

EMERGENT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Legislative Update
December 15, 2011

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. The final Committee Week is over and Tallahassee can now brace for the opening of the 2012 Legislative Session which begins on January 10, 2012. The main issue for lawmakers will be redistricting since it will change the boundaries of many of their legislative districts. Some Legislators will no longer reside in the Legislative district that they represent. Some Legislators may be anxious to complete the session in an expedient manner so that they can campaign in their new district.

THE BUDGET (EDUCATORS' MAIN CONCERN OF THIS SESSION)

1. The Governor's Budget—Much to the surprise of many, the Governor's budget request contained an additional \$1 billion for education. If this increase is supported by the Legislature (which is charged with passing a balanced budget), this addition will prove to be a relief for School Districts. This increase will be able to replace the Federal Jobs money, replace some of the drop in tax collections at the local level due to reduced property values, fund the anticipated 30,000 additional student growth, fund additional reading coaches, and fund the School Recognition Program. The total school funding per pupil would be \$6,372, an increase from the present \$6,230. (Slightly better than the 2005-06 funding of \$6,155., still far short of the 2010-11 funding of \$6,893.)
2. Reaction to the budget proposal by former Senate President Haridopolos—Senator John Thrasher in an interview with the Daytona News-Journal stated "we know the numbers for the budget right now. We will have a clearer picture in March (from the estimating conference). Our Senate President has basically said we might wait until March when we have those numbers before we finalize the budget. That means we go into extended session."
3. Reaction to the budget proposal by Speaker of the House- Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon said that he sees no reason to delay the vote on the budget. Cannon suggested that lawmakers confront the overall shortfall of \$1.2 billion as soon as possible. Lawmakers could then revisit the budget if the revenue changes.
4. Other impacts of the proposed budget- The Governor's budget would trim business taxes, shutter some prisons, and shrink the State workforce by 4,500 employees. Scott's plan would also reduce Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospitals. Opponents of this reduction indicate that the proposal will trigger higher charges to private citizens and insurance plans to offset the losses.
5. You can download the Governor's complete budget document and his presentation which is on our web site www.emergentdesignanddevelopment.com (Go to research page). Of special interest will be pages 3 and 4 of the presentation document.

LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

1. SB 834 Relates to Juvenile Justice Education and Workforce Programs. This is a major rewrite of DJJ education. DJJ educational programs will use virtual courses, virtual counseling, use instructors who hold industry credentials, include instruction on evenings and weekends, and collect data relating to program evaluation. The Bill clarifies the role of the Florida DOE and the School District in DJJ education. The Bill requires exiting plans for students returning from DJJ facilities and sets expectations for students exiting the program.
2. SB 366 Relates to group insurance for Public Employees. This bill would require School Districts to enter into inter-local agreements to establish insurance consortium for the provision of insurance (health, accident and hospitalization).
3. SB 710 Relates to Gaming- This is the bill that is now being rewritten and when finalized will reorganize the gambling industry in Florida . The major impact of the bill would eliminate the division of Pari-Mutual Wagering within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and establish a Department of Gaming Control. The Bill would establish 3 Destination Resorts in Dade and Broward Counties, which would be a major expansion of gaming in Florida
4. SB 256 Relates to Student Athletes- This bill addresses concerns regarding head injuries and concussions. The bill has an educational requirement for officials, administrators, coaches and parents, requires consent forms from parents explaining the risk of concussion, requires the removal of an athlete from competition or practice if they sustain a head injury, and requires a physician's release before the athlete that has sustained a head injury can return to competition.
5. SB 416 Relates to texting while driving. The bill creates the "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law". It specifies admissible evidence and penalties. This bill has passed one committee. The National Safety Board has received a great deal of attention with their recommendations concerning the use of wireless communication devices while driving. Opponents are concerned about the complexity of enforcing such a law. Florida is one of nine states that does not specifically ban texting while driving.

RACE TO THE TOP UPDATE

While more than half of the Districts evaluation systems are fully approved and nine districts are awaiting final approval, the DOE must make decisions regarding districts not in compliance. A memo from the Chancellor, Pam Stewart outlined the following:

1. A participating district that cannot present evidence that they are fully implementing all portions of their approved evaluation system, including instructional practice and performance of students by January 2, 2012, will be suspended from drawing down Race to the Top funds until the evidence is presented and approved.

2. A participating district that does not implement the evaluation system during the 2011-12 school year as evidenced by a fully approved and implemented system by June 1, 2012, will no longer be eligible to be a participating district in the Race to the Top grant.

FCAT CUT SCORES (Press release from Commissioner Robinson)

Regarding his FCAT 2.0 and Algebra I EOC achievement level cut score recommendations to the State Board of Education

“FCAT 2.0 and the Algebra I End of Course assessment, based on the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, are designed to test Florida’s students on more rigorous material. The standards I am recommending today reflect this, raising the bar for Florida’s children from 3rd through 10th grade and ensuring that our students are on the path to graduating college and career ready. For the first time in Florida’s history, our graduation requirements are aligned with college readiness and our standards are consistent across grade levels. Parents, teachers, and administrators will now be able to identify those children who need additional help earlier so that they can graduate college ready.

“I would like to thank the educators who began this process, along with the business, community, and education leaders who closely examined the data and offered recommendations based on a broader policy perspective, and the members of the State Board of Education, whose workshops led to my final recommendations. While these recommended scores raise standards, I am confident that Florida’s children will meet them, just as they have before.”



Cut 1 = Level 2 minimum score, Cut 2 = Level 3 minimum score, Cut 3 = Level 4 minimum score, Cut 4 = Level 5 minimum score

Algebra 1 cut scores were established as follows: level 2 minimum score 375, level 3 minimum score 399, level 4 minimum score 425, and level 5 minimum score 437.

Of interest is that the Florida Association of Superintendents in a press release dated Dec. 9th, did not agree to the action of the State Board regarding the FCAT cut scores. The Superintendents supported the recommendation of the reactor panels which set the level 3 cut score of 238 in 9th grade and 243 in 10th grade.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST TO EDUCATORS

1. FOR PROFIT CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/27/us/for-profit-certification-for-teachers-in-texas-is-booming.html?pagewanted=all>
2. WHEN ONLINE SCHOOLS FAIL http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2011/10/03/06enc_online.h31.html
3. CASINO CONCERNS <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/11/20/2508498/casino-debate-revives-concerns.html>
4. EFFECTIVENESS OF VIRTUAL SCHOOLS <http://washingtononlinehighschools.com/questions-about-virtual-schools%E2%80%99effectiveness/>

5. Florida charter schools: big money
<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/09/19/2541051/florida-charter-schools-big-money.html>
6. Academia cultivates links to lawmakers
<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/12/14/2545708/company-cultivates-links-to-lawmakers.html>

Please see attached Tracking List of Bills

Education Bill Tracking (ALL)

