

EMERGENT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

April 20, 2011

The Senate has taken this week off and the House only scheduled activity on one day. This sets up the final two weeks of this Legislative Session to be a rapid paced production. We have major bills with major differences in the House and Senate. We have budgets that are far apart and a Governor that has threatened not to sign any budget that does not reflect a tax cut (The only bill required by law, to pass is the budget.) As Yoda from "Star Wars", would say, "interesting it will be".

MAJOR BILLS THAT WILL PASS, BUT ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT AS YET

CHARTER SCHOOLS SB 1546 and HB 7195 have substantial differences. Both bills have passed their respective budget committees and will go to the floor for passage. There appears to be the possibility of floor amendments being passed which would bring the bills into agreement, if not, it is realistic to believe that the leadership in both Houses will be able reach agreement. When agreement is reached, it appears that "high performing charter schools" will be identified. As a result of this, these charters will receive the right to grow faster, have multiple sites and have less control by the School District. Also other entities will authorize charter, such as universities and community colleges.

VIRTUAL EDUCATION SB 1620 and HB 7167 also have differences that are being addressed by amendments which will be voted on next week. When agreement is reached, we expect that students will be required to take at least one virtual course in order to graduate. The number of virtual providers will be larger and students will be able to choose virtual programs offered by other districts and possibly other states. Both bills would require all **End of Course Exams** to be taken on-line. The bills would allow the formation of virtual charter schools. Elementary Principals would be required to notify parents of students who score 4 or 5 on the FCAT, of the option to take accelerated courses through FVLS.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY SB 1696 and HB 1255 would be this year's version of the Education "Trains". These bills contain multiple issues and may grow in the last two weeks, since just about any issue can relate to accountability. These bills address physical restraint and seclusion, McKay scholarships for 504 students, VPK funding and readiness, exemptions from intensive reading requirements, career academies at high school and middle school, gifts to elected officials, and School District transparency. This bill will be carefully watched as it progresses and grows.

ISSUES THAT DIED

SCHOOL BOARD SALARY SB 2172 would have reduced School Board member's pay. In the original bill, the salary could not exceed \$2400 per year. In an amendment, the salary was increased to a

maximum of \$10,000 but over time could go as high as Legislator's pay. The bill was defeated in committee and is dead for this year. We expect it to reappear next year.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT SB 1732 was a bill relating to the Florida College System. While the bill did not completely go away, the section that was of concern is gone. This would have limited the college credit for AP courses to those students that scored 4 or higher. Currently the law awards credit for students receiving 3 or above. This section was removed in committee.

BILLS WHICH MAY PASS (actually there are 89 still on our possible list, so here are a few)

SB 830 This is the union dues bill. This bill has been changed. As currently written, payroll deduction for union dues would be allowed, as long as none of the money was used for political action.

SB 1466 This is the class size bill. This issue is also addressed in both conforming bills. (SB 2120 and HB 5101) This bill now includes Social Studies as core curricula. The October student remains as the "official" count for compliance and classes would be allowed to grow after that date to a maximum set in law, but districts would be required to meet the class size requirements in the next October count.

SB 508 This is the Sales Tax Holiday bill. The bill sets August 12th thru August 14th 2011 as the sales tax holiday.

SB 1430 This is the regulation of smoking bill. The bill will allow School Districts to restrict smoking on all school property.

SB 534 This is a fire safety bill. This bill deals with rulemaking and responsibility of the Fire Marshall in regard to school buildings.

HB 7221 This is a bill to place an issue before the voters to change the Constitution. The bill would limit new state revenue based upon inflation and population changes. This proposed resolution would go to the voters in the 2012 election ballot and take effect in the 2014-2015 budget year.

SB 1124 This is the school bus advertising bill. The bill would allow commercial advertising on the exterior of a school bus. The School Board would develop the rules for implementation

SB 1000 This bill relates to School Sports. A high school student from a private school would be allowed to participate in interscholastic and/or interscholastic sports at the public school where they would have been assigned if the private school does not have a team in that sport.

HB 1329 This is a McKay scholarship bill. The bill would allow students with a 504 accommodation plan to receive a McKay scholarship. Such students must have been issued a 504 plan that exceeds 6months or more.

SB 228 This is the "baggy pants" bill. The bill requires School Boards to adopt a policy regarding appropriate school dress. It must forbid students from wearing clothing that exposes underwear. The bill also established the discipline for first and continuing offenses.

SB 922 This is a bill which impacts the Florida Education Finance Program. The bill requires the DOE to enter into a contract with an out-of-state entity to review the current FEFP distribution formula.

SB 1312 This bill relates to School Food Service. The bill transfers the School Food and Nutrition Programs to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The program was previously housed in the DOE.

The attached is a list of Bills that may still receive action (“moving”).

