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Legislative Update

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It's that time of year! The Legislature is within 2 weeks of completing their pre-session committee weeks. The regular session will begin on March 8th and is scheduled to end on May 6th. The filing of education bills has been slower than usual, however the bills that are being prepared will result in major changes in education.

BUDGET

The big news is the release of Governor Scott's \$65.8 billion dollar budget proposal. Some of the highlights are:

Tax cuts - \$4.6 billion total, 3% reduction in the corporate tax and a \$1.4 billion local tax cut over a two year period starting this year.

An overall budget cut for Education k-20 of \$3.3 billion

The local tax cut seems to equal the amount employees will contribute to their own retirement.

The dollars per unweighted FTE are \$6,196.09, down \$703.23 from last year.

Districts cuts range from 5.33% to 15%

Federal stimulus dollars were not replaced, a loss of \$1.7 billion

State employees will have their take home pay decreased by 5% (self-contribution to retirement)

The Governor's proposed budget had a similar impact on other agencies as he cut budgets and reduced the number of employees.

We need to remember that the Governor proposes a budget and then sends it to the Legislature. The Legislature is charged with creating and passing the actual budget in the form of an Appropriations Bill and related documents which are sent to the Governor for signature. It will be interesting to follow the activity of the Legislature with the new Governor on the budget.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BILLS OF MAJOR INTEREST

SB 736 "Race to the Top for Student Success"

This bill has been referred to as "the performance pay and end of tenure bill" by many educators. Major parts of the bill do not go into effect until July of 2014.

- Each district will have a new evaluation system approved by the DOE
- There are 5 categories of evaluation; highly effective, effective, developing (only for the first year of an educator's contract), needs improvement, and unsatisfactory
- Teacher evaluation criteria will primarily be based upon student achievement (at least 50%), non-teachers (at least 30%) and administrators (at least 40%)
- Starting this year, advanced degree supplements can only be paid to educators teaching in the field of the advanced degree
- A three year period will be used in the "growth model" used for student achievement
- The Commissioner of Education will develop the student growth formula for the FCAT, which will be used beginning in 2011-12 school year
- By 2014-15, School Districts adopted assessments will be used in non-FCAT grades
- Beginning in 2014-15, each district shall administer, for each course offered, a student assessment that measures mastery
- Salary schedules adopted prior to 2014, must base a portion of pay upon student performance
- Salary schedules adopted after 2014 must reflect annual adjustments based upon student performance
- Salary increases are only available for educators evaluated as highly effective or effective
- New contracts for instructional personnel begin with those hired after July 1, 2014
- Employees hired before 2014 shall remain on the grandfathered salary schedule unless they choose to change to the performance salary schedule
- Unsatisfactory performance, added to the "Just Cause" reasons for termination
- Probationary contracts are for one year, with dismissal without cause
- Annual contracts will allow dismissal at any time for just cause
- Principals will be able to refuse transfers or placement of educators which are not evaluated as highly effective or effective
- School districts must report to the parent of any student who is assigned a teacher rated as unsatisfactory or needs improvement for three consecutive years

DRAFT BILLS YET TO BE FILED

Retirement. Senator Ring is expected to file this bill very soon. While he is the prime sponsor of the bill, I expect he will have the major support of both houses of the Legislature. We expect the bill to address:

- Self-contributions by the employee (as much as 5%)
- The ability to self- direct your retirement contribution
- The DROP retirement will be phased out but probably not for employees already enrolled
- A reduction in the interest rate paid on DROP investments
- Adjustment of the COLA paid to retirees
- Possibly there will be a minimum retirement age regardless of years of service

Class size. The purpose of this bill will be to redefine the Core classes which are eligible for class-size reduction funds. The Legislature would be in a position of being able to reduce the funds going to districts to reduce class size. It appears that this could result in a state-wide reduction of over \$500 million. Most of the changes appear to impact the high school.

Charter Schools. This bill enables some major changes in the potential growth of successful charter schools.

- Universities and State Colleges would be able to approve charter applications in their service areas
- The DOE would train charter school applicants (mainly in the area of operations)
- A Charter School Appeals Commission would be established
- High Performing Charter Schools (receiving a school grade of “A” or “B” for 3 years) would be allowed to increase enrollment by 25% a year. They could also expand to K-12 if not already servicing such grades, and they could have a 15 year contract
- High Performing Service Centers (operates 3 or more high-performing charter schools in the state) would be able to operate a new charter school in any district in the state. The initial term of such school would be for 15 years

Digital Learning. This bill is based upon the premise that all students should have access to high quality digital content and on-line courses.