HB 0001	Relating to Public School Funding 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, 2012	Weinstein
HB 0007	Relating to Recall of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Member of Cabinet, or Legislator Recall of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Member of Cabinet, or Legislator: Proposes creation of s. 8, Art. VI of State Constitution to provide for recall of Governor, Lt. Governor, member of Cabinet, or legislator; provides how process is initiated; establishes requisite number & distribution of signatures; provides for simultaneous election of successor to remainder of term; provides that if elected official is not recalled, then additional effort to recall elected official may not be initiated during remainder of term; provides for reimbursement of certain expenses. Effective Date: Not Specified	Kriseman
HB 0009	Relating to Recall Recall: Provides that Governor, Lieutenant Governor, member of Cabinet, or legislator may be recalled from office; requires that proponents of recall register as political committee; prescribes methods & timeframes for initiating & conducting recall; provides ballot language; provides that removal of Governor from office includes removal of Lieutenant Governor; authorizes adoption of rules. Effective Date: on the effective date of House Joint Resolution 7, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if that joint resolution is approved by the electors at the general election to be held in November 2012	Kriseman
HB 0019	Relating to Public School Buses 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 for remittance & allocation of revenue. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Nelson
HB 0021	Relating to Term Limits Term Limits: Proposes amendment of s. 15, Art. III & s. 4, Art VI & creation of provision in Art. XII of State Constitution to increase length of terms of state senators to 6 years & state representatives to 4 years & limit state senators & state representatives to 12 consecutive years in office. Effective Date: Not Specified	Kriseman
HB 0025	Relating to Sovereignty of the State Sovereignty of the State: Proposes creation of s. 28, Art. I, asserting sovereignty of state & right to refuse to comply with unconstitutional federal mandates or certain compulsory federal legislation. Effective Date: Not Specified	Caldwell
HB 0035	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, 2012	Clarke-Reed
HB 0039	Relating to Traffic Safety Traffic Safety: Requires person cited for moving violation while using handheld mobile telecommunications device to appear before designated official; provides additional penalties; provides duties of law enforcement officers with respect to such citations. Effective Date: October 1, 2012	Julien
HB 0041	Relating to Naming of Public Buildings and Facilities Naming of Public Buildings and Facilities: Proposes creation of s. 28, Art. X of State Constitution to prohibit naming of public buildings & facilities for any person not deceased for certain period of time unless approved by four-fifths vote of governmental body enacting such designation, except that no such building or facility may be named for any public officer while that person is in public office. Effective Date: Not Specified	Caldwell
HB 0053	Relating to Public Food Service Establishments Public Food Service Establishments: Requires public food service establishments to serve sugar-free substitutes for certain syrups, jelly, jam, marmalade, & fruit preserves & provide notice to guests of availability of such sugar-free substitutes; provides requirements for such notice. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Clarke-Reed
HB 0055	Relating to Homestead Assessment Limitation/Senior Citizens Homestead Assessment Limitation/Senior Citizens: Proposes amendment to s. 4, Art. VII of State Constitution to authorize counties & municipalities to limit assessed value of homesteads of certain low-income senior citizens. Effective Date: Not Specified	Nuñez
HB 0057	Relating to Sovereignty of the State Sovereignty of the State: Urges Congress to discontinue its practice of imposing federal mandates & legislation upon states which exceed scope of its constitutionally delegated powers under Tenth Amendment to U.S. Constitution & to repeal all existing compulsory federal legislation that directs states to comply or requires states to pass specific legislation in order not to lose federal funding. Effective Date: Not Specified	Caldwell
HB 0071	Relating to High School Diploma Options High School Diploma Options: Requires OPPAGA, in conjunction with DOE, to conduct study on creation of high school graduation option that focuses on career-technical education & leads to career-technical education diploma; provides requirements for study with recommendations to Legislature. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	Smith (J)
HB 0073	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, 2012	Jenne



HB 0077	Relating to Trespassing	Davis
	Trespassing: Authorizes use of purple paint marks to identify "no trespassing" area; provides requirements for marks; requires specified signage. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0084	Relating to Offenses by Caregivers of Minor Children	Fasano
	Offenses by Caregivers of Minor Children; Cites this act as "Caylee's Law;" penalizing a caregiver who willfully or by culpable negligence fails to make contact with a child under a specified age in his or her care for a certain period and to immediately report the child as missing to a law enforcement agency after that period expires without contact in certain circumstances; requiring the caregiver of a minor child to report the child's death to a law enforcement agency within a specified period in certain circumstances; requiring the caregiver of a minor child to report the location of a child's corpse to a law enforcement agency within a specified period in certain circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
SB 0086	Relating to Offenses by Caregivers of Minor Children	Sobel
	Offenses by Caregivers of Minor Children; Cites this act as "Caylee's Law;" penalizing a caregiver who willfully or by culpable negligence fails to make contact with a child under a specified age in his or her care for a certain period and to immediately report the child as missing to a law enforcement agency after that period expires without contact in certain circumstances; requiring the caregiver of a minor child to report the child's death to a law enforcement agency within a specified period in certain circumstances; requiring the caregiver of a minor child to report the location of a child's corpse to a law enforcement agency within a specified period in certain circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0089	Relating to Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions	Caldwell
	Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions: Provides partial ad valorem tax exemptions for nonexempt owners of real property leased or gratuitously provided to exempt entities for exclusive use for educational, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes; authorizes nonexempt owners of real property to apply for ad valorem tax exemptions relating to real property leased or gratuitously provided for educational, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes; provides eligibility criteria for partial ad valorem tax exemptions relating to real property leased or gratuitously provided for educational, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes; provides exception to profitmaking prohibition applicable to claiming ad valorem tax exemption relating to property used for specified exempt purposes. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0092	Relating to Reducing or Suspending the Sentence of a Juvenile Offender	Joyner
	Reducing or Suspending the Sentence of a Juvenile Offender; Citing this act as the "Second Chance for Children Act"; providing that a juvenile offender who was 17 years of age or younger at the time of committing one or more nonhomicide offenses and who was sentenced to 10 or more years of imprisonment may be eligible for a reduced or suspended sentence; providing that the juvenile offender may petition the court after a specified age for a hearing to reduce or suspend the sentence; setting forth the eligibility criteria to reduce or suspend a sentence; authorizing the juvenile offender to petition for subsequent sentencing hearings if the court does not reduce or suspend the juvenile offender's sentence, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law	
SB 0096	Relating to Commissioner of Education	Negron
	Commissioner of Education; Proposing amendments to Sections 3 and 4 of Article IV and Section 2 of Article IX and the creation of a new Section in Article XII of the State Constitution to provide for the election of the Commissioner of Education and the inclusion of the commissioner as a member of the Cabinet, etc.	
SB 0098	Relating to Education	Siplin
	Education; Authorizing district school boards to adopt resolutions that allow prayers of invocation or benediction at secondary school events; providing legislative intent; providing for severability, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
SB 0102	Relating to Employment Practices	Siplin
	Employment Practices; Prohibiting the use of a job applicant's personal credit history as a hiring criterion; providing an exception, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0111	Relating to Career Education	Nelson
	Career Education: Revises career & education planning course for middle grades promotion; provides requirements for career high school diploma; requires student & parent to agree in writing to requirements of career diploma track; specifies credit requirements, strategies for meeting instructional needs of certain students, & standards for graduation. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
SB 0112	Relating to Public Employment Practices	Wise
	Public Employment Practices; Defining the terms "applicant" and "public employer"; prohibiting a public employer from inquiring about 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; providing 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; providing an exemption. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0121	Relating to Public School Student Participation in Fine Arts Courses	McBurney
	Public School Student Participation in Fine Arts Courses: Revises basis for designation of school grades to include participation rate of students who are enrolled in fine arts courses. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0122	Relating to Driver Improvement Schools and Education Programs for Driver License Applicants	Sobel
	Driver Improvement Schools and Education Programs for Driver License Applicants; Requiring the curricula of driver improvement schools and education programs to include instruction on the risks associated with using a handheld electronic communication device while operating a motor vehicle, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0128	Relating to Minors	Altman



Minors; Requiring a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a minor to make reasonable efforts to notify a law enforcement agency of the disappearance of the minor within a specified period of time after the discovery that the minor has disappeared; providing criminal penalties for failing to make reasonable efforts to notify a law enforcement agency of the disappearance of the minor, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