Education Bills - Moving Legislation List

Sorted by Bill Number

HB 0061	Relating to Code of Student Conduct	Rogers
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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/5/2011 HOUSE Favorable by Education Committee; 13 Yeas, 4 Nays		
HB 0075	Relating to Offense of Sexting	Abruzzo
Offense of Sexting: Provides that minor commits offense of sexting if he or she knowingly uses computer, or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another minor any photograph or video of any person which depicts nudity & is harmful to minors; provides noncriminal & criminal penalties; provides that transmission or distribution of multiple photographs or videos is single offense if transmission occurs within 24-hour period; provides that act does not prohibit prosecution of minor for conduct relating to material that includes depiction of sexual conduct or sexual excitement or for stalking. Effective Date: October 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/11/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
SB 0088	Relating to Public Employee Compensation	Gaetz (D)
Public Employee Compensation; Revises provisions relating to the prohibition against the payment of extra compensation. Prohibits provisions in contracts that provide for severance pay. Allows for severance pay under specified circumstances. Deletes a provision that allows a municipality to pay extra compensation. Repeals provisions relating to a prohibition against severance pay for officers or employees of water management districts, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability 4/18/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed		
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 plan for the consolidation of all administrative direction and support services 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 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/13/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
SB 0100	Relating to Autism	Ring
Autism; Requires that a physician refer a minor to an appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder under certain circumstances. Requires that certain insurers and health maintenance organizations provide direct patient access to an appropriate specialist for screening for or evaluation or diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. Requires certain insurance policies and health maintenance organization contracts to provide a minimum number of visits per year for screening for or evaluation or diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/15/2011 SENATE Not considered by Budget		
SB 0102	Relating to Agency for Enterprise Information Technology	Ring
Agency for Enterprise Information Technology; Renames the agency the Department of Information Technology. Requires that the department director have a degree from an accredited postsecondary institution in certain fields, be appointed by the Governor, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Establishes divisions within the department. Specifies proposals that must be included in the department's annual work plan, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/7/2011 SENATE Now in 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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/1/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		

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 Florida Career Clusters. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/14/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
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 Current Committee of Reference: Governmental Oversight and Accountability 4/18/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 3/29/2011 HOUSE In Messages		
HB 0281	Relating to Value Adjustment Boards	Logan
Value Adjustment Boards: Requires petitioner challenging ad valorem taxes before value adjustment board to pay specified percentage of taxes by certain date; requires board to deny petition if required amount of taxes is not timely paid; requires payment of interest on certain unpaid taxes; deletes provision providing for discount for ad valorem taxes paid within 30 days after mailing of tax notice resulting from action of value adjustment board. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Finance & Tax Committee 4/19/2011 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference; 04/21/11, 10:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)		
HB 0301	Relating to Youth Athletes	Renuart
Youth Athletes: Requires independent sanctioning authority for youth athletic teams & FHSAA to adopt guidelines, bylaws, & policies relating to nature & risk of concussion & head injury in youth athletes; requires informed consent for participation in practice or competition; requires removal from practice or competition under certain circumstances & written clearance to return. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/18/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
HB 0307	Relating to District School Board Membership	Logan
District School Board Membership: Requires that district school boards consist of nine members in counties where population exceeds certain number; provides for single-member & at-large districts; requires nonpartisan elections; provides for election of chair & vice chair of school board; provides for 4-year terms of office & staggered terms of members; permits changes in boundaries of school board member residence areas & provides procedure for publication of those changes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/5/2011 HOUSE Favorable by Education Committee; 11 Yeas, 7 Nays		
HB 0331	Relating to Firesafety	Weinstein
Firesafety: Revises rulemaking authority & responsibilities of State Fire Marshal relating to educational & ancillary plants; revises requirements & procedures for inspections of buildings & equipment; abolishes special state firesafety inspector classifications & certifications; provides criteria, procedures, & requirements for special state firesafety inspectors to be certified as firesafety inspectors; provides procedures, criteria, & requirements for inspections of certain charter schools; provides reporting requirements; requires educational institution boards to submit certain facility site plans to certain local governmental entities for review; authorizes such entities to review site plans for compliance with certain provisions of Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC); specifies that site plans are not subject to local ordinances or local amendments to FFPC; imposes additional requirements for certain boards relating to construction, renovation, or remodeling of educational facilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/14/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		