- All students would be able to customize their education using digital content and on-line coursework. This would be based upon completion of the course and demonstrated competency.
- Infrastructure would need to be in place
- Virtual Charter Schools would be allowed (a funding source would be established)
- Home education students would be enrolled in FVLS
- All students would be required to take at least one on-line course. This would start in 2011-12 school year and students could take the course any time between grades 9-12.
- OPPAGA would do a report which would evaluate the best methods of implementing part-time virtual education in grades K-5.

BILLS OF INTEREST

2011 Legislative Bill Tracking – Education Bills

HB 0019	Relating to Compensation of County Officials Compensation of County Officials: Authorizes each county commissioner, circuit court clerk, county comptroller, sheriff, supervisor of elections, property appraiser, & tax collector to reduce his or her salary on voluntary basis. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee	Mayfield
HB 0027	Relating to Educational Plant Surveys Educational Plant Surveys: Authorizes extension to school district educational plant survey submission deadline; provides restrictions; provides requirements for submission of request for extension to DOE & requires department approval; provides restrictions on school district construction during extension period. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Jenne
HB 0031	Relating to Office of Chief Technology Officer Office of Chief Technology Officer: Creates Office of Chief Technology Officer within DFS; requires that Chief Technology Officer be appointed by Governor & Cabinet; requires that office be composed of three divisions; provides duties of such divisions; requires that Chief Technology Officer develop multiyear plan of action for purpose of meeting specified objectives. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee	O'Toole
HB 0033	Relating to Allocation and Expenditure of State Lottery Revenues Allocation and Expenditure of State Lottery Revenues: Requires portion of Powerball net revenues to be allocated to voluntary prekindergarten education programs; provides for use of funds. Effective Date: October 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee	Clarke-Reed
HB 0043	Relating to Public Officers Public Officers: Prohibits severance pay for nonelected public officers except under specified circumstances; prohibits certain limitations on discussing employment dispute or settlement. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee	Smith (J)
HB 0061	Relating to Code of Student Conduct Code of Student Conduct: Requires each district school board code of student conduct to include explanation of student responsibilities with regard to appropriate student dress; requires each district school board to adopt dress code policy that prohibits student from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in specified manner; provides disciplinary actions for violation of dress code; requires adherence to code of student conduct for participation in extracurricular activities. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee	Rogers
HB 0067	Relating to Career and Education Planning Career and Education Planning: Revises general requirements for middle grades promotion to require that course in career & education planning explore National Career Clusters; deletes DOE requirement relating to course. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee	Bullard (D)
HB 0069	Relating to Student Assessment in the Public Schools Student Assessment in the Public Schools: Terminates administration of FCAT to students in grades 9 through 12; requires PSAT/NMSQT or ACT's EXPLORE & PLAN tests to replace grade 10 FCAT for purposes of measuring student's knowledge & skills; requires students to take PSAT/NMSQT in grade 10 or ACT's EXPLORE & PLAN tests in grades 9 & 10, respectively, & earn passing scores to qualify for standard high school diploma; requires State Board of Education to designate passing scores; requires use of student performance on tests for school grading purposes; provides for application beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2012-2013 school year. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee	Bullard (D)
HB 0071	Relating to Student Assessment in the Public Schools Student Assessment in the Public Schools: Provides that FCAT shall be discontinued & shall not be administered to public school students; requires High School Competency Test (HSCT) to replace grade 10 FCAT; requires student to earn passing scores on HSCT to qualify for standard high school diploma; requires State Board of Education to designate passing scores; provides for implementation beginning with 2013-2014 school year. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Campbell
SB 0088	Relating to Public Officers Public Officers; Prohibits severance pay for nonelected public officers except under specified circumstances. Prohibits certain limitations on discussing an employment dispute or settlement. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 11/29/2010 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability	Gaetz (D)