- SB 0130 Relating to Minors** Altman
Minors; Requiring a parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a minor to make reasonable efforts to notify a law enforcement agency of the death of the minor within a specified period of time after the discovery of the death of the minor; providing criminal penalties for failing to make reasonable efforts to notify a law enforcement agency of the death of the minor, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012
- SB 0132 Relating to Trespassing** Thrasher
Trespassing; Authorizing the use of purple paint marks to identify a "no trespassing" area; providing requirements for marks; requiring specified signage, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 0142 Relating to Florida Education Finance Program** Flores
Florida Education Finance Program; Requiring 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; requiring that the department submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$100,000 EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 0144 Relating to Seclusion and Restraint on Students With Disabilities in Public Schools** Flores
Seclusion and Restraint on Students With Disabilities in Public Schools; Requiring that manual physical restraint be used only in an emergency when there is an imminent risk of serious injury or death to the student or others; providing restrictions on the use of manual physical restraint; prohibiting the use of manual physical restraint by school personnel who are not certified to use district-approved methods for applying restraint techniques; requiring that each school medically evaluate a student after the student is manually physically restrained; prohibiting school personnel from placing a student in seclusion; providing requirements for the use of time-out; requiring that a school district report its training and certification procedures to the Department of Education, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 0150 Relating to Juvenile Justice Education Programs** Bullard (L)
Juvenile Justice Education Programs; Requiring 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 used by the department to ensure that student performance data is complete and reliable, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 0156 Relating to Assessment of Residential and Nonhomestead Real Property** Latvala
Assessment of Residential and Nonhomestead Real Property; Excluding the value of certain improvements from the assessed value of residential real property; specifying a limitation on the assessed value of residential real property; providing for application of the assessment limitations; requiring a nonrefundable filing fee for a petition to the value adjustment board; specifying additional exceptions to the assessment of homestead property at just value; specifying additional exceptions to assessment of nonhomestead property at just value; providing for the continuity and apportionment of assessment limitations on combined and divided parcels; repealing provisions relating to the property tax exemption for renewable energy source devices, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012, and applies to assessments beginning January 1, 2013
- SB 0162 Relating to Autism** Ring
Autism; Requiring that a physician refer a minor to an appropriate specialist for screening for autism spectrum disorder under certain circumstances; defining the term "appropriate specialist"; defining the term "direct patient access"; requiring 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; requiring 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, 2012
- HB 0163 Relating to Student Involvement in Educational Governance** Campbell
Student Involvement in Educational Governance: Creates Florida Educational Student Advisory Council within DOE; establishes application process for membership on council; provides for appointment, membership, terms, & meetings of council; provides council powers & duties; requires district school board to establish student advisory program & designate districtwide association of student councils; provides for election of student advisors to district school board; provides powers & duties of district school boards, district school superintendents, & association of student councils. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
- HB 0165 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, 2012
- SB 0168 Relating to Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions** Richter
Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions; Providing partial ad valorem tax exemptions for nonexempt owners of real property leased or gratuitously provided to exempt entities for exclusive use for educational, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes; authorizing nonexempt owners of real property to apply for ad valorem tax exemptions relating to real property leased or gratuitously provided for educational, scientific, religious, or charitable purposes; providing an exception to the profitmaking prohibition applicable to claiming an ad valorem tax exemption relating to property used for specified exempt purposes, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- HB 0179 Relating to Possession of Weapons on School Property** Porth



	Possession of Weapons on School Property: Prohibits possession of common pocketknife, except as authorized, at school-sponsored event or on property of any school, school bus, or school bus stop. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0200	Relating to Limited English Proficient Students	Siplin
	Limited English Proficient Students; Authorizing a school district to administer a student achievement test in a student's primary language if the student is severely limited in English proficiency, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
SB 0242	Relating to Public School Funding	Dockery
	Public School Funding; Requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study to determine minimum per-student funding to meet constitutional requirements; requiring a report to the Legislature, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0253	Relating to State Employees' Prescription Drug Program	Porter
	State Employees' Prescription Drug Program: Requires DMS to authorize certain pharmacies to dispense 90-day maintenance prescription medication to certain patients; specifies dispensing fee for 90-day prescription supply. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0256	Relating to Youth and Student Athletes	Flores
	Youth and Student Athletes; Requiring independent sanctioning authorities to adopt policies to inform certain officials, coaches, and youth athletes and their parents of the nature and risk of certain head injuries; requiring that a signed consent form be obtained before the youth participates in athletic practices or competitions; requiring that a youth athlete be immediately removed from an athletic activity following a suspected head injury; requiring written clearance from a medical professional before the youth resumes athletic activities; authorizing a physician to delegate the performance of medical care to a licensed or certified health care practitioner and consult with or use testing and the evaluation of cognitive functions performed by a licensed neuropsychologist, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
SB 0264	Relating to Student Discipline in Public Schools	Sobel
	Student Discipline In Public Schools; Revising provisions relating to the rights of parents and public school students; prohibiting the use of corporal punishment as a form of discipline; deleting the definition of the term "corporal punishment" to conform to changes made by the act; deleting provisions relating to the authority of teachers to administer corporal punishment; revising the duties of district school boards and the code of student conduct relating to the control and discipline of students; deleting provisions relating to the authority of principals to administer corporal punishment, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0273	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, 2012	
SB 0280	Relating to County Government Funding	Fasano
	County Government Funding; Providing circumstances under which a board of county commissioners may use certain revenues to reduce the proposed millage rate for ad valorem taxes; defining the term "eligible county"; specifying that county eligibility must be determined annually and exercised for a limited time; prohibiting the use of certain revenues for such purposes, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law	
HB 0285	Relating to Sick Leave for School District Employees	Harrell
	Sick Leave for School District Employees: Authorizes district school system to provide policy allowing donation of accrued sick leave to district employee; provides standards for sick leave transfer policy. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
HB 0291	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 medical clearance to return. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0292	Relating to Effective Public Notices by Governmental Entities	Bennett
	Effective Public Notices by Governmental Entities; Authorizing a local government to use its publicly accessible website for legally required advertisements and public notices; providing requirements for advertisements and public notices published on a publicly accessible website; providing that advertisements directed by law or order or decree of court to be made in a county in which no newspaper is published may be made by publication on a publicly accessible website; providing for advertisement on a publicly accessible website of a taxing authority's intent to adopt a millage rate and budget; prescribing procedures for fulfilling public disclosure system requirements with respect to the duty of a municipality to disclose costs for solid waste management, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012	
HB 0297	Relating to Public Employment Practices	Jones (M)
	Public Employment Practices: Defines terms "applicant" & "public employer"; prohibits public employer from inquiring into or considering criminal history record of applicant for public employment until applicant has been selected for interview by public employer; provides that restriction does not prohibit public employer from notifying applicant that law or employer's policy may disqualify applicant from employment in particular position with public employer; provides exemption. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0298	Relating to High School Diploma Options	Oelrich
	High School Diploma Options; Requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, in conjunction with the Department of Education, to conduct a study on the creation of a high school graduation option that focuses on career-technical education and leads to a career-technical education diploma; providing requirements for the study with recommendations to the Legislature, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law	
HB 0299	Relating to Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving	Pilon



Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving: Creates "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law"; prohibits operation of motor vehicle while using wireless communications device for certain purposes; provides exceptions; specifies information that is admissible as evidence of violation; provides for enforcement as secondary action; provides for points to be assessed against driver's license for unlawful use of wireless communications device resulting in crash. Effective Date: October 1, 2012