HB 0365	Relating to Concealed Weapons or Firearms Licenses	Patronis
Concealed Weapons or Firearms Licenses: Provides exemption from certain restrictions for licensees holding specified county offices. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary Committee 3/31/2011 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee		
SB 0386	Relating to Procurement/Preference to Florida Businesses	Bogdanoff
Procurement/Preference to Florida Businesses; Cites this act as the "Buy Florida Act." Requires an agency, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state to grant a specified preference to a vendor located within the state when awarding a contract for printing under certain circumstances. Specifies the percentage of preference to be granted. Deletes a provision to conform to changes made by the act. Expresses legislative intent, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/14/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
SB 0402	Relating to Regulation of Firearms and Ammunition	Negron
Regulation of Firearms and Ammunition; Clarifies and reorganizes provisions that preempt to the state the entire field of regulation of firearms. Prohibits the violation of the Legislature's occupation of the whole field of regulation of firearms and ammunition by the enactment or causation of enforcement of any local ordinance or administrative rule or regulation. Provides additional intent of the act. Eliminates provisions authorizing counties to adopt an ordinance requiring a waiting period between the purchase and delivery of a handgun, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Rules 4/18/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed		
SB 0430	Relating to Veterans' Affairs	Altman
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 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/14/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
HB 0469	Relating to Individual Retirement Accounts	Stargel
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 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 3/17/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
HB 0481	Relating to Student Safety	Kiar
Student Safety: Requires district school board policies to list emergency response agencies that are responsible for notifying school district of emergencies; requires emergency response agencies to notify private schools in school district under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Education Committee 4/18/2011 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Education Committee, 04/20/11, 10:00 AM, 102 H		
SB 0508	Relating to Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions	Bogdanoff
Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions; Specifies a period during this year when the sale of clothing, wallets, bags, and school supplies are exempt from the tax. Provides definitions and exceptions. Authorizes the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules. APPROPRIATION: \$218,905 EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/15/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
SB 0516	Relating to Autism	Garcia (R)
Autism; Creates the Autism Spectrum Disorder Study Committee to study autism spectrum disorder in families in which English is the second language. Provides for membership, meetings, and duties. Prohibits committee members from receiving compensation for their services. Authorizes certain funding for publications, subject to approval of the State Surgeon General. Requires a report to the Governor and Legislature. Provides for expiration of the committee. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/1/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		

HB 0517	Relating to Firearms	Dorworth
Firearms: Provides that person in compliance with terms of concealed carry license may openly carry handgun notwithstanding specified provisions; allows Division of Licensing of DACS to take fingerprints from concealed carry license applicants; provides that person may not openly carry handgun or carry concealed weapon or firearm into specified locations; provides that concealed carry licensees shall not be prohibited from carrying or storing firearm in vehicle for lawful purposes; provides that provision limiting scope of license to carry concealed weapon or firearm does not modify certain exceptions to prohibited acts with respect to person's right to keep & bear arms in motor vehicles for certain purposes; repeals provisions relating to purchase of rifles & shotguns in contiguous states; provides that specified provisions do not apply to certain firearms transactions by resident of this state that take place in another state. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary Committee 3/28/2011 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed		
SB 0534	Relating to Firesafety	Wise
Firesafety; Revises the rulemaking authority and responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal relating to educational and ancillary plants. Revises requirements and procedures for inspections of buildings and equipment. Abolishes special state firesafety inspector classifications and certifications. Provides criteria, procedures, and requirements for special state firesafety inspectors to be certified as firesafety inspectors. Revises firesafety inspection requirements for educational institution boards to conform to certain codes, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/12/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
SB 0578	Relating to Disability Awareness	Ring
Disability Awareness; Requires district school boards to provide disability history and awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools during the first week in October. Provides for individual presenters who have disabilities or teachers who specialize in exceptional student education and who are currently employed at the school to provide the disability history and awareness instruction. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/15/2011 SENATE Now in 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 Sante 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 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 3/11/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
HB 0685	Relating to Congressional Term Limits	Caldwell
Congressional Term Limits: Urges Congress to propose to states amendment to U.S. Constitution that would limit consecutive terms of office which member of U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives may serve. Effective Date: Not Specified Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 3/31/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
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. Revises provisions relating to statutory construction. Requires that an individual claiming benefits report certain information and participate in an initial skills review. Disqualifies an individual for benefits for any week he or she is incarcerated. Requires claims to be submitted by electronic means, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law, except as otherwise provided Current Committee of Reference: Budget 3/14/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
HB 0733	Relating to Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions	Porter
Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions: Specifies period during this year when sale of clothing, wallets, bags, school supplies, & textbooks are exempt from tax; provides exceptions; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules; provides appropriation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/7/2011 HOUSE In returning messages		

SB 0736	Relating to Education Personnel	Wise
Education Personnel; Cites this act as the "Student Success Act." Revises provisions relating to the evaluation of instructional personnel and school administrators. Requires the Department of Education to approve each school district's instructional personnel and school administrator evaluation systems. Requires the Commissioner of Education to approve or select and the State Board of Education to adopt formulas for school districts to use in measuring student learning growth. Requires school districts to administer assessments for each course offered in the district, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: March 24, 2011 except as otherwise provided Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 3/24/2011 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2011-1		
SB 0788	Relating to Public School Educational Instruction	Diaz de la Portilla
Public School Educational Instruction; Requires district school boards to designate one month of the school year to celebrate the Founding Fathers of the United States of America and the principles inherent in the country's founding documents. Specifies the focus of instruction during the designated month. Provides that instruction may be integrated into the existing school curriculum. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/14/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
HB 0797	Relating to Interscholastic and Intrасcholastic Sports	Perry
Interscholastic and Intrасcholastic Sports: Removes provisions relating to pilot program in which middle school student or high school student in private school may participate in athletics at public school; provides for statewide implementation of program; requires maintenance of records of participating students; limits participation in program to students who are enrolled in non-FHSAA member private schools consisting of maximum number of students. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/5/2011 HOUSE Favorable by Education Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays		
SB 0830	Relating to Labor and Employment	Thrasher
Labor and Employment; Prohibits a state agency from deducting from employee wages funds for political activity. Prohibits a county, municipality, or other local governmental entity from deducting from employee wages funds for political activity. Prohibits labor organizations from collecting dues, assessments, fines, or penalties for the purposes of political activity without written authorization. Requires that the labor organization provide notice of such contributions and expenditures, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Rules 4/18/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed		
SB 0888	Relating to Offense of Sexting	Dean
Offense of Sexting; Provides that a minor commits the offense of sexting if he or she knowingly uses a computer, or any other device capable of electronic data transmission or distribution, to transmit or distribute to another minor any photograph or video of any person which depicts nudity and is harmful to minors. Provides noncriminal and criminal penalties. Provides that the act does not prohibit prosecution of a minor for conduct relating to material that includes the depiction of sexual conduct or sexual excitement or for stalking, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/19/2011 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
HB 0891	Relating to Regulation of Smoking	Hager
Regulation of Smoking: Authorizes school districts to restrict smoking on school district property. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Health & Human Services Committee 3/29/2011 HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee		
SB 0922	Relating to Florida Education Finance Program	Flores
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 Current Committee of Reference: Rules 4/14/2011 SENATE Now in Rules		
SB 0958	Relating to State Revenue Limitation	Budget Subcommittee on Finance and Tax
State 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. Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 3/16/2011 HOUSE In Messages		

