 First Amendment Rights (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h003102c2.pdf>

HB 119 Sexual Offenders (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h011903e1.pdf>

SB 140 Fresh Farms Schools (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0140e1.pdf>

SB 166 Diabetes Self Administration (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0166.pdf>

SB 206 Academic Scholarship Day (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0206c1.pdf>

SB 434 Suicide Prevention (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0434c2.pdf>

SB 464 Military Affairs (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s0464er.pdf>

HB 483 Sales Tax Holiday (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h048301c1.pdf>

HB 521 Military Children Compact (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h052100.pdf>

SB 1048 Construction Bonds (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s1048e1.pdf>

SB 1058 Cooperation Schools and Juvenile Authorities (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s1058e2.pdf>

HB 1085 Career and Educational Planning (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h108502e1.pdf>

SB 1136 Fire Safety Inspections (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s1136.pdf>

SB 1178 Cost Benefit/Return on Investment (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s1178c1.pdf>

HB 1233 Educational Plant Surveys (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h123301c1.pdf>

HB 1307 State Financial Matters (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h130703e1.pdf>

SB 1368 Public School Funding (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s1368e1.pdf>

HB 1505 McKay Scholarships (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h150501c1.pdf>

SB 1706 State Financial Matters /liquidated damages (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s1706c1.pdf>

SB 1964 Design Professionals (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s1964e1.pdf>

SB 2014 Early Learning (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2014e2.pdf>

SB 2022 Florida Retirement System (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2022c1.pdf>

SB 2204 Chief Financial Officer Duties (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2204e1.pdf>

SB 2206 Chart of Accounts (CFO) (Passed the Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2206e1.pdf>

SB 2700 Senate Budget (Passed Senate, parts in Conference)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2700e1.pdf>

SB 2702 Senate Implementing Bill (Passed Senate)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2702e1.pdf>

HB 5001 House Budget (Passed House, parts in Conference)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h500101e1.pdf>

HB 5003 House Implementing Bill (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h500302e2.pdf>

HB 5101 Funding PreK-12 (passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h510101c1.pdf>

HB 5607 House retirement proposal (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h560700.pdf>

HB 7037 Vocational Rehabilitation (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h703700.pdf>

HB 7069 Background Screening (Passed the House)
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h706902e1.pdf>

Other bills may pass as there is always a rush to get certain bills heard. Just because a bill has not passed either House yet is not the end of the bill. The last week always has some strange things happen. Many bills have passed on 2nd reading which means that on Monday they could pass either the Senate or House on 3rd reading and still be alive. These next five bills seem to have a lot of interest by Legislators.

SB 1074 Fire Safety
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s1074c1.pdf>

SB 2262 Virtual Charter Schools
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2262e1.pdf>

SB 2550 Religious Freedom
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2550.pdf>

SB 2580 Group insurance for Public Employees.
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/Senate/bills/billtext/pdf/s2580c1.pdf>

HB 1157 Government Prompt Payment Act
<http://www.flsenate.gov/data/session/2010/House/bills/billtext/pdf/h115702e1.pdf>

OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST

RETIREMENT ACTION

The retirement concerns are still a priority of educators. There is still discussion of making the Florida Retirement System a contributory system. The present discussion would require employees to contribute $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% toward their retirement. The worry is not this small contribution requirement, but does it open the door to future higher requirements?

RACE TO THE TOP

Governor Crist surprised many by issuing an Executive Order which will facilitate stakeholder participation in the review of the Memorandum of Understanding which is part of the state application for "Race to the Top". This group will make recommendations to the final draft. The Executive Order establishes a "Working Group" with the following membership:

Alberto Carvalho, Supt Miami-Dade County
Kim Black, President Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association
Karin Brown, President of Florida PTA
Mark Wilson, President and CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce
Andy Ford, President , Florida Education Association
Debra Dowds, Executive Director, Florida Developmental Disabilities Council
Ronald Blocker, Superintendent, Orange County
Megan Allen, 2010 Teacher of the Year
W. C. Gentry, Duval County School Board
Candace Lankford, President of Florida School Boards Association
Senator Rudy Garcia
Representative Jimmy Patronis

The schedule requires that the group submit the recommendation by Friday, April 30th.