- HB 0303 Relating to Employment Practices** Rogers
Employment Practices: Prohibits use of job applicant's personal credit history as hiring criterion; provides exception. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- HB 0305 Relating to Commissioner of Education** Albritton
Commissioner of Education: Proposes amendments to ss. 3 & 4, Art. IV and s. 2, Art. IX & creation of new section in Art. XII of State Constitution to provide for statewide election of Commissioner of Education & inclusion of commissioner as member of Cabinet; provides for commissioner to supervise state education system in manner provided by law; provides that Governor & Cabinet will constitute State Board of Education; includes commissioner as member of Board of Trustees of Internal Improvement Trust Fund & Land Acquisition Trust Fund & as component of head of Department of Law Enforcement. Effective Date: Not Specified
- SB 0314 Relating to Ad Valorem Taxation** Simmons
Ad Valorem Taxation; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to allow the Legislature by general law to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property if the just value of the property decreases, reduce the limitation on annual assessment increases applicable to nonhomestead real property, provide an additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property, authorize the Legislature to adjust the amount of the exemption, provide that the additional exemption is to be reduced by the difference between the just value and the assessed value, delay a future repeal of provisions limiting annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property, and provide effective dates, etc.
- HB 0317 Relating to Education** Van Zant
Education: Authorizes district school boards to adopt resolutions that allow prayers of invocation or benediction at secondary school events. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- SB 0318 Relating to Statewide K-12 Education Commission** Fasano
Statewide K-12 Education Commission; Creating the Statewide K-12 Education Commission within the Department of Education; providing purposes; providing for terms, membership, and meetings; providing that members are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses, subject to appropriations provided in the General Appropriations Act; providing duties; requiring that the commission submit a report to the Governor, Legislature, and State Board of Education by a specified date each year, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- HB 0321 Relating to Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement** Rehwinkel Vasilinda
Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement: Revises definitions; specifies certain facilities that are exempt from transient rentals tax; deletes application of brackets for calculation of sales & use taxes; revises criteria establishing circumstances under which taxes on sale of prepaid calling arrangements are due; deletes application of brackets for calculation of sales & use taxes; limits \$5,000 cap on discretionary sales surtax to sale of motor vehicles, aircraft, boats, manufactured homes, modular homes, & mobile homes; provides criteria to determine situs of certain sales; deletes provisions relating to mail-order sales; requires purchasers of direct mail to use direct-mail forms; provides criteria for determining location of transactions; revises exemptions from sales & use tax for food & medical products; provides for computation of taxes due based on rounding instead of brackets; deletes procedures for refunds of tax paid on mail-order sales; provides amnesty for uncollected or unpaid sales & use taxes for sellers who register under Streamlined Sales & Use Tax Agreement; provides for adoption of emergency rules; repeals provisions pertaining to taxation of mail-order sales. Effective Date: January 1, 2013
- HB 0323 Relating to Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement** Rehwinkel Vasilinda
Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement: Urges Congress to enact legislation to authorize states that have complied with Streamlined Sales & Use Tax Agreement to require out-of-state sellers to collect each such state's sales & use tax. Effective Date: Not Specified
- HB 0331 Relating to Career and Adult Education** Patronis
Career and Adult Education: Requires Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include financial literacy in core curricular content of economics; includes study of financial literacy in public school required instruction; provides that credit requirement in economics for high school graduation includes instruction in financial literacy; replaces term "vocational-preparatory" instruction with term "applied academics for adult education" instruction with respect to adult general education; conforms provisions relating to career education programs; authorizes district school boards & Florida College System institution boards of trustees to vary certain intended learning outcomes; deletes certain courses as priorities in provision of adult education program academic services; requires students entering adult general education programs to complete "Action Steps to Employment" activities. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- SB 0338 Relating to Public School Student Participation in Fine Arts Courses** Detert
Public School Student Participation in Fine Arts Courses; Revising the basis for the designation of school grades to include the participation rate of students who are enrolled in fine arts courses, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 0344 Relating to Public School Buses** Montford
Public School Buses; Providing for district school board policies that authorize commercial advertisements on school buses; providing policy requirements relating to reimbursement to the school district, prohibited advertisements, and signage and equipment standards; requiring a school bus to be withdrawn from use under certain circumstances; providing for the



	remittance and allocation of revenue, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
SB 0348	Relating to Public School Buses Public School Buses; Providing for district school board policies that authorize commercial advertisements on school buses; providing policy requirements relating to reimbursement to the school district, prohibited advertisements, and signage and equipment standards; requiring a school bus to be withdrawn from use under certain circumstances; providing for the remittance and allocation of revenue, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Wise
SB 0350	Relating to Voter Education Programs Voter Education Programs; Requiring that each supervisor of elections conduct an annual voter registration and education program in each public high school in the county; providing requirements, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Braynon
SB 0356	Relating to Possession of Weapons on School Property Possession of Weapons on School Property; Prohibiting possession of a common pocketknife, except as authorized, at a school-sponsored event or on the property of any school, school bus, or school bus stop; providing criminal penalties, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Ring
SB 0368	Relating to Local Government Local Government; Clarifying that certain assessments must be approved by a majority vote of specified voting electors; authorizing a financial emergency review board for a local governmental entity or district school board to consult with other governmental entities for the consolidation of all administrative direction and support services; authorizing the Governor or Commissioner of Education to require a local governmental entity or district school board to develop a plan implementing the consolidation, sourcing, or discontinuance of all administrative direction and support services; providing that the members of the governing body of a local governmental entity or the members of a district school board who fail to resolve a state of financial emergency are subject to suspension or removal from office, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Gaetz (D)
HB 0383	Relating to Public School Flexibility Public School Flexibility: Prohibits State Board of Education from adopting rules that require redirection of certain funding; deletes requirement relating to opening date for schools; provides that calculation for compliance with class size maximums for certain public schools of choice shall be average at school level; revises requirements relating to physical education for elementary school students; revises provisions relating to transfer of categorical funds to maintain specified academic classroom instruction; revises provisions relating to student station & auxiliary facility space allocations; provides that school district is not required to comply with State Uniform Building Code for Public Educational Facilities Construction. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Baxley
HB 0387	Relating to Electronic Filing of Construction Plans Electronic Filing of Construction Plans: Provides for certain documents to be electronically signed & sealed by licensee & electronically transmitted to building code administrator or building official for approval. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Ahern
SB 0394	Relating to Virtual Instruction Courses for Students With Disabilities Virtual Instruction Courses for Students With Disabilities; Requiring that each virtual instruction program provide virtual courses in accessible formats for students with disabilities which are compatible with assistive technology products and assistive listening systems, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Margolis
HB 0407	Relating to Funds for Operation of Workforce Education Programs Funds for Operation of Workforce Education Programs: Deletes restriction on funding for student coenrolled in K-12 education program & adult education program; provides that student who is coenrolled may be reported for purposes of funding under certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Logan
HB 0415	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, 2012	Jones (M)
SB 0416	Relating to Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving Use of Wireless Communications Devices While Driving; Creating the "Florida Ban on Texting While Driving Law"; prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless communications device for certain purposes; specifying information that is admissible as evidence of a violation; providing penalties; providing for enforcement as a secondary action; providing for points to be assessed against a driver's license for the unlawful use of a wireless communications device resulting in a crash, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012	Detert
HB 0417	Relating to Independent Living Independent Living: Requires court to retain jurisdiction over child until age 21 if child elects to receive Foundations First Program services; requires assurance in child's case plan that efforts were made to avoid change in child's school; requires DCFS or community-based provider to provide reimbursement for costs of transportation provided for child in care; requires changes in child's school to be minimally disruptive; specifies criteria to be considered by department & community-based provider during transition of child to another school; requires children in care to attend school; provides penalties for caregivers who refuse or fail to ensure that child attends school regularly; specifies requirements for individual education transition plan meetings for children with disabilities; requires that child be provided with information relating to Road-to-Independence Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Glorioso
SB 0420	Relating to Career and Education Planning Career and Education Planning; Revising the general requirements for middle grades promotion to require that a course in career and education planning explore the Florida Career Clusters; deleting a provision that requires the Department of Education to develop course frameworks and professional development materials for a career exploration and education	Smith (C)