HB 0965	Relating to Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program	Horner
Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program: Authorizes DOR to disclose certain information relating to taxpayers to eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization; provides for application to specified taxes; provides requirements & restrictions; revises provisions relating to amount of tax credit allowed for contribution made to eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organization; revises provisions relating to carryforward of unused amount of tax credit & rescindment of all or part of tax credit under Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/18/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
SB 0978	Relating to Individual Retirement Accounts	Flores
Individual Retirement Accounts; Clarifies the exemption of inherited individual retirement accounts from legal processes. Provides intent. Provides for retroactive application. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: Budget 3/29/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
HB 1021	Relating to Labor and Employment	Dorworth
Labor and Employment: Prohibits state agency from deducting from employee wages dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments of employee organization or contributions made for purposes of political activity; prohibits county, municipality, or other local governmental entity from deducting from employee wages dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments of employee organization or contributions made for purposes of political activity; prohibits labor organizations from using dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments to make political contributions or expenditures without employee's written authorization; provides for refund to employees who have not given written authorization in certain situations; requires that labor organization provide notice of such contributions & expenditures; prohibits labor organization from requiring employee to authorize collection of funds for political contributions & expenditures as condition of membership in organization; prohibits public employer from deducting or collecting from employee wages dues, uniform assessments, fines, penalties, or special assessments of employee organization; conforms provisions to changes made by act; provides for severability; provides application. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 3/29/2011 SENATE In Messages		
HB 1053	Relating to Special Election	Dorworth
Special Election: Provides for special election to be held on date of presidential preference primary in 2012, pursuant to s. 5, Art. XI of State Constitution, for approval or rejection by electors of state of amendments to State Constitution, proposed by joint resolution, to prohibit increases in assessed value of homestead property if fair market value of property decreases, reduce limitation on annual assessment increases applicable to nonhomestead real property, provide additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who have not owned homestead property for specified time before purchase of current homestead property, & application & limitations with respect thereto, & effective date if such amendments are adopted; provides for publication of notice & for procedures; provides appropriation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law if enacted by a vote of at least three-fourths of the membership of each house of the Legislature and if Senate Joint Resolution 658 or House Joint Resolution 381 is adopted by both houses of the Legislature Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/13/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
SB 1122	Relating to Growth Management	Bennett
Growth Management; Redesignates the "Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act" as the "Community Planning Act." Revises and provides duties of local governments and municipalities relating to comprehensive plans. Revises provisions relating to the Century Commission for a Sustainable Florida. Revises the findings and intent to include the necessity for a specific strategic plan addressing the state's growth management system, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law, except as otherwise provided Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/18/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
SB 1124	Relating to Public School Buses	Montford
Public School Buses; Provides for district school board policies that authorize commercial advertisements on school buses. Provides policy requirements relating to reimbursement to the school district, prohibited advertisements, and signage and equipment standards. Requires a school bus to be withdrawn from use under certain circumstances. Provides school district indemnification from liability. Provides for the remittance and allocation of revenue. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/14/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		

