



## OVERVIEW

The Legislature “Sine die” (adjourned) at 2:40p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021, concluding the 2021 Legislative Session. The Legislature passed significant education policy and budget items during this session. Most of the bills have not yet been signed by the Governor and are subject to his Veto. BCPS staff are analyzing the full impact that the Federal Stimulus Dollars will have on the State Budget; which may ultimately impact BCPS Federal funds. The budget is subject to the Governor's Veto in its entirety or on any line item.

### 2021-22 Budget

FEFP	Budget
BCPS K-12 Total Funds	\$2,053,787,780 (-\$23 million)
Total Funds per FTE	\$7,785 (-\$197)
Base Student Allocation	Level funding
Safe Schools Allocation	\$180 million (level funding)
Mental Health	\$120 million state-wide (+20 million)
Teacher Salary Increase	\$550 million state-wide (+50 million)
Class Size Allocation	\$2.8 billion state-wide (-\$300 million)
Guardian Funding	\$6.5 million state-wide
Adults with Disabilities	\$800K
Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders	\$400K
PECO (Capital)	\$182 million-Charters/ \$0 for Public Schools: No sharing of millage w/charters

### Major Bills that Passed

**SB 192** – Students with Disabilities in Public Schools: The bill limits the use of restraints and seclusion rooms. The bill would also establish a pilot program in Broward County that would require video

**SB 590** – School Safety: Revising parent, guardian, or caregiver notification requirements that must be met before an involuntary examination of a minor; requiring a principal or his or her designee who successfully notifies any known emergency contact to share only the information necessary to alert such contact that the parent or caregiver must be contacted;

requiring codes of student conduct to include provisions relating to civil citation or similar pre-arrest diversion programs for specified purposes; revising training requirements for school safety officers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2021

**SB 1028** – Charter Schools. The bill authorizes state college and universities to sponsor a charter school. The bill was amended to include limits on transgender student participation in high school athletics. The bill was also amended to authorize a parent or guardian to request that his or her K-5 student be retained in a grade level for academic reasons for a specified school year.

**SB 1108** – Education; Authorizing the Department of Education to hold patents, copyrights, trademarks, and service marks; establishing the Innovative Blended Learning and Real-Time Student Assessment Pilot Program within the department; requiring certain students to take a specified assessment relating to civic literacy; requiring certain postsecondary students to complete a civic literacy course and pass a specified assessment to demonstrate competency in civic literacy; requiring school districts to provide the SAT or ACT to grade 11 students beginning in a specified school year, etc.

**HB 3** – New Worlds of Reading Initiatives: The bill establishes the New Worlds Reading Initiative, which is designed to get free books sent to the homes of K-5 students reading below grade level. Districts will need to partner with local entities to help identify eligible students. The program includes students enrolled in charter schools. \$200 million was placed in the budget for this program, including \$125 million from federal stimulus funds.

**HB 5** – Civic Education Curriculum: Revises social studies high school graduation credit requirement; requires DOE to develop or approve integrated civic education curriculum that meets certain requirements; requires department to curate oral history resources to be used with such curriculum; requires department to approve civic education curricula submitted by school districts & charter schools.

**HB 35** – Legal Notices: Provides for website publication of legal notices; provides criteria for such publication; authorizes fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices; requires government agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices.

**HB 157** – First Aid Training in Public Schools: Revises grade levels that school districts are encouraged provide certain first aid training; requires school district provide specified grade levels with certain first aid training; provides requirements for such training.

**HB 173** – Individual Education Plan Requirements for Students with Disabilities: Revises provision related to development and implementation of IEPs for students with disabilities regarding postsecondary education and career opportunities including such IEP requirements, timeline, information provided, & statement of intent; requires DOE Education

to review specified services & programs; requires DOE to establish & publish uniform best practices for such services & programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

**HB 241** – Parents' Bill of Rights: The bill prohibits the state, its political subdivision, any other governmental entity or any other institution from infringing upon the fundamental right of a parent to direct the upbringing, education, health care, and mental health of his or her minor child.

**HB 337** – Impact Fees: Requires local governments & special districts to credit against collection of impact fees any contribution related to public facilities or infrastructure; provides conditions under which credits may not be applied; provides limitations on impact fee increases; provides retroactive operation; requires specified entities to submit affidavit attesting that impact fees were appropriately collected & expended; provides retroactive application; requires school districts to report specified information regarding impact fees.

**HB 419** – Early Learning and Early Grade Success: Revising approved child care or early education settings for the placement of certain children; providing for a type two transfer of the Gold Seal Quality Care program in the Department of Children and Families to the Office of Early Learning; revising the performance standards for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; authorizing certain students enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to receive intensive reading interventions using specified funds, etc.

**HB 519** – Required Health Education Instruction: Provides additional requirements for health education; revises grades when students receive certain health education instruction; requires health education instruction include prevention of specified harms.

**HB 529** – Moments of Silence in Public Schools. The bill requires principals to require teachers to set aside time for a moment of silence at start of each school day.

**HB 545** – Reproductive Health and Disease Education: Requires each school district to publish notice on district's website concerning parent's right to exempt student from reproductive health & disease education; requires district school boards to annually approve instructional materials relating to reproductive health & disease education in an open, noticed public meeting; specifies that reproductive health & disease education instructional materials are to be made available for public review & comment under specific process.

**HB 7045** – School Choice. This bill repeals the Gardiner Scholarship Program transitioning students to the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, repeals the McKay Scholarship effective July 1, 2022 - transitioning students to the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, and revises the scholarship amount for McKay. Additionally, the bill expands eligible and removes prior public-school attendance requirements, which will greatly increase the number of available vouchers in the state.