	planning course, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
SB 0424	Relating to Florida Retirement System Florida Retirement System; Revising criteria for membership in the special risk class to include court deputies, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Smith (C)
HB 0431	Relating to Joint Use of Public School Facilities Joint Use of Public School Facilities: Encourages district school board to develop policies to promote public access to outdoor recreation & sports facilities on school property & joint-use agreements; provides duties of DOE; provides for limitation of liability for district school board that allows public access or enters into joint-use agreement except in instances of gross negligence. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Nehr
SB 0434	Relating to Independent Living Independent Living; Requiring the court to retain jurisdiction over a child until the child is 21 years of age if the child elects to receive Foundations First Program services; requiring assurance in a child's case plan that efforts were made to avoid a change in the child's school; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services or the community-based provider to provide reimbursement for the costs of transportation provided for a child in care; requiring changes in a child's school to be minimally disruptive; specifying criteria to be considered by the department and community-based provider during the transition of a child to another school; requiring children in care to attend school; providing penalties for caregivers who refuse or fail to ensure that the child attends school regularly; specifying requirements for individual education transition plan meetings for children with disabilities; requiring that a child be provided with information relating to the Road-to-Independence Program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Rich
SB 0440	Relating to Initiatives and Referenda Initiatives and Referenda; Authorizing a local government to retain certain initiatives or referendum processes which were in effect as of a specified date, etc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	Bennett
HB 0441	Relating to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes Resident Status for Tuition Purposes: Classifies as residents for tuition purposes certain dependent children who meet requirements relating to high school attendance, timely enrollment in institution of higher education, & submission of high school transcript; requires State Board of Education to adopt rules & Board of Governors of State University System to adopt regulations. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	Fullwood
HB 0443	Relating to School Wellness and Physical Education Policies School Wellness and Physical Education Policies: Provides requirements for training in CPR as part of basic first-aid training encouraged in school districts. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Bullard (D)
HB 0453	Relating to Group Insurance for Public Employees Group Insurance for Public Employees: Requires school districts to procure certain types of insurance for their officers & employees through interlocal agreements; provides exception; requires each school district to enter into interlocal agreement & establish School District Insurance Consortium governed by board of directors; provides for membership & specifies terms of office for board members; requires DMS to provide technical services to consortium; requires consortium to advertise for competitive bids for insurance; requires school districts to engage in collective bargaining with certified bargaining agents. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Stargel
HB 0461	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 2013-2014 school year. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Bullard (D)
HB 0465	Relating to District School Board Bonds District School Board Bonds: Revises provisions relating to issuance & retirement of bonds. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Diaz
SB 0472	Relating to Student Involvement in Educational Governance Student Involvement in Educational Governance; Cites this act as the "Student Advisory in Educational Governance Act"; creating the Florida Educational Student Advisory Council within the Department of Education; establishing an application process for membership on the council; requiring the State Board of Education to establish council regions; requiring each district school board to establish a student advisory program and designate a districtwide association of student councils; providing for the election of student advisors to the district school board, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law	Norman
SB 0474	Relating to Driving Without a Valid Driver License Driving Without a Valid Driver License; Providing an additional fine for a violation of specified provisions relating to driving with a canceled, suspended, or revoked driver license or driving privilege; providing increased fine amounts for second or subsequent violations; providing for distribution of such fines collected; revising penalties for knowingly driving while the driver license or driving privilege is canceled, suspended, or revoked; revising procedures for impoundment or immobilization of the vehicle, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2013	Norman
HB 0487	Relating to Gaming Gaming: Creates State Gaming Commission & Department of Gaming Control to oversee pari-mutuel wagering, slot machines, & gaming; deletes Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within Department of Business and Professional Regulation to conform; redesignates ch. 551, F.S., relating to slot machines, as pt. II of that chapter; creates pts. I & III of ch. 551, F.S., relating to State Gaming Commission & destination resorts, respectively; revises provisions in chs. 550 & 849, F.S., relating to pari-mutuel	Fresen



	wagering & gambling, respectively, to conform; conforms other provisions of law. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0492	Relating to Education Law Repeals	Braynon
	Education Law Repeals; Repealing provisions relating to school district or Florida College System institution sponsorship of athletic activities or sports similar to sports for which public postsecondary educational institutions offer scholarships, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law	
HB 0493	Relating to Student Discipline in Public Schools	Porth
	Student Discipline in Public Schools: Revises provisions relating to rights of parents & public school students; prohibits use of corporal punishment as form of discipline; deletes provisions relating to authority of teachers & principals to administer corporal punishment; revises duties of district school boards & code of student conduct relating to control & discipline of students. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0494	Relating to Student Safety	Negron
	Student Safety; Requiring district school board policies to list the emergency response agencies that are responsible for notifying the school district of emergencies; requiring the emergency response agencies to notify private schools in the school district under certain circumstances, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0495	Relating to State University System Optional Retirement Program	Jones (M)
	State University System Optional Retirement Program: Increases to no more than six the number of companies from which contracts may be purchased under program. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
HB 0497	Relating to Juvenile Expunction	Porth
	Juvenile Expunction: Allows minors who have certain felony arrests to have DOC expunge their nonjudicial arrest record upon successful completion of prearrest or postarrest diversion program. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0512	Relating to Class Size	Bogdanoff
	Class Size; Deleting a provision relating to the calculation of class size categorical allocations and the reduction and reallocation of funds; deleting a provision that requires the Commissioner of Education to prepare a reallocation of funds for school districts that have met the class size requirements; deleting a provision that adds remaining funds to a school district's class size categorical allocation if the school district submits a certified plan to the commissioner, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0525	Relating to Florida Retirement System	Workman
	Florida Retirement System: Revises definitions of terms "normal retirement date" & "vested" or "vesting"; revises provisions relating to early retirement benefit calculation to conform to changes made by act; requires new employees to, by default, be enrolled in investment plan; extends period during which employee may elect to participate in pension plan; prohibits certain employees from choosing to move to pension plan after certain period. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0530	Relating to Education and Training Opportunities for Public Employees	Wise
	Education and Training Opportunities for Public Employees; Providing certain educational opportunities for specified local government employees; authorizing the use of fee waivers for specified local government employees, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
SB 0534	Relating to Persons Excused from Jury Service	Sobel
	Persons Excused from Jury Service; Expanding parental eligibility to be excused from jury service; authorizing a presiding judge to excuse a practicing psychologist from jury service, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0543	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-5 students & to set minimum standards for parental involvement; specifies causes for student underachievement; requires preK-5 teachers to evaluate parental involvement & send evaluation to parents under certain circumstances; requires dispute process; requires certain reporting. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0580	Relating to Health Education	Rich
	Health Education; Providing for a mandatory one-half credit in health education, independent of the physical education credit requirement, for high school students; providing a waiver for students who request to take and successfully complete a health education assessment developed by the Department of Education; reducing the number of credits in elective courses, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0589	Relating to Disability Awareness	Reed
	Disability Awareness: Requires district school board to provide disability history & awareness instruction in all K-12 public schools; requires DOE to assist in creating curriculum & to establish disability history & awareness advisory council; provides responsibilities of council. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
HB 0603	Relating to Growth Management	Weinstein
	Growth Management: Prohibits local government from applying transportation or school concurrency or requiring proportionate-share contribution or construction for new developments for specified period; provides exception; provides for extension of prohibition under certain conditions; provides application; provides for future expiration; prohibits certain counties, municipalities, & special districts from imposing certain new or existing impact fees for specified period; provides for extension of prohibition under certain conditions; provides application; provides for future expiration. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 0606	Relating to Youth Athletes	Montford
	Youth Athletes; Requiring that an independent sanctioning authority for youth athletic teams and the Florida High School Athletic Association adopt guidelines, bylaws, and policies relating to the nature and risk of exertional heat stroke and heat-related injury in youth athletes; requiring that a parent or guardian of a youth who participates in an athletic competition or	



who is a candidate for an athletic team sign and return an informed-consent form before the youth athlete participates in an athletic competition or engages in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical activity; requiring that any youth athlete who is suspected of suffering from an exertional heat stroke or heat-related injury during a practice or competition be removed from the practice or competition, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