SB 1128	Relating to Public Retirement Plans	Ring
Public Retirement Plans; Provides for the calculation of local government retirement benefits after a certain date. Requires the Department of Management Services to provide a fact sheet on each local plan. Provides that a local government employer is eligible for participation in the Florida Retirement System if it has no unfunded actuarial liabilities. Revises provisions relating to benefits paid by a municipality that has its own pension plan, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/18/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed		
SB 1130	Relating to Retirement	Ring
Retirement; Requires employee and employer contributions to the retirement system by a certain date. Amends provisions relating to the membership class of elected officers. Provides for renewed membership in the retirement system for retirees who are reemployed after a certain date. Changes the name of the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program to the Florida Retirement System Investment Plan. Requires certain public employees employed on or after a certain date to enroll in the investment plan, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011, except as otherwise provided Current Committee of Reference: Budget 3/15/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
SB 1176	Relating to High School Athletic Trainers	Ring
High School Athletic Trainers; Revises membership requirements for the Board of Athletic Training. Encourages school districts to employ or contract with certified athletic trainers at certain high school in this state. Requires athletic trainers to be certified by the Board of Certification of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Provides a rebuttable presumption that a school district is not negligent in employing an athletic trainer for purposes of a civil action for negligence against the athletic trainer if the school district made a good faith effort to comply with the act, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Judiciary 4/15/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
SB 1214	Relating to School-aged Dependents of Military Personnel	Altman
School-aged Dependents of Military Personnel; Requires that a school board provide an option to school-aged dependents of military personnel to choose certain schools if the student is reassigned as a result of school rezoning. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Education Pre-K - 12 3/24/2011 SENATE Now in Education Pre-K - 12		
SB 1252	Relating to Persons Designated to Receive Insurer Notification	Smith (C)
Persons Designated to Receive Insurer Notification; Changes the designated person or persons who must be notified by an insurer from the "insured" to the "first-named insured" in situations involving the nonrenewal, renewal premium, cancellation, or termination of workers' compensation, employer liability, or certain property and casualty insurance coverage. Changes the designated person or persons who must be notified by an insurer from the "insured" to the "first-named insured" in certain situations involving the cancellation or nonrenewal of motor vehicle insurance coverage, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/15/2011 SENATE Favorable with CS by Budget; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays		
SB 1254	Relating to Auditory-oral Education Programs	Wise
Auditory-oral Education Programs; Cites this act as the "Auditory Oral-Education Act." Revises provisions relating to public school choice options for parents of public school students to include auditory-oral education programs. Provides that a parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing may enroll the child in an auditory-oral education program at a school accredited by OPTION Schools, Inc., or at a school in which the supervisor and the majority of faculty are certified as Listening and Spoken Language Specialists by the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/14/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
HB 1255	Relating to Education Accountability	Adkins
Education Accountability; Revises numerous provisions relating to K-12 public education system; revises provisions relating to virtual instruction courses, school board member acceptance of gifts, Opportunity Scholarship Program, McKay Scholarships, Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, special education services, requirements for middle grades promotion & high school graduation, digital curriculum, career & professional academies, assistive technology, statewide assessments, college readiness, school improvement, designation of school grades, education budgets, funding for exceptional student education, & teacher qualifications. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		

SB 1312	Relating to School Nutrition Programs	Siplin
School Nutrition Programs; Cites this act as the "Healthy Schools for Healthy Lives Act." Transfers and reassigns functions and responsibilities, including records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations and other resources for the administration of the school food and nutrition programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to conduct, supervise, and administer all school food and nutrition programs, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law, except as otherwise provided Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/18/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed		
SB 1320	Relating to Physical Education Instruction in Public Schools	Wise
Physical Education Instruction in Public Schools; Provides that a student may have the physical education requirement waived for a period of one semester each year under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/1/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		
HB 1329	Relating to John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program	Bileca
John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program: Makes scholarships available to students with disabilities who have 504 accommodation plan issued under federal law; allows parent to request & receive scholarship for student to enroll in & attend private school if student has 504 accommodation plan; provides that students with certain temporary 504 accommodation plans are ineligible for scholarship; provides that parent may choose to enroll student in public school in adjacent district under certain conditions; provides for scholarship amounts. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/13/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
HB 1331	Relating to School Choice	Bileca
School Choice: Revises requirements for eligibility to participate in Opportunity Scholarship Program; deletes provisions that authorize opportunity scholarship for attendance at private school; revises school district obligations & deletes provisions to conform; deletes obsolete provision relating to John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/13/2011 HOUSE Favorable by Education Committee; 10 Yeas, 5 Nays		
SB 1388	Relating to Department of Revenue	Flores
Department of Revenue; Authorizes the department to release certain taxpayers' names and addresses to certain scholarship-funding organizations. Deletes a limitation on the amount of tax credit allowable for contributions made to certain scholarship-funding organizations. Extends the carry-forward period for the use of certain tax credits resulting from contributions to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Deletes a restriction on a taxpayer's ability to rescind certain tax credits resulting from contributions to the program. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/15/2011 SENATE Not considered by Budget		
SB 1466	Relating to Class Size Requirements	Simmons
Class Size Requirements; Deletes a reference to the State Constitution regarding class size maximums. Requires that class size maximums be satisfied on or before the October student membership survey each year. Requires that the Department of Education identify from the Course Code Directory the core-curricula courses for the purpose of satisfying the maximum class size requirement, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/19/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		
SB 1512	Relating to Growth Management	Bennett
Growth Management; Revises and provides definitions relating to the Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act. Revises requirements for comprehensive plans relating to capital improvements and future land use plan elements. Revises transportation concurrency requirements relating to transportation planning and proportionate share. Revises the definition of the term "transportation concurrency backlog" to "transportation deficiency," etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/14/2011 SENATE Now in Budget		

