



Legislative Affairs Department  
Broward County Public Schools

BILL OF INTEREST – SB 48  
Educational Scholarship Programs

## OVERVIEW

**SB 48 - Educational Scholarship Programs** by Diaz; Requiring the Auditor General to conduct certain audits at least every 3 years instead of annually; adding certain students to those whom district school boards must provide preferential treatment in the controlled open enrollment process; establishing the McKay-Gardiner Scholarship Program; prohibiting a student from participating in the program under certain circumstances; providing that program funding for specified children constitutes their full funding under part V of Ch. 1002; providing commissioner authority and obligations relating to suspending or revoking program participation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021.

**Passed, now in Appropriation Subcommittee on Education**

## FURTHER NOTES

SB 48 (vouchers) by Sen. Diaz passed its first committee. The bill combines and restructures many of the current Florida scholarships and voucher programs. SB 48 will consolidate the Family Empowerment, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship, and the Hope Scholarship program into one while funding it through the Florida Education Finance Program. The bill will also expand eligibility for vouchers, increase the number of vouchers, and financial impact school districts across the state.

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