- HB 0607 Relating to Continuing Education or Inservice Training for Public School Personnel** Chestnut
Continuing Education or Inservice Training for Public School Personnel: Requires Commissioner of Education to develop recommendations to incorporate instruction in suicide prevention into continuing education or inservice training requirements; requires DOE to incorporate recommendations into existing requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
- SB 0620 Relating to District School Boards** Latvala
District School Boards; Requiring that each district school board organize and elect a chair at a publicly noticed meeting after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year, but before the end of November; providing an exception if the chair is elected by a districtwide vote, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 0622 Relating to Bullying of School Children** Bogdanoff
Bullying of School Children; Prohibiting 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; adding "emotional hurt" to the list of behaviors that indicate that bullying may be involved; defining the term "within the scope of a public K-12 educational institution"; requiring 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 those individuals' observations, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- HB 0627 Relating to Bullying in the Public School System** Bullard (D)
Bullying in the Public School System: Revises provisions relating to prohibited bullying or harassment with respect to computer-related incidents; provides that bullying includes cyberbullying; revises list of behaviors that indicate possible bullying; revises components of school district policy on bullying & harassment; requires investigation of complaint of computer-related incident. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- HB 0635 Relating to Reducing or Suspending the Sentence of a Juvenile Offender** Stafford
Reducing or Suspending the Sentence of a Juvenile Offender: Designates act "Second Chance for Children Act"; provides that juvenile offender who was 17 years of age or younger at time of committing one or more nonhomicide offenses & who was sentenced to 10 or more years of imprisonment may be eligible for reduced or suspended sentence; provides that juvenile offender may petition court after specified age for hearing to reduce or suspend sentence; sets eligibility criteria; authorizes juvenile offender to petition for subsequent sentencing hearings if court does not reduce or suspend sentence. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
- HB 0651 Relating to Building Construction and Inspection** Davis
Building Construction and Inspection: Revises authorized methods of sending notices to violators of local codes; authorizes building code administrator or building official to approve electronic filing of building plans & related documents; revises definition of term "demolish" for purposes of describing scope of work of contractor to include all buildings or residences, rather than buildings or residences of certain heights; allocates portion of funds derived from surcharge on permit fees to Florida Building Code Compliance & Mitigation Program; exempts certain buildings or structures used for hunting from Florida Building Code. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- SB 0656 Relating to Repealing Budget Provisions** Hays
Repealing Budget Provisions; Deleting certain budget summary requirements, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 0662 Relating to Funding for Workforce Education Programs** Braynon
Funding for Workforce Education Programs; Providing that a student who is coenrolled in a K-12 education program and an adult education program may be reported for purposes of funding in an adult education program; providing that a student who is coenrolled in core program areas for credit recovery or dropout prevention purposes may be reported for funding for up to two courses per student, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 0676 Relating to Workers' Compensation Certificate-of-exemption Process** Smith (C)
Workers' Compensation Certificate-of-exemption Process; Revising requirements relating to election of exemption from coverage to include applicability to members of limited liability companies; revising requirements for submitting a notice of election of exemption; revising duties of the Department of Financial Services relating to the expiration of certificates of exemption; expanding applicability of requirements relating to certificates of exemption, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law, except as otherwise provided
- HB 0689 Relating to American Founders' Month** Bileca
American Founders' Month: Designates month of September as "American Founders' Month"; authorizes Governor to annually issue proclamation designating month & urging participation; requires district school boards to celebrate American Founders & principles inherent in country's founding documents by observing American Founders' Month; specifies focus of instruction & authorizes integration into existing school curriculum; requires distribution to school personnel, at beginning of school year, of information relating to patriotic programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- SB 0698 Relating to Public Retirement Plans** Wise
Public Retirement Plans; Specifying applicability of ch. 185, F.S., to certain consolidated governments; providing that a municipality that has entered into an interlocal agreement to provide police protection services to another incorporated municipality, in its entirety, is eligible to receive the premium taxes reported for the other municipality under certain circumstances; authorizing the municipality receiving the police protection services to enact an ordinance levying a tax as



	provided by law, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
SB 0704	Relating to Building Construction and Inspection Building Construction and Inspection; Revising the authorized methods of sending notices to violators of local codes; amending s. 468.604, F.S.; authorizing a building code administrator or building official to approve the electronic filing of building plans and related documents; amending s. 489.105, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "demolish" for purposes of describing the scope of work of a contractor to include all buildings or residences, rather than buildings or residences of certain heights; amending s. 553.721, F.S.; allocating a portion of the funds derived from a surcharge on permit fees to the Florida Building Code Compliance and Mitigation Program; exempting certain buildings or structures used for hunting from the Florida Building Code, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Bennett
HB 0705	Relating to Educational Enhancement Educational Enhancement: Creates Educational Excellence Endowment Fund within Statewide Florida College System institution direct-support organization & Juvenile Justice Education & Training Endowment Fund within direct-support organization for DJJ; requires that direct-support organizations deposit revenues from gaming taxes & fees & other grants, gifts, & bequests into endowment funds; requires DOE to transfer specified percentage of lottery funds to direct-support organizations for funding endowment funds; provides for transfer of certain gaming, slot machine, & cardroom revenues to direct-support organizations for funding endowment funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Weinstein
SB 0710	Relating to Gaming Gaming; Deleting the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; establishing the Department of Gaming Control; designating the State Gaming Commission as head of the department; authorizing the department to contract with the Department of Law Enforcement for certain purposes; directing the department to contract with the Department of Revenue for tax collection and financial audit services; providing for the Commission on Ethics to investigate complaints, report to the Governor, and enforce assessed penalties; requiring the Commission on Ethics to provide notice to a person alleged to have participated in an ex parte communication and allow that person to present a defense; providing for applications for a destination resort license; specifying conditions for the conduct of limited gaming by a resort licensee, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012, except as otherwise provided	Bogdanoff
SB 0754	Relating to Educational Enhancement Educational Enhancement; Creating the Educational Excellence Endowment Fund within the Statewide Florida College System institution direct-support organization; requiring that the Statewide Florida College System institution direct-support organization administer the endowment fund; requiring that the direct-support organization deposit revenues from gaming taxes and fees and other grants, gifts, and bequests of money into the endowment fund; creating the Juvenile Justice Education and Training Endowment Fund within the direct-support organization for the Department of Juvenile Justice; requiring that the direct-support organization administer the endowment fund; requiring that the direct-support organization deposit revenues from gaming taxes and fees and other grants, gifts, and bequests of money into the endowment fund, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Wise
HB 0755	Relating to Postsecondary Education of Military Veterans Postsecondary Education of Military Veterans: Requires that any veteran who meets specified criteria be admitted to any Florida College System institution or state university of veteran's choice. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Holder
SB 0756	Relating to Career Education Career Education; Revising the general requirements for middle grades promotion to require that a course in career and education planning explore Florida's Career Clusters; providing requirements for a career technical high school diploma; requiring a student and the student's parent or guardian to agree in writing to the requirements of the career diploma track; requiring an intensive reading course or remediation in mathematics for a student who does not meet certain academic standards; providing that a career technical high school diploma is a standard high school diploma for purposes of federal and state accountability requirements, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013	Wise
HB 0765	Relating to Florida Education Finance Program Florida Education Finance Program: Requires DOE to enter into contract with entity located outside state to conduct a study & review of FEFP & recommend improvements; requires DOE to submit report to Governor & Legislature; provides appropriation & for carryforward of unexpended balance of funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Julien
HB 0775	Relating to Required Instruction in the Public Schools Required Instruction in the Public Schools: Cites act as "Character Education Act"; revises curriculum of character-development program required in kindergarten through grade 12. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Bileca
SB 0776	Relating to School Grades School Grades; Requiring that high schools be given at least 75 percent credit for students who receive high school equivalency diplomas for purposes of calculating the school's graduation rate, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Detert
HB 0783	Relating to School Speed Zones School Speed Zones: Provides penalties for using handheld cellular telephone or other handheld electronic communications device while operating motor vehicle in school zone; provides for proceeds from fines collected to be used to enhance funding for district school resource officer programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Sands
HB 0793	Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program: Requires that prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private providers & public schools meet new professional credentialing requirements beginning July 1, 2015; repeals provisions relating to aspirational goals for professional credentials of prekindergarten instructors. Effective	Jenne



