



## 2022 SESSION OVERVIEW

After completing today's business, the Florida Legislature adjourned Sine Die 1:03pm concluding the 2022 Legislative Session.

The Session included:

- 3,735 Bills filed
- 1,896 Amendments filed
- 4,324 Votes taken
- 285 Bills passed both chambers.

Please find an overview of the budget below followed by key education legislation that has passed.

## BUDGET FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23

	2021-22 Third Cal	2022-23 FEFP Conference	Difference
Base Student Allocation	\$4,372	\$4,587	\$214*
Instructional Material	\$241,135,805	\$246,978,361	\$5,842,556 (statewide)
Mental Health Allocation	\$120,000,000	\$140,000,000	\$20,000,000 (statewide)
Reading Allocation	\$130,000,000	\$170,000,000	\$40,000,000 (statewide)
Safe School Allocation	\$180,000,000	\$210,000,000	\$30,000,000 (statewide)

Students Transportation	\$458,641,984	\$515,009,084	\$56,367,100 (statewide)
Teacher Salary Increase	\$550,000,000	\$800,000,000	\$250,000,000 (statewide)
Class size Reduction	\$2,837,752,505	\$2,896,071,526	\$58,319,021 (statewide)
Total per-student	\$7,750	\$8,143 (BCPS)	\$392

\*(expectation that all school district employees will be paid at least \$15/per hour by the 2022-23 school year).

The budget also includes \$500K for BCPS Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders program (subject to the Governor's approval). Two hundred million dollars has also been allocated for the "School Recognition Program"; however, twelve school districts, including BCPS, may not qualify for these funds (further analyses will be provided).

## LEGISLATION

**HB 7 – Individual Freedom:** Provides that subjecting individuals to specified concepts under certain circumstances constitutes discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin; revising requirements for instruction on the history of African Americans; requiring the department to prepare and offer certain standards and curriculum; authorizing the department to seek input from a specified organization for certain purposes; prohibits instructional materials reviewers from recommending instructional materials that contain any matter that contradicts certain principles; requires DOE to review school district professional development systems for compliance with certain provisions of law. Effective Date: July 1, 2022

**HB 235 – Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools:** Prohibits school personnel from using mechanical restraint on students with disabilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2022

**HB 395 – "Victims of Communism Day":** Requires Governor to proclaim November 7 of each year as "Victims of Communism Day"; requires a day to be observed in public schools & by public exercise; requires day other than November 7 to be observed by public schools under specified circumstance; requires high school students to receive specified instruction; requires SBE to adopt specified revised social studies standards. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**HB 461 – Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Student Service Requirements:** Authorizes student's service requirements for award under Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to be paid rather than volunteer; authorizes, rather than requiring, student to identify specified interest or develop plan for his or her service requirements. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

**HB 777 – Local Tax Referenda Requirements:** Requires referenda elections related to tourist development taxes, tourist impact taxes, children's services & independent special district property taxes, increases in county & municipal ad valorem tax millages, ninth-cent fuel tax, local option fuel taxes, & certain school district millage elections to be held on day of general elections. Effective Date: October 1, 2022

**HB 1421 – School Safety:** This bill modifies both state-level oversight of school safety requirements and school district-level emergency response procedures. The bill increases school safety oversight and accountability in the event of non-compliance of school safety requirements by a school district. Effective Date: July 1, 2022

**HB 1467 – Education:** This bill would establish term limits for school board members; deleting a requirement that district school boards maintain a specified list on their websites; requiring certain meetings relating to instructional materials to be noticed and open to the public; revising requirements for the department relating to the development of training programs for the selection of materials used in schools and library media centers; revising district school board requirements for the selection and adoption of certain materials. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

**HB 1557 – Parental Rights in Education:** This bill is a continuation of last year's bill. The bill requires districts to provide more information to parents regarding their student's educational experience. The bill would also limit discussions regarding LGBTQ+ issues in PreK-3 classrooms. If districts violate the provisions of this bill, parents may sue school districts for damages and legal fees. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

**SB 758 – Charter Schools:** The bill would establish a Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education. The Commission would be authorized to sponsor charter schools. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

**SB 1048 – Student Assessments:** The bill would transition from the FSA to a student progress monitoring system. Elements of the accountability system, such as school grades, student retention, promotion, and teacher evaluations, would remain in place; however, the bill would establish a baseline in the first year for future improvement ratings. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, and except for this section which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2022