SB 1546	Relating to Charter Schools	Thrasher
<p>Charter Schools; Requires that the Department of Education provide or arrange for training and technical assistance for charter schools. Provides for the designation of charter schools as high-performing if certain requirements are met. Requires that the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability conduct a study comparing the funding of charter schools to the funding of public schools. Provides requirements for the study. Requires the office to submit its recommendations and findings to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Budget</p> <p>4/18/2011 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed</p>		
SB 1584	Relating to Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children	Sobel
<p>Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Children; Creates the "Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children's Education Bill of Rights." Provides findings and purpose. Recognizes the unique communication needs of deaf and hard-of-hearing children and encourages the development of a communication-driven and language-driven educational delivery system in the state. Requires the Department of Education to develop a communication model to become part of the individual education plan process for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Budget</p> <p>4/5/2011 SENATE Now in Budget</p>		
SB 1620	Relating to K-12 Educational Instruction	Flores
<p>K-12 Educational Instruction; Adds statewide virtual providers to the list of public school choices. Authorizes the creation of a virtual charter school. Requires the virtual charter school to contract with an approved statewide virtual provider. Provides for funding of the virtual charter school. Provides for a blended-learning charter school. Provides that home education students may enroll in certain virtual education courses or courses offered in the school district in which they reside, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Budget</p> <p>4/15/2011 SENATE Not considered by Budget</p>		
SB 1656	Relating to McKay Scholarships/Students With Disabilities	Wise
<p>McKay Scholarships/Students With Disabilities; Makes John M. McKay Scholarships available to students with disabilities who have a 504 accommodation plan issued under s. 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act. Allows a parent to request and receive a scholarship for a student to enroll and attend a private school if the student has a 504 accommodation plan. Provides that students with certain temporary 504 accommodation plans are ineligible for a scholarship. Provides that a parent may choose to enroll the student in a public school in an adjacent district under certain conditions, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Budget</p> <p>4/15/2011 SENATE Now in Budget</p>		
SB 1696	Relating to Education Accountability	Wise
<p>Education Accountability; Deletes a provision that requires the Florida Virtual School to be administratively housed within the Office of Technology and Information Services within the Office of the Commissioner of Education. Revises the powers and duties of district school boards relating to student access to Florida Virtual School courses. Prohibits district school board members and their relatives from soliciting or accepting certain gifts. Revises provisions relating to the qualifications for nondegreed teachers of career education, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law, except as otherwise provided</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Budget</p> <p>4/18/2011 SENATE Now in Budget</p>		
SB 1792	Relating to Growth Policy	Díaz de la Portilla
<p>Growth Policy; Repeals provisions relating to the Urban Infill and Redevelopment Assistance Grant Program, to terminate the program. Conforms cross-references to changes made by the act. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee</p> <p>4/19/2011 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on second reading</p>		
SB 1822	Relating to School Choice	Benacquisto
<p>School Choice; Revises legislative intent and eligibility requirements for participation in the Opportunity Scholarship Program. Deletes provisions that authorize an opportunity scholarship for attendance at a private school. Requires that an opportunity scholarship remain in force until the student graduates from high school. Revises school district obligations and deletes provisions relating to private schools to conform to changes made by the act. Deletes an obsolete provision relating to the John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011</p> <p>Current Committee of Reference: Budget</p> <p>3/24/2011 SENATE Now in Budget</p>		

SB 1844	Relating to Career and Professional Academies	Gaetz (D)
	Career and Professional Academies; Revises provisions relating to the Florida Career and Professional Education Act. Replaces references to local workforce boards with regional workforce boards. Requires that economic development agencies collaborate with each district school board, regional workforce boards, and postsecondary institutions to develop a strategic 5-year plan that addresses local and regional workforce demands. Requires that the strategic plan include access to courses offered through virtual education providers and a review of career and professional academy courses, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 3/28/2011 SENATE Now in Budget	
SB 1992	Relating to Background Screening	Children, Families and Elder Affairs
	Background Screening; Includes volunteers within the definition of the term "direct service provider" for purposes of background screening. Exempts a volunteer who meets certain criteria and a client's relative or spouse from the screening requirement. Excepts certain licensed professionals and persons screened as a licensure requirement from further screening under certain circumstances. Requires direct service providers working as of a certain date to be screened within a specified period. Provides a phase-in for screening direct service providers, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/15/2011 SENATE Favorable with CS by Budget; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays	
SB 1996	Relating to Student Assessment Program for Public Schools	Education Pre-K - 12
	Student Assessment Program for Public Schools; Deletes a provision requiring that certain middle school students who earned high school credit in Algebra I take the Algebra I end-of-course assessment during the 2010-2011 school year. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/15/2011 SENATE Favorable with CS by Budget; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays	
SB 2000	Relating to Appropriations	Budget
	Appropriations; Provides moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government. Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 SENATE In returning messages	
SB 2002	Relating to Implementing 2011-2012 General Appropriations Act	Budget
	Implementing 2011-2012 General Appropriations Act; Incorporates by reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Authorizes the transfer of funds between appropriation categories to fund fixed capital outlay projects for public schools upon certain approval. Provides allocation requirements for specified funds appropriated for forensic mental health services. Provides requirements relating to implementing phase 3 of the Department of Health's Florida Onsite Sewage Nitrogen Reduction Strategies Study, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: June 29, 2011 except as otherwise provided Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 SENATE In returning messages	
SB 2082	Relating to Citrus High School/100th Anniversary Celebration	Dean
	Citrus High School/100th Anniversary Celebration; Recognizes Citrus High School on the occasion of its 100th anniversary celebration and congratulates the students, faculty, administration, and staff of Citrus High School on achieving and maintaining an "A" grade from the Florida Department of Education. Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/7/2011 SENATE Read Second Time; Adopted	
SB 2090	Relating to OGSR/Submission of Competitive Solicitation	Governmental Oversight and Accountability
	OGSR/Submission of Competitive Solicitation; Amends provisions which provide an exemption from public records requirements for bids, proposals, or replies submitted to an agency in response to a competitive solicitation. Expands the public records exemption by extending the duration of the exemption. Amends provisions which provide an exemption from public meetings requirements for meetings at which a negotiation with a vendor is conducted and which provide an exemption from public records requirements for recordings of exempt meetings, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/18/2011 SENATE Now in Budget	