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SB 0808	Relating to Use of Public School Grounds and Facilities Use of Public School Grounds and Facilities; Providing that a public school that substantially implements specified public uses of its grounds or facilities is not liable for personal injury or property damage unless the injury or damage is due to gross negligence; providing that a student who is not under suspension or expulsion and who is on a public school's grounds or facilities for the purpose of engaging in physical fitness or recreation does not commit a trespass; authorizing a district school board to permit the use of public school facilities and grounds for physical fitness and recreation; encouraging each district school board to enter into a joint use agreement that provides local community access to a public school's grounds and facilities for physical fitness and recreation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Norman
HB 0819	Relating to Public Retirement Plans Public Retirement Plans: Specifies applicability of ch. 185, F.S., to certain consolidated governments; provides that consolidated government that has entered into interlocal agreement to provide police protection services to municipality within its boundaries is eligible to receive premium taxes reported for municipality under certain circumstances; authorizes municipality receiving police protection services to enact ordinance levying tax as provided by law. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Taylor
HB 0831	Relating to Virtual Instruction for Students with Disabilities Virtual Instruction for Students with Disabilities: Provides that digital learning should provide access to online courses with reasonable & allowable accommodations for using assistive technology; requires charter school applications to include description of online courses with accommodations that will be used in reading instruction; includes use of assistive technology devices as basis for approval of charter; provides additional requirements for approval of virtual instruction program providers by DOE with respect to offering reasonable & allowable accommodations for students with disabilities; provides that certain students with disabilities are eligible to participate in virtual instruction. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Clarke-Reed
SB 0834	Relating to Juvenile Justice Education and Workforce Programs Juvenile Justice Education and Workforce Programs; Providing legislative intent regarding juvenile justice education and workforce-related programs; requiring that the Department of Juvenile Justice ensure that each juvenile justice education program meets specified minimum standards; creating the Florida Juvenile Justice Education Act; requiring that each juvenile justice education program involve the regional workforce board or economic development agency and local postsecondary institutions to determine the occupational areas for the education and workforce-related program; requiring that school districts and private providers be held accountable for student performance outcomes; requiring that each school district and private provider develop the education transition plan component during the course of the youth's stay in a juvenile justice program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law	Education Pre-K - 12
SB 0856	Relating to Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; Requiring that prekindergarten instructors in school-year prekindergarten programs delivered by private providers and public schools meet new professional credentialing requirements beginning July 1, 2015; deleting provisions relating to alternate educational credentials, to conform; repealing provisions relating to aspirational goals for the professional credentials of prekindergarten instructors, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Rich
HB 0859	Relating to Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program: Revises student eligibility requirements for participation in program; increases tax credit cap amount applicable to program; revises provisions relating to reporting of test scores by private schools participating in program; provides that private school may choose to offer & administer statewide assessments at school; revises DOE duties relating to reporting of test scores & site visits; requires school district to provide statewide assessments & related materials to school that makes request; revises conditions upon which Commissioner of Education may base denial, suspension, or revocation of private school's participation in program or suspension of scholarship fund payment. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Corcoran
SB 0862	Relating to Wage Protection for Employees Wage Protection for Employees; Prohibiting a county, municipality, or political subdivision from adopting or maintaining in effect a law, ordinance, or rule that creates requirements, regulations, or processes for the purpose of addressing wage theft; preempting such activities to the state; defining the term "wage theft", etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Simmons
SB 0874	Relating to Sick Leave for School District Employees Sick Leave for School District Employees; Authorizing each district school system to provide a policy allowing the donation of accrued sick leave to any district employee, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Benacquisto
HB 0903	Relating to Charter Schools Charter Schools: Authorizes district school board to share revenue generated by capital outlay millage levy with charter schools on per-student pro rata basis; provides for recalculation of school district's FEP allocation if millage levy revenue is not shared & for distribution of recalculated funds; requires payment to charter schools of certain federal funds; revises requirements for designation as high-performing charter school; revises restriction on establishment of new charter schools that replicate high-performing charter schools; authorizes certain activities for high-performing charter school that is part of high-performing charter school system. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Adkins
SB 0912	Relating to Growth Management Growth Management; Prohibiting a local government from applying transportation or school concurrency or requiring proportionate-share contribution or construction for new development for a specified period; providing an exception; providing for an extension of the prohibition under certain conditions; providing application; providing for future expiration; prohibiting certain counties, municipalities, and special districts from imposing certain new or existing impact fees for a specified period; providing an exception; providing for an extension of the prohibition under certain conditions; providing	Bennett



	application; providing for future expiration, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	
HB 0931	Relating to Board of Governors/Student Body President Board of Governors/Student Body President: Proposes amendment to s. 7, Art. IX of State Constitution to remove president of Florida Student Association, or equivalent, as member of Board of Governors of State University System & require that Governor appoint state university student body president to Board of Governors; requires that state university student body president shall be one of 15 citizen members appointed to Board of Governors by Governor, except that state university student body president is not subject to confirmation by Senate & term of appointment is 1 year; provides that student body president of state university is ineligible for appointment if student body president appointed to Board of Governors in previous year was from same state university. Effective Date: Not Specified	Gaetz (M)
SB 0940	Relating to Juvenile Expunction Juvenile Expunction; Allowing minors who have certain felony arrests to have the Department of Corrections expunge their nonjudicial arrest record upon successful completion of a prearrest or postarrest diversion program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Wise
SB 0944	Relating to Parental Involvement and Accountability in Public Schools Parental Involvement and Accountability in Public Schools; Providing purpose to provide information and tools to parents of prekindergarten through grade 5 students and to set minimum standards for parental involvement; specifying causes for student underachievement; requiring shared information between teachers, schools, and parents; requiring prekindergarten through grade 5 teachers to evaluate parental involvement and send a parental involvement evaluation to parents under certain circumstances; requiring adoption of a process to dispute a parental involvement evaluation; requiring reports on parental involvement evaluations by district school boards and the Department of Education; providing for implementation, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Wise
SB 0948	Relating to Youth Athletics Youth Athletics; Requiring an independent sanctioning authority for a youth athletic team to adopt guidelines to inform youth athletes and their parents of the nature and risk of certain head injuries; requiring that a signed consent form be obtained before the youth participates in athletic practices or competitions; requiring that a youth athlete be immediately removed from an athletic activity following a suspected head injury; requiring medical clearance before the youth resumes athletic activities; requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association or an organization that governs athletics to adopt bylaws that create a sports medicine advisory committee, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Jones (D)
HB 0949	Relating to Juvenile Justice Education and Workforce Programs Juvenile Justice Education and Workforce Programs: Requires that juvenile committed to juvenile justice commitment program have transition plan upon release, which includes education transition plan component; requires DJJ to verify that education programs meet minimum standards & are evaluated based on student performance outcomes; creates Florida Juvenile Justice Education Act; provides responsibilities for school districts & private providers; provides requirements for education & workforce-related services; requires DOE to identify school districts & private providers by performance ratings & provide common student assessment to measure student academic progress; provides funding requirements for programs. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	Baxley
HB 0955	Relating to Instructional Materials for Public School Education Instructional Materials for Public School Education: Revises period of time for requisition, maintenance of inventory, & purchase of instructional materials for certain core courses; revises requirements relating to use of instructional materials allocation for purchase of materials not on state-adopted list. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Fullwood
HB 0959	Relating to Scrutinized Companies Scrutinized Companies: Requires SBA to identify all companies in which public moneys are invested that are doing certain types of business in or with Cuba or Syria; requires board to create & maintain certain scrutinized companies lists that name all such companies; requires SBA to divest all publicly traded securities of scrutinized company under certain conditions; provides exceptions to divestment requirement; prohibits SBA from acquiring securities of scrutinized companies that have active business operations; prohibits state agency or local governmental entity from contracting for goods & services of more than certain amount with company that is on either list; requires contract provision that allows for termination of contract if company is found to have been placed on such list; provides exceptions; requires certification upon submission of bid or proposal for contract, or before company enters into or renews contract, with agency or governmental entity that company is not on either list. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	Bileca
SB 0962	Relating to Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program; Increasing the tax credit cap amount applicable to the program, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Benacquisto
SB 1010	Relating to Career and Adult Education Career and Adult Education; Requiring the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include financial literacy in the core curricular content of economics; providing that the credit requirement in economics for high school graduation includes instruction in financial literacy; authorizing district school boards and Florida College System institution boards of trustees to vary up to a specified percentage of intended learning outcomes of career education programs; deleting lifelong learning courses or activities and recreational or leisure courses as priorities in the provision of adult education program academic services, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012	Oelrich
SB 1018	Relating to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes Resident Status for Tuition Purposes; Classifying as residents for tuition purposes a United States citizen who attends a Florida high school for at least 2 consecutive years and submits his or her high school transcript to and enrolls in an institution of	Garcia (R)



