



Legislative Affairs Department Broward County Public Schools

Legislative Report: Interim Committee Week 6

OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its sixth and final Interim Committee Week, December 11–15, 2023, as part of the 2024 Legislative Session.

The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee observed a presentation of the Governor's recommended budget for fiscal year 2024-2025, and an update on the implementation of fiscal year 2023-2024 changes to the Florida Education Finance Program.

The House Education & Employment Committee observed presentations on apprenticeship and preapprenticeship policy and programs — a national and state perspective.

The Senate Committee on Education Pre-K-12 did not meet. The Senate Appropriations Committee on Education did not meet. The House Education Quality Subcommittee did not meet.

The Pre-Committee Weeks have concluded. The 2024 Regular Session will convene on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 and will end on March 8, 2024.

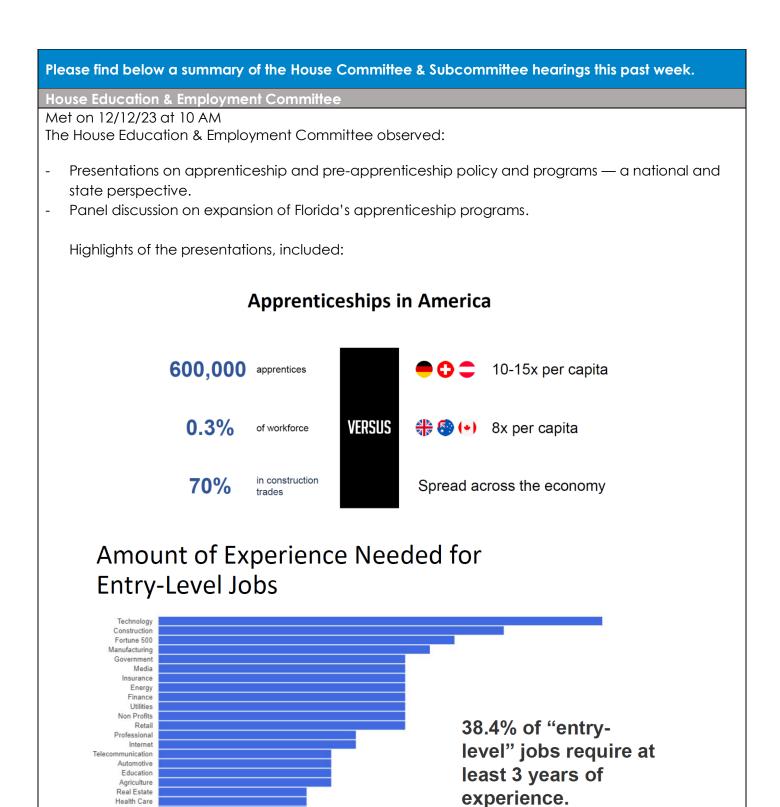
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Florida high school fined more than \$16K for allowing transgender athlete to play girls' volleyball <u>POLITICO</u>

Learn Local: Bills to Cut Red Tape, Support Neighborhood Schools Passed Committee <u>West Orlando</u> <u>News</u>

'You have to earn it': Top Florida Democrat visits colleges in outreach tour to young voters <u>WLRN</u> Sen. Lauren Book says DeSantis' positive view of Florida is a 'delusion,' criticizes budget <u>Florida's Voice</u> Kelly Skidmore, Christine Hunschofsky Battle to Lead Florida House Democrats After 2026 Elections <u>Florida</u> <u>Daily</u>

Habitat for Humanity of Broward recognizes lawmakers for historic affordable housing support <u>7 News</u> Florida Trial Lawyer State Rep Offers Condo ACV Bill as a Solution to Costs <u>Insurance Journal</u>