SB 2094	Relating to State Employees	Budget
	State Employees; Provides for the resolution of collective bargaining issues at impasse between the state and certified bargaining units of state employees. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 SENATE In returning messages	
SB 2096	Relating to State Financial Information	Budget
	State Financial Information; Requires the Auditor General to annually provide to the Legislature a list of school districts and water management districts that have failed to comply with certain financial transparency requirements, as identified pursuant to audit. Amends provisions relating to the Transparency Florida Act. Requires the Chief Financial Officer to develop and maintain the transparency website. Requires the fiscal year of each water management district to be July 1 to June 30, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 SENATE In returning messages	
SB 2100	Relating to Retirement	Budget
	Retirement; Requires employee and employer contributions to the retirement system by a certain date. Amends provisions relating to the membership class of elected officers. Provides for a refund of contributions under certain circumstances for an officer who leaves office. Requires employee and employer contributions for members in the Senior Management Service Optional Annuity Program after a certain date. Terminates participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program after a certain date, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: June 30, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 SENATE In returning messages	
SB 2110	Relating to Auditor General	Budget
	Auditor General; Requires that the Auditor General conduct operational audits at least every 3 years of certain additional state entities and district school boards and report on the activities of the ad valorem tax program of the Department of Revenue. Revises the duties of the Auditor General with respect to responsibilities for auditing certain reports made to the State Supreme Court and the operations of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, respectively. Revises requirements to issue rules for surplus property, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 SENATE In returning messages	
SB 2120	Relating to K-12 Education Funding	Budget
	K-12 Education Funding; Authorizes the Department of Revenue to provide certain information regarding the gross receipts tax to the State Board of Education, the Division of Bond Finance, and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research. Requires that, for purposes of servicing public education capital outlay bonds, the State Board of Education disregard the effects on the gross receipts tax revenues collected during a tax period of a refund resulting from a specified settlement agreement, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law, except as otherwise provided Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 SENATE In returning messages	
SB 2156	Relating to Governmental Reorganization	Budget
	Governmental Reorganization; Transfers the functions and trust funds of the Agency for Workforce Innovation to other agencies. Transfers the Office of Early Learning Services to the Department of Education. Transfers the Office of Unemployment Compensation to Jobs Florida. Transfers the Office of Workforce Services to Jobs Florida. Transfers the functions and trust funds of the Department of Community Affairs to other agencies. Transfers the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to Jobs Florida, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/8/2011 SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) 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 Current Committee of Reference: Economic Affairs Committee 3/25/2011 SENATE In Messages	
HB 4177	Relating to Public Postsecondary Education	Metz
	Public Postsecondary Education: Deletes provisions relating to exemption for student who earns certain credits through acceleration mechanisms from requirement of public postsecondary educational institution mandating enrollment during summer term. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee	