higher education within 12 months after graduating from a Florida high school; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules and the Board of Governors of the State University System to adopt regulations, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law

- HB 1027 Relating to Public School Instruction** Berman
Public School Instruction; Requires that members of instructional staff of public schools provide instruction to students about events surrounding terrorist attacks occurring on September 11, 2001, & impact of events on nation. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- SB 1036 Relating to Student Assessment in the Public Schools** Bullard (L)
Student Assessment in the Public Schools; Terminating the administration of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) to students in grades 9 through 12; requiring the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) or the ACT's EXPLORE and PLAN tests to replace the grade 10 FCAT for purposes of measuring a student's knowledge and skills; requiring students to take the PSAT/NMSQT in grade 10 or the ACT's EXPLORE and PLAN tests in grades 9 and 10, respectively; requiring students to earn passing scores on the PSAT/NMSQT or the ACT's EXPLORE and PLAN tests to qualify for a standard high school diploma; requiring the State Board of Education to designate passing scores; requiring use of student performance on the PSAT/NMSQT or the ACT's EXPLORE and PLAN tests for school grading purposes; providing for application beginning with students entering grade 9 in the 2013-2014 school year, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- HB 1037 Relating to Coordination Between Schools and Local Governments** Broxson
Coordination Between Schools and Local Governments: Authorizes Board of Trustees of Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind to exercise power of eminent domain; requires board of trustees to provide student housing in compliance with specified law; revises & deletes requirements for interlocal agreement between district school board & local governments to conform to related requirements in s. 163.31777, F.S.; deletes requirements relating to Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind & local government submission of interlocal agreement; provides for vesting of school facilities & compliance with specified law. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- HB 1041 Relating to Small Business Participation in State Contracting** Rogers
Small Business Participation in State Contracting: Directs that agencies avoid contract bundling; requires agencies to conduct market research & include written summaries & analyses of such research in solicitations for bundled contracts; requires agencies to award specified percentage of contracts to small businesses; requires contract vendors to use small businesses in state as subcontractors or subvendors; requires timely payment of subcontractors; prohibits agencies from requiring certain bonds or other sureties for certain contracts; requires Florida Small Business Advocate to establish system for reporting small business participation in state contracting; requires agencies to cooperate with such reporting; requires specified annual reports. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- SB 1136 Relating to School Districts** Wise
School Districts; Requiring that school districts refer to the period during which school is not in session and which includes Christmas Day as Christmas Break rather than Winter Break, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 1138 Relating to Continuing Education Or Inservice Training For Public School Personnel** Oelrich
Continuing Education or Inservice Training for Public School Personnel; Requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop recommendations to incorporate instruction in suicide prevention into continuing education or inservice training requirements; requiring the Department of Education to incorporate the recommendations into existing requirements; authorizing the State Board of Education to adopt rules, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law
- SB 1148 Relating to Workplace Safety** Lynn
Workplace Safety; Providing definitions; requiring all public employers to comply with certain federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards by a certain date; requiring the Department of Financial Services to annually report injury and illness data for public employers to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and publish such data on the department's website; requiring the department to provide certain information on its website by a certain date, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 1162 Relating to Family Charter Academies** Simmons
Family Charter Academies; Providing legislative intent; authorizing the formation of family charter academies as part of the state's public school system; providing guiding principles and purposes for family charter academies; providing that certain entities may submit an application to a school district or a Florida College System institution to open a family charter academy; requiring that a family charter academy applicant negotiate and enter into a contract for funding with the school district or Florida College System institution; providing requirements for applications; authorizing a district school board or a Florida College System institution to sponsor a family charter academy; providing duties of sponsors; providing that a sponsor is encouraged to set up a performance-based contract for each family charter academy, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012
- SB 1242 Relating to Broadband Internet Service** Hays
Broadband Internet Service; Adding to the legislative findings that the sustainable adoption of broadband Internet service is critical to community development; designating the Department of Economic Opportunity rather than the Department of Management Services as the agency to receive and manage all federal broadband initiative funds for the state; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to establish a public-private partnership to work with certain private and governmental organizations to oversee broadband development; revising the oversight criteria, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2012
- SB 1280 Relating to Florida Retirement System** Latvala
Florida Retirement System; Revising definitions of the terms "normal retirement date" and "vested" or "vesting"; requiring new employees to, by default, be enrolled in the investment plan; extending the period during which employees may elect to participate in the pension plan; prohibiting certain employees from choosing to move to the pension plan after a certain



	period, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
HB 4041	Relating to Education Law Repeals	Burgin
	Education Law Repeals: Repeals provisions relating to school district or Florida College System institution sponsorship of athletic activities or sports similar to sports for which public postsecondary educational institutions offer scholarships. Effective Date: upon becoming a law	
HB 4057	Relating to Physical Education in the Public Schools	Metz
	Physical Education in the Public Schools: Deletes provisions relating to requirements for physical education instruction for students in grades 6 through 8. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
HB 4135	Relating to Public School Maximum Class Size	Campbell
	Public School Maximum Class Size: Deletes provisions that provide for reduction in funding for school districts that exceed class size maximums. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
HB 4145	Relating to Continuing Education Advisory Board	Frishe
	Continuing Education Advisory Board: Repeals authority for creation of continuing education advisory board whose purpose is to advise DFS in determining standards by which courses for certain persons licensed to solicit or sell insurance may be evaluated & categorized; deletes all requirements & procedures with respect to such board. Effective Date: July 1, 2012	
SB 7016	Relating to Juvenile Justice Education and Workforce Programs	Education Pre-K - 12
	Juvenile Justice Education and Workforce Programs; Providing legislative intent regarding juvenile justice education and workforce-related programs; requiring that the Department of Juvenile Justice ensure that each juvenile justice education program meets specified minimum standards; creating the Florida Juvenile Justice Education Act; requiring that each juvenile justice education program involve the regional workforce board or economic development agency and local postsecondary institutions to determine the occupational areas for the education and workforce-related program; providing that if a program fails to meet the minimum passage rates, the program must discontinue enrollment and redirect students into a different industry certification area of high demand; requiring that the Department of Juvenile Justice hold the school districts and private providers accountable for performance outcomes until the youth are released from the department's supervision, etc. EFFECTIVE DATE: upon becoming a law	