- HB 0089 Relating to Effective Public Notices by Governmental Entities** Workman
Effective Public Notices by Governmental Entities: Authorizes local government to use its publicly accessible website for legally required notices & advertisements; defines "publicly accessible website"; provides conditions for utilization of publicly accessible website for such purposes; provides for optional receipt of legally required public notices & advertisements via first class mail or e-mail; provides requirements for legally required advertisements & public notices published on publicly accessible website; provides that specified notice, advertisement, or publication on publicly accessible website constitutes legal notice; provides that advertisements directed by law or order or decree of court to be made in county in which no newspaper is published may be made by publication on publicly accessible website; provides clarifying & conforming language. Effective Date: October 1, 2011
1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee
- SB 0090 Relating to Financial Emergencies** Gaetz (D)
Financial Emergencies; Requires a plan of a county or municipality to improve the efficiency, accountability, and coordination of the delivery of local government services to include a structural and services consolidation plan if the county or municipality is subject to review and oversight by the Governor. Authorizes a financial emergency review board for a local government entity or district school board to consult with other governmental entities for the consolidation of all administrative direction and support services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
1/18/2011 SENATE Now in Education Pre-K - 12
- SB 0092 Relating to Group Insurance for Public Employees** Gaetz (D)
Group Insurance for Public Employees; Requires that school districts procure certain types of insurance through interlocal agreements. Requires that each school district in this state enter into a specified type of interlocal agreement and establish the School District Insurance Consortium. Requires the consortium to advertise for competitive bids for health, accident, or hospitalization insurance, as well as certain insurance plans, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
11/29/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget
- SB 0098 Relating to Local Government Attorneys** Ring
Local Government Attorneys; Prohibits a local government attorney or the law firm in which the attorney is a member, partner, or employee from representing more than one local government within a county with respect to certain matters. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
12/6/2010 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction
- SB 0102 Relating to Office of the Chief Technology Officer** Ring
Office of the Chief Technology Officer; Creates the Office of the Chief Technology Officer within the Department of Financial Services. Requires that said officer be appointed by the Governor and Cabinet. Requires that the office be composed of three divisions. Requires that the Chief Technology Officer develop a multiyear plan of action for the purpose of meeting specified objectives, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
11/29/2010 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget
- HB 0107 Relating to Local Government Accountability** Smith (J)
Local Government Accountability: Revises provisions relating to procedures for declaring special districts inactive; specifies level of detail required for local governmental entity's proposed budget; revises provisions for local governmental entity's audit & annual financial reports; requires local governmental entity's budget to be posted online; revises budgetary guidelines for district school boards. Effective Date: October 1, 2011
2/10/2011 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee
- SB 0108 Relating to Public K-12 Health Education** Ring
Public K-12 Health Education; Deletes the requirement that schools teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students as part of instruction in human sexuality. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
11/29/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Health Regulation; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs
- HB 0109 Relating to Public School Buses** Nelson
Public School Buses: Provides for district school board policies that authorize commercial advertisements on school buses; provides policy requirements relating to reimbursement to school district, prohibited advertisements, & signage & equipment standards; requires school bus to be withdrawn from use under certain circumstances; provides indemnification from liability; provides for remittance & allocation of revenue. Effective Date: July 1, 2011
1/10/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee



HB 0135	Relating to Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and other Professional Services by a Governmental Agency or School Board	Costello
Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and other Professional Services by a Governmental Agency or School Board: Allows compensation to be a considering factor during the competitive selection process for architectural, engineering, & other professional services by a governmental agency or school board; authorizes the agency or board to reopen negotiations with a selected firm following termination of negotiations with other firms. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/25/2011 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee		
SB 0150	Relating to Career and Education Planning	Smith (C)
Career and Education Planning; Revises the general requirements for middle grades promotion to require that a course in career and education planning explore the National Career Clusters. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 12/16/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Commerce and Tourism; Budget		
HB 0151	Relating to Transition-to-Adulthood Services	Porth
Transition-to-Adulthood Services: Defines "transition-to-adulthood services"; provides for eligibility for youth served by DJJ who are legally in DCFS custody; provides that adjudication of delinquency does not disqualify youth in foster care from certain services from DCFS; provides powers & duties of DJJ for transition services; provides for assessments; requires that services be part of plan leading to independence; provides for retention of court jurisdiction over child for specified period following child's 19th birthday if child is participating in transition-to-adulthood services; provides that certain services require voluntary participation by affected youth & do not create involuntary court-sanctioned residential commitment. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/25/2011 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction		
SB 0154	Relating to Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Bullard (L)
Juvenile Justice Education Programs; Requires that the Department of Education submit to the Legislature an annual report that includes student learning gains and student progression in juvenile justice education programs and details the methodology that the department uses to ensure that the student performance data is complete and reliable. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 12/16/2010 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Criminal Justice; Budget		
HB 0157	Relating to Education and Training Opportunities for Public Employees	Campbell
Education and Training Opportunities for Public Employees: Provides certain educational opportunities for specified local government employees; authorizes use of fee waivers for specified local government employees. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/25/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee		
HB 0171	Relating to Veterans' Affairs	Pafford
Veterans' Affairs: Expands definition of term "veteran" for purposes of construction of Florida Statutes; provides educational opportunity at state expense for dependent children of military personnel who die or suffer certain disability in Operation New Dawn or other military operations in Global War on Terrorism subsequent to 9/11/2001. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/25/2011 HOUSE Now in Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee		
SB 0174	Relating to Growth Management	Bennett
Growth Management; Reenacts provisions relating to the definition of "urban service area" and "dense urban land area" for purposes of the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act. Reenacts provisions relating to certain required and optional elements of a comprehensive plan, concurrency requirements for transportation facilities, a required notice for a new or increased impact fee, the process for adopting a comprehensive plan or plan amendment, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law 2/9/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
HB 0213	Relating to Bullying of School Children	Bullard (D)
Bullying of School Children: Revises provisions relating to prohibited bullying or harassment with respect to computer-related incidents; redefines term "bullying" to include emotional hurt; revises components of school district policy on bullying & harassment; requires investigation of complaint of computer-related incident. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee		
SB 0224	Relating to Local Government Accountability	Dean
Local Government Accountability; Amends provisions relating to the Legislative Auditing Committee to clarify when the Department of Community Affairs may institute procedures for declaring that a special district is inactive. Specifies the level of detail required for each fund in the sheriff's proposed budget. Revises the schedule for submitting a local governmental entity's audit and annual financial reports to the Department of Financial Services. Revises provisions relating to the guidelines for district school boards to maintain an ending fund balance for the general fund, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011 1/25/2011 SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability		