4/5/2011 HOUSE Favorable by Education Committee; 16 Yeas, 2 Nays

HB 7001	Relating to Growth Management	Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee
Growth Management: Reenacts provisions of law relating to growth management, portions of which were amended, created, or repealed by ch. 2009-96, Laws of Florida; provides for retroactive operation with respect to such portions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/6/2011 HOUSE Ordered enrolled		
HB 7005	Relating to Unemployment Compensation	Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee
Unemployment Compensation: Increases number of employer payroll service providers who qualify for access to unemployment tax information; revises provisions relating to statutory construction; requires that applicant for benefits participate in initial skills review; provides exceptions; clarifies "good cause" for voluntarily leaving employment; disqualifies certain person for benefits; reduces amount & revises calculation of number of weeks of claimant's benefit eligibility; revises employer's unemployment compensation contribution rate by certain factors; revises application to conform to changes made by this act; provides employer payment schedule for 2012, 2013, & 2014 contributions; revises allowable forms of evidence in benefit appeals; revises judicial venue for reviewing commission orders; specifies that evidence of mailing agency document is based on date stated on document; revives, readopts, & amends provision relating to temporary extended benefits; provides for retroactive application; establishes temporary state extended benefits for weeks of unemployment; provides for state extended benefits for certain weeks & for periods of high unemployment; provides severability; provides applicability; provides appropriations for purposes of implementation; provides that act fulfills important state interest. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 3/15/2011 SENATE In Messages		
HB 7021	Relating to Impact Fees	Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee
Impact Fees: Reenacts s. 163.31801(5), F.S., relating to burden of proof required by government in action challenging impact fee; provides legislative finding of important state interest; provides for retroactive operation; provides for exception under specified circumstances. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/18/2011 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/20/11		
HB 7087	Relating to Education Law Repeals	K-20 Innovation Subcommittee
Education Law Repeals: Repeals provisions relating to creation of Digital Divide Council in DOE, false claims of academic degree or title, pilot project for discounted computers & Internet access for low-income students, Institute on Urban Policy & Commerce, adult literacy centers, Florida Literacy Corps, Preteacher & Teacher Education Pilot Programs & Teacher Education Pilot Programs for High-Achieving Students, Critical Teacher Shortage Program, Florida Teacher Scholarship & Forgivable Loan Program, critical teacher shortage tuition reimbursement program, Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program, Merit Award Program for Instructional Personnel & School-Based Administrators, professional service contracts for instructional staff, & middle school student requirement relating to end-of-course assessment. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/6/2011 SENATE In Messages		
HB 7129	Relating to Growth Management	Community & Military Affairs Subcommittee
Growth Management: Revises & provides provisions relating to growth management, Local Government Comprehensive Planning and Land Development Regulation Act, comprehensive plans, state land planning agencies, local planning agencies, concurrency, etc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/18/2011 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar for 04/20/11		
HB 7151	Relating to Postsecondary Education	K-20 Innovation Subcommittee
Postsecondary Education: Requires Higher Education Coordinating Council to recommend plans & submit report relating to core missions of postsecondary education institutions, performance outputs & outcomes, articulation policies, workforce development education, & baccalaureate degree authorization; requires DOE to use student performance data to determine appropriate credit-by-examination scores & courses; deletes exemption from summer-term enrollment in public postsecondary education institutions for students with accelerated credit; deletes exemption from provisions governing approval process for baccalaureate degrees; requires uniform per FTE base amount to be determined annually for 4-year doctor of medicine degree programs offered by state university. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Education Committee 4/13/2011 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Education Committee; 12 Yeas, 3 Nays		

HB 7197	Relating to Digital Learning	K-20 Innovation Subcommittee
Digital Learning: Creates Digital Learning Now Act; requires school districts to establish virtual instruction options; authorizes establishment of virtual charter schools & provides requirements; authorizes blended learning courses; provides additional requirements for Florida Virtual School; requires full-time & part-time school district virtual instruction program options; provides funding & accountability requirements; requires online learning course for high school graduation; redefines FTE student for purposes of virtual instruction. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Education Committee 4/18/2011 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Education Committee, 04/20/11, 10:00 AM, 102 H		
SB 7204	Relating to Effective Public Notices by Governmental Entities	Budget
Effective Public Notices by Governmental Entities; Defines the term "publicly accessible website." Authorizes a local government to use its publicly accessible website for legally required advertisements and public notices. Provides conditions for such use. Provides for optional receipt of legally required advertisements and public notices by first-class mail or e-mail. Provides requirements for advertisements and public notices published on a publicly accessible website, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: Budget 4/1/2011 SENATE Not considered by Budget		
HB 7223	Relating to OGSR/Competitive Solicitations	Government Operations Subcommittee
OGSR/Competitive Solicitations: Provides exemption from public records requirements for bids, proposals, or replies submitted to an agency in response to competitive solicitation; expands exemption by extending its duration; provides for future review & repeal; revises provisions that provide exemption from public meetings requirements for meetings at which negotiation with vendor is conducted & which provides exemption from public records requirements for recordings of exempt meetings; expands public meetings exemption to include specified meetings; expands public records exemption to include any records presented at exempt meeting; provides for future review & repeal of exemptions; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: upon becoming a law Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee 4/12/2011 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on second reading		
HB 7229	Relating to Procurement	Government Operations Subcommittee
Procurement: Deletes duplicative language relating to option of agency to purchase commodities or contractual services from state contract; specifies conditions for preference in award of contract under invitation to bid; requires inclusion of information in invitation to negotiate; revises requirements with respect to agency avoidance, neutralization, or mitigation of potential organizational conflicts of interest prior to award of contract; updates obsolete references within statewide & interlocal agreement on certification of business concerns for status of minority business enterprise; updates obsolete references within provisions relating to Office of Supplier Diversity within Department of Management Services; removes obsolete language & references within provisions relating to Florida Advisory Council on Small & Minority Business Development; revises provisions relating to requirements for review of new waste-to-energy facility capacity by DEP; revises criteria relating to construction of new waste-to-energy facility or expansion of existing waste-to-energy facility; repeals provisions relating to report of CFO on disallowed contractual service contracts; repeals provisions relating to procurement of products or materials with recycled content. Effective Date: July 1, 2011 Current Committee of Reference: State Affairs Committee 4/11/2011 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed		