









Legislative Report: Committee Week 2

OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its second week of session, January 18-21, 2022.

Of note, the following education bills were presented to committees this week:

HB 1557 - <u>(Parental Rights)</u> passed its first committee this week. 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 the classroom. If districts violate the provisions of this bill, parents may sue school districts for damages and legal fees. The bill was also filed in the Senate.

HB 1467 - <u>(K-12 Education)</u> passed its first committee. The bill would repeal the law establishing school board member compensation. It would also require that all books in school libraries be reviewed by a committee and be publicly listed for review.

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

Senate Education Committee

SB 148 – <u>Individual Freedom</u> by Diaz: Providing that subjecting any individual, as a condition of employment, membership, certification, licensing, credentialing, or passing an examination, to training, instruction, or any other required activity that espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates, or compels such individual to believe specified concepts constitutes discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin; revising the requirements for required instruction on health education; prohibiting instructional materials reviewers from recommending instructional materials that contain any matter that contradicts certain principles, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Rules**

SB 340 – <u>Care of Students with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorders</u> by Garcia; Providing for the creation of an individualized seizure action plan for a student with epilepsy or seizure disorders to receive health care at school; requiring school nurses or appropriate school

employees to coordinate the care of such students and ensure that specified training is provided to specified school employees and individuals; requiring school districts to provide specified information and training to school bus drivers who transport students with epilepsy or seizure disorders; providing immunity from liability under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law, **Passed**, **now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

- **SB 490** Required Instruction in the History of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders by Stewart; Requiring the history of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to be included in specified instruction, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**
- **SB 1294** <u>Individual Education Plan Meetings</u> by Gruters; Authorizing a parent of a public-school student to audio or video record any meeting with his or her child's individual education plan (IEP) team; requiring the parent to notify the school district in writing a specified time in advance of his or her intent to record the meeting; providing that parents have the right to audio or video record meetings with their child's IEP team, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

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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

- **HB 1467** <u>K-12 Education</u> by Garrison: Removes provisions relating to district school board members' salaries; & revises provisions relating to selection of instructional materials & other materials. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Committee**
- **HB 1557** <u>Parental Rights in Education</u> by Harding: Requires district school boards to adopt procedures that comport with provisions of law for notifying student's parent of specified information; requires procedures to reinforce fundamental right of parents to make decisions regarding upbringing & control of their children; provides requirements for such procedures, school districts, & personnel; requires DOE to review & update specified materials. Effective Date: This act shall take effect July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Judiciary Committee**

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Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee

Update on the implementation of early learning initiatives funded through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA Act)

Consideration of Bills on Agenda:

HB 15 – <u>Children with Developmental Delays</u> by Tant: Revises definition of term "exceptional student" to include additional students with developmental delays. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. Passed, now in PreK-12 Appropriations

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Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee

HB 225 – <u>Charter School</u> by Hawkins: Revises provisions relating to consolidation of multiple charter into single charter, renewals, nonrenewal, & terminations of charters. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Education**

HB 573 – Educator Certification Pathways for Veterans by Snyder: Authorizes DOE to issue temporary certificate to specified military servicemembers who meet certain criteria; requires teacher mentorship for specified military servicemembers who hold temporary certificate; specifies duration & issuance of temporary certificate for specified military servicemembers. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Local Administration & Veteran Subcommittee**

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House Pre-K Appropriations Subcommittee

Consideration of a Consent Agenda of Appropriation Project Bills. None were BCPS

Presentation and Discussion on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Florida Education Finance Program, 3rd Calculation

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