SB 0228	Relating to Code Of Student Conduct	Siplin
	Code of Student Conduct; Requires the district school board to include in the code of student conduct adopted by the board an explanation of the responsibilities of each student with regard to appropriate dress and respect for self and others and the role that appropriate dress and respect for self and others has on an orderly learning environment, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 1/5/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Judiciary; Budget	
HB 0245	Relating to Florida Kidcare Program	Logan
	Florida Kidcare Program: Requires that application form for school breakfast & lunch programs also allow application for Kidcare program or provide information about applying for program; requires Florida Health Kids Corporation to include use of school breakfast & lunch application form in corporation's plan for publicizing program. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Access Subcommittee	
SB 0254	Relating to Educational Plant Surveys	Sobel
	Educational Plant Surveys; Authorizes an extension to a school district educational plant survey submission deadline. Provides restrictions. Provides requirements for the submission of a request for an extension to the Department of Education and requiring department approval. Provides restrictions on school district construction during the extension period. Requires the State Board of Education to adopt rules. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 1/5/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget	
HB 0255	Relating to Parental Involvement and Accountability in the Public Schools	Stargel
	Parental Involvement and Accountability in the Public Schools: Specifies purpose to provide information & tools to parents of preK-12 students & to set standards for parental accountability; specifies causes for student underachievement; provides principles on which parental involvement is based & strategies to improve student achievement; requires shared information between teachers, schools, & parents; requires preK-3 teachers to assign parental involvement grade on student report cards; requires appeals process. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	
SB 0258	Relating to Student Assessment In Public Schools	Bullard (L)
	Student Assessment in Public Schools; Terminates the administration of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) to students in grades 9 through 12. Requires that the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) replace the grade 10 FCAT for purposes of measuring a student's knowledge and skills. Requires that students earn passing scores on the PSAT/NMSQT to qualify for a standard high school diploma. . Provides for application beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2012-2012 school year, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 1/5/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Higher Education; Budget	
SB 0260	Relating to Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions	Ring
	Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institutions; Requires that a licensed independent postsecondary educational institution notify the commission Independent Education of changes in its accreditation status. Provides penalties for failure to provide the notice. Requires that institutions become accredited within a specified period after licensure. Requires a licensed institution that is not accredited to include certain information on the institution's website. Requires that the commission revoke the license or authorization of an institution that does not meet requirements concerning accreditation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 1/5/2011 SENATE Referred to Higher Education; Budget	
HB 0271	Relating to Enforcement of Immigration Laws	Pilon
	Enforcement of Immigration Laws: Designates act "Florida Security and Immigration Compliance Act"; prohibits agencies from entering into contract for services with contractors not registered & participating in federal work authorization program by specified date; provides for enforcement; provides schedule for phased compliance; requires Chief of Domestic Security to negotiate terms of memorandum of understanding between state & certain Federal Government entities concerning specified matters related to immigration; provides for establishment of law enforcement training standards & creation of training programs contingent upon federal funding; provides requirements & procedures with respect to determination of lawful immigration status of persons charged with crime & confined to county or municipal detention facility; requires agencies to verify lawful presence in U.S. of applicants for specified state, local, & federal public benefits; requires BOG to set forth policies regarding postsecondary education benefits; provides penalty for knowingly & willfully making false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in affidavit attesting to citizenship or permanent legal residency. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/28/2011 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction	



HB 0285	Relating to Public Meetings Public Meetings: Provides right for members of public to be heard at meetings of certain governmental boards & commissions; prescribes conditions qualifying, & exceptions to, such right; provides for adoption of rules governing conduct of, & behavior at, such meetings. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee	Eisnaugle
HB 0289	Relating to Public School Student Participation in Fine Arts Courses Public School Student Participation in Fine Arts Courses: Revises basis for designation of school grades to include participation rates of students in K-12 who are enrolled in fine arts courses. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	McBurney
SB 0290	Relating to Retirement for Elected Officials Retirement for Elected Officials; Reduces the employer retirement contribution for members of the elected officers class. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 1/5/2011 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Budget	Fasano
HB 0297	Relating to School to Work School to Work: Establishes Postsecondary School-to-Work Program to be administered jointly by State Board of Education, Board of Governors, & Department of Revenue; provides that student participating in program earns course credit at career center, Florida College System institution, or state university while employed as apprentice with private business in his or her field of study; provides for credit against corporate income tax liability for participating business. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee	Harrison
HB 0303	Relating to Public Retirement Plans Public Retirement Plans: Limits benefits available under public retirement systems or plans; revises definitions relating to compensation; limits factoring of overtime, unused leave, & other such compensation into pension benefit; reduces service credit prospectively; revises applicability of ch. 175, F.S., to firefighters who are eligible for FRS; revises applicability of ch. 185, F.S., to police officers who are eligible for FRS; provides membership requirements for special fire control district & municipality board of trustees; revises powers & duties of boards of trustees, special fire control districts, & municipalities; revises provisions relating to firefighter & police officer benefits; repeals provisions relating to presumption with respect to diseases of firefighters suffered in line of duty; repeals provisions relating to transfer to another state retirement system & payment of benefits; repeals provisions relating to presumption with respect to police officer disability in line of duty; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 1/27/2011 HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction	Costello
HB 0307	Relating to District School Board Membership District School Board Membership: Requires nine-member district school boards in counties with populations greater than 2 million; provides for single-member and at-large member districts; provides for election of chair and vice chair from at-large districts. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee	Logan
HB 0309	Relating to Education Education: Authorizes district school boards to adopt resolutions that allow prayers of invocation or benediction at secondary school events. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Van Zant
HB 0315	Relating to School District Revenue Enhancement School District Revenue Enhancement: Requires Office of Tourism, Trade, & Economic Development to sell naming rights for public school facility or space for commercial advertising to be displayed on school buses or public school facility to private sector business or entity pursuant to agreement with district school board; provides requirements for contract for sale & remittance of contract revenues; authorizes district school board to enter into agreement with office for contract for sale for school district revenue enhancement. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/1/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee	Slosberg
HB 0341	Relating to Public School Education Public School Education: Requires FCAT in reading for grade 3 students to be administered as diagnostic tool; provides that performance on grade 3 FCAT Reading must not be sole determining factor for retention of grade 3 students. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Stafford
HB 0349	Relating to Physical Education in Public Schools Physical Education in Public Schools: Revise requirements for waiver of student participation in physical education; authorizes waiver through submission of doctor's note specifying health reasons for nonparticipation. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Kiar



