









Legislative Report: Interim Committee Week 1

OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its first Interim Committee Week, September 20 – 24, 2021, commencing the 2022 Legislative Session. The Appropriations Committee and Education Committee received presentations on the following topics: The Accountability System, the State Board of Education (SBOE) 2022-23 Legislative Budget Request (LBR), Federal Corona Virus Funds, updates on the implementation of HB 7011 (Student Literacy), and HB 1507 (Workforce related programs). The State Board of Education is requesting an increase of \$6.35 per student for the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Additionally, the House Pre K-12 Appropriations Committee Chair questioned the FLDOE staff during his committee hearing on why districts haven't spent their ESSER I and II dollars; specifically, the funds intended for identifying the 16,000 un-accounted for students throughout the state. FLDOE staff stated that all but one school district has submitted their plans to draw down the funds.

The Governor and the Commissioner held a roundtable discussion on the new <u>Accountability Proposal</u>, ending the FSA and fully transitioning to progress monitoring. The <u>roundtable discussed</u> the <u>initiative</u>; however, the exact language has yet to be released. The proposal is likely to be filed as a committee bill in the legislature in the coming weeks.

Please find below a summary of the Senate Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

Senate Education Committee

 Presentation on K-12 Standards, Assessment and Student Supports <u>Committee Video</u> <u>Committee Packet</u>

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

- Did not meet

Please find below a summary of the House Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

House Education & Employment Committee

- Did not meet

Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee

- Presentations on the implementation of HB 7011 (2021)

Committee Video

Committee Packet

Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee

 Presentation by the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help on the implementation of HB 1507

Committee Video

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House Pre-K Appropriations Subcommittee

- Overview of Legislative Budget Request for FY 2022-23:
 - Department of Education
 - Funds Projected Growth of 118,288 Students
 - o Maintains the Base Student Allocation
 - Maintains funding for Teacher Compensation
 - o Maintains funding for Mental Health and Safe School Allocations
 - o Maintains the 21-22 Required Local Effort
 - \$6.35 per student increase in the FEFP



- Presentation on the Non-enrollment Reports
- Update on Status of Allocations Versus Disbursements of Federal Corona Virus Funds
 Committee Video
 Committee Packet