HB 0357	Relating to Independent Postsecondary Educational Institutions Independent Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Defines term "admissions staff"; requires Commission for Independent Education to cause to be investigated criminal justice information for admissions staff; requires investigation for licensure renewal; requires commission to establish standards for admissions staff; provides restriction on solicitation of prospective students for enrollment; requires commission to refuse to grant or renew or to revoke institutional license for crimes relating to fraudulent practices or unfair consumer practices. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Gonzalez
SB 0406	Relating to Florida Kidcare Program Florida Kidcare Program; Requires school districts to collaborate with the Florida Kidcare program to use the application form for the school breakfast and lunch programs to provide information about the Florida Kidcare program and to authorize data on the application form be shared with state agencies and the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation and its agents. Authorizes each school district the option to share the data electronically. Requires said corporation to include use of the school breakfast and lunch application form in the corporation's plan for publicizing the program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Now in Education Pre-K - 12	Sobel
HB 0417	Relating to Public School Educational Instruction Public School Educational Instruction: Requires district school boards to designate one month of school year to celebrate Founding Fathers of United States of America & principles inherent in country's founding documents; specifies focus of instruction during designated month; provides that instruction may be integrated into existing school curriculum. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Bileca
HB 0419	Relating to Required Instruction in the Public Schools Required Instruction in the Public Schools: Revises curriculum of character-development program required in kindergarten through grade 12. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Bileca
SB 0424	Relating to Physical Education In Public Schools Physical Education In Public Schools; Revises the requirements for waiver of student participation in physical education. Authorizes a waiver through submission of a doctor's note specifying health reasons for nonparticipation. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 1/21/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Budget	Sobel
HB 0429	Relating to Health Education Health Education: Provides for mandatory one-half credit in health education, independent of physical education credit requirement, for high school students; provides waiver for students who request to take & successfully complete health education assessment developed by DOE; reduces number of credits in elective courses. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee	Jones (M)
SB 0430	Relating to Veterans' Affairs Veterans' Affairs; Expands the definition of "veteran" for purposes of construction of the Florida Statutes. Provides educational opportunity at state expense for dependent children of military personnel who die or suffer certain disability in specified military operations. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 1/21/2011 SENATE Referred to Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Higher Education; Budget	Altman
SB 0448	Relating to Bullying of School Children Bullying of School Children; Prohibits bullying or harassment of a student or school employee by use of any computer, computer system, or computer network that is physically located on school property, regardless of ownership. Requires that each school district include in its districtwide policy instruction to students, parents, teachers, school administrators, counseling staff, and school volunteers on how to recognize behaviors that lead to bullying and harassment and how to take appropriate preventative action based on each of those individual's observations, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 1/21/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Budget; Rules	Bogdanoff
HB 0469	Relating to Individual Retirement Accounts Individual Retirement Accounts: Clarifies exemption of inherited individual retirement accounts from legal processes; provides intent; provides for retroactive application. Effective Date: upon becoming a law 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee	Stargel
HB 0481	Relating to Student Safety Student Safety: Requires district school board policies that specify emergency procedures to identify agency that is responsible for notifying school district of occurrence that threatens safety of students; requires agency to notify private schools in school district. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee	Kiar



HB 0519	Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program	Jenne
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program: Provides that prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private providers & public schools must meet new professional credentialing requirements beginning July 1, 2014; deletes provisions relating to alternate educational credentials; repeals aspirational goals for professional credentials of prekindergarten instructors. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in K-20 Innovation Subcommittee		
HB 0523	Relating to Postsecondary Student Fees	Diaz
Postsecondary Student Fees: Requires acquisitions of improved real property funded through use of capital improvement fee by district school board or Florida College System institution board of trustees to meet certain requirements; authorizes Florida College System institution that has not met certain relative space needs to establish capital improvement fee for 5 fiscal years; provides maximum fee amount; provides requirements relating to use of fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 HOUSE Now in Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee		
SB 0558	Relating to School District Revenue Enhancement	Wise
School District Revenue Enhancement; Requires the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development to sell naming rights for a public school facility or space for commercial advertising to be displayed on school buses or a public school facility to a private sector business or entity pursuant to an agreement with a district school board. Authorizes a district school board to enter into an agreement with the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for a contract for sale for school district revenue enhancement, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Commerce and Tourism; Budget		
SB 0564	Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program	Rich
Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Provides that prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private providers and public schools must meet new professional credentialing requirements beginning July 1, 2014. Deletes provisions relating to alternate educational credentials, to conform. Repeals provisions relating to aspirational goals for the professional credentials of prekindergarten instructors, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Budget		
HB 0565	Relating to Public School Funding	Weinstein
Public School Funding: Requires OPPAGA to conduct study to determine minimum per-student funding to meet constitutional requirements; requires report to Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 1/31/201 HOUSE Filed		
SB 0588	Relating to Student Safety	Flores
Student Safety; Requires district school board policies that specify emergency procedures to identify the agency that is responsible for notifying the school district of an occurrence that threatens the safety of students. Requires the agency to notify private schools in the school district. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security; Budget		
SB 0590	Relating to Public Employment Practices	Wise
Public Employment Practices; Prohibits a public employer from inquiring into or considering the criminal history record of an applicant for public employment until the applicant has been selected for an interview by the public employer. Provides that the restriction does not prohibit a public employer from notifying an applicant that a law or the employer's policy may disqualify the applicant from employment in a particular position with the public employer, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Criminal Justice; Budget		
HB 0611	Relating to Department of Juvenile Justice Education Programs	Garcia, Jr. (L)
Department of Juvenile Justice Education Programs: Provides that adult education GED test preparation courses & adult education career education courses may be offered to certain high school level students served in department programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/4/201 HOUSE Filed		
HB 0627	Relating to Background Screening Requirements for Certain Noninstructional School District Employees and Contractors	Perry
Background Screening Requirements for Certain Noninstructional School District Employees and Contractors: Requires Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services to conduct background screening & issue valid statewide certificates to certain noninstructional school district employees or contractual personnel; provides requirements for certificate eligibility & display; provides for payment of certain costs associated with certification; requires department to periodically check for disqualification of certificateholder. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 2/7/201 HOUSE Filed		



- HB 0631 Relating to Charter Schools** Clarke-Reed
Charter Schools; Provides requirement for composition of charter school governing body; provides for shared use of facilities by charter schools; provides requirements for transfer of enrolled students to certain charter schools; provides conditions that render charter school ineligible for state implementation grant funds; provides capacity restrictions. Effective Date: July 1, 2011
2/7/2011 HOUSE Filed
- HB 0635 Relating to Group Insurance for Public Employees** Stargel
Group Insurance for Public Employees: Requires that school districts procure certain types of insurance through interlocal agreements; provides exception; requires school districts to enter into specified type of interlocal agreement & establish School District Insurance Consortium; provides purposes of consortium; requires that consortium be governed by board of directors consisting of specified number of members; provides requirements for membership on board; specifies terms of office for board members; authorizes board to employ staff or contract for staffing services to be provided to consortium; requires that DMS provide technical services to consortium as requested by board; requires consortium to advertise for competitive bids for health, accident, or hospitalization insurance, as well as certain insurance plans; requires that contracts for such insurance be let upon basis of such bids; requires that consortium take certain actions & consider certain factors when defining coverage regions; authorizes awarding of bids on statewide or regional basis & selection of multiple insurance providers; requires that school districts engage in collective bargaining with certified bargaining agent for any unit of employees for which health, accident, or hospitalization insurance is provided. Effective Date: July 1, 2011
2/7/2011 HOUSE Filed
- SB 0642 Relating to Public School Education** Bullard (L)
Public School Education; Requires the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) in reading for grade 3 students to be administered as a diagnostic tool. Provides that performance on grade 3 FCAT Reading must not be the sole determining factor for retention of grade 3 students. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
2/9/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Budget
- SB 0654 Relating to Student Fees** Oelrich
Student Fees; Authorizes the Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College to establish a transportation access fee for students enrolled at Santa Fe College, including students enrolled in workforce education programs. Requires that revenue from the fee be used only to provide or improve access to transportation services. Requires that a referendum be held by the student government to approve the application of the fee. Prohibits the inclusion of the fee in calculating the amount a student receives under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
2/10/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
- HB 0689 Relating to Driver Improvement Schools and Education Programs** Berman
Driver Improvement Schools and Education Programs for Driver's License Applicants: Requires curricula of driver improvement schools & education programs to include instruction on risks associated with using handheld electronic communication device while operating motor vehicle. Effective Date: July 1, 2011
2/9/2011 HOUSE Filed
- HB 0691 Relating to Verification of Employment Eligibility** Harrell
Verification of Employment Eligibility: Requires every employer to use Employment Authorization Program to verify employment eligibility of each employee on or after specified date; provides that business that does not use federal E-Verify system to verify employment eligibility of employee shall lose its license to do business in state until business has registered with E-verify system; prohibits employer from employing unauthorized alien; requires every public employer to register with & participate in E-Verify system for specified purposes; prohibits public employer, contractor, or subcontractor from entering into contract for physical performance of services in this state unless contractor or subcontractor registers & participates in system. Effective Date: July 1, 2011
2/9/2011 HOUSE Filed
- HB 0715 Relating to Public School Attendance** Jones (M)
Public School Attendance; Creates Student Preparedness Pilot Program to include Duval County School District as one of selected school districts; requires that students in pilot program districts who are 16-18 years of age & do not regularly attend school shall be subject to attendance & completion requirements; requires pilot program districts to identify curricula options; requires annual study & report by OPPAGA. Effective Date: July 1, 2011
2/10/2011 HOUSE Filed
- SB 0728 Relating to Unemployment Compensation** Detert
Unemployment Compensation; Increases the number of employer payroll service providers who qualify for access to unemployment tax information by filing a memorandum of understanding. Requires that an applicant for benefits complete an initial skills review. Revises provisions relating to the effect of criminal acts on eligibility for benefits. Requires an employer to pay a fee for paying contributions on a quarterly schedule. Provides for repayment of benefits in cases of agency error, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
2/7/2011 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Commerce and Tourism



SB 0736	Relating to Education Personnel Education Personnel; Cites this act as the "Race to the Top for Student Success Act." Revises provisions related to the evaluation of instructional personnel and school administrators. Requires that the Department of Education approve school district evaluation systems. Requires the Department of Education to collect evaluation information from school districts and to report such information to the Governor and Legislature. Provides requirements for the evaluation systems, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law, except as otherwise provided 2/10/2011 SENATE On Committee agenda - Budget Subcommittee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations, 02/15/11, 8:00 am, 412 K -If Received	Wise
SB 0776	Relating to Public School Class Size Maximums Public School Class Size Maximums; Deletes provisions which impose financial penalties, and provide calculations therefor, on school districts that do not meet maximum class size requirements. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Budget; Rules	Diaz de la Portilla
SB 0778	Relating to District School Board Membership District School Board Membership; Requires that district school boards consist of nine members in counties where the population exceeds a certain number. Provides for single-member and at-large districts. Provides for the election of a chair and vice chair of the school board. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Referred to Education Pre-K - 12; Rules Subcommittee on Ethics and Elections; Rules	Diaz de la Portilla
SB 0800	Relating to Education/Training Opportunities/Public Employees Education/Training Opportunities/Public Employees; Provides certain educational opportunities for specified local government employees. Authorizes the use of fee waivers for specified local government employees. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Referred to Community Affairs; Higher Education; Budget	Diaz de la Portilla
SB 0836	Relating to Education/Training Opportunities Public Employees Education/Training Opportunities Public Employees; Provides certain educational opportunities for specified local government employees. Authorizes the use of fee waivers for specified local government employees. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/7/2011 SENATE Filed	Margolis
SB 0906	Relating to Background Screening Requirements/School Districts Background Screening Requirements/School Districts; Authorizes the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, rather than the Department of Law Enforcement, to take fingerprints, conduct background checks through the Department of Law Enforcement, and issue statewide certificates signifying that a person has met the uniform, statewide qualifications necessary for noninstructional school district employees or contractual personnel to have access to school grounds when students are present, have direct contact with students, or have access to or control of school funds, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Filed	Dean
SB 0914	Relating to Effective Public Notices By Governmental Entities Effective Public Notices by Governmental Entities; Authorizes a local government to use its publicly accessible website for legally required advertisements and public notices. Provides conditions for such use. Provides for advertisement on a publicly accessible website of a taxing authority's intent to adopt a millage rate and budget. Provides for advertisement of notice on such website of funding availability through a local housing assistance plan under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Act, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Filed	Bennett
SB 0922	Relating to Florida Education Finance Program Florida Education Finance Program; Requires that the Department of Education enter into a contract with an entity located outside the state to conduct a study and review of the Florida Education Finance Program and recommend any improvements that may be necessary. Requires that the department submit a report to the Legislature and the Governor by a specified date, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000 EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/9/2011 SENATE Filed	Flores
SB 0972	Relating to Public School Attendance Public School Attendance; Requires that a student in a pilot program school district be informed of attendance and completion requirements. Creates the Student Preparedness Pilot Program. Requires that the Duval County School District and each selected school district review and identify curricula options for certain students. Requires that students in pilot program districts who attain the age of 16 years but have not reached the age of 18 years and who do not regularly attend school be subject to specific attendance and completion requirements, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 2/10/2011 SENATE Filed	Wise



- SB 0988** **Relating to Public School Student Participation/Fine Arts** Detert
Public School Student Participation/Fine Arts ; Revises the basis for the designation of school grades to include participation rates of students in kindergarten through grade 12 who are enrolled in fine arts courses. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
2/10/2011 SENATE Filed
- SB 0992** **Relating to Public School Funding** Dockery
Public School Funding; Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study to determine minimum per-student funding to meet constitutional requirements. Requires a report to the Legislature. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011
2/10/2011 SENATE Filed
- SB 1000** **Relating to Interscholastic and Intrasccholastic Sports** Wise
Interscholastic and Intrasccholastic Sports; Removes certain provisions relating to a pilot program in which a middle school student or a high school student in a private school may participate in athletics at a public school. Provides for statewide implementation of the program. Requires that the athletic director of each public school maintain the records of students participating in the program. Limits participation in the program to students who are enrolled in non-FHSAA member private schools consisting of a maximum number of students, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law
2/10/2011 SENATE Filed
- HB 4031** **Relating to Local Government Services** Dorworth
Local Government Services: Repeals statute relating to efficiency & accountability in local government services. Effective Date: July 1, 2011
2/10/2011 HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee
- HB 4141** **Relating to Public School Class Size Maximums** Campbell
Public School Class Size Maximums; Deletes provisions which impose financial penalties, & provide calculations therefor, on school districts that do not meet maximum class size requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2011
2/8/2011 HOUSE Filed
- SB 7050** **Relating to State Government Revenue Limitation** Budget Subcommittee on Finance and Tax
State Government Revenue Limitation; Proposes amendments to the State Constitution to replace the existing state revenue limitation with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes.
2/10/2011 SENATE Committee Bill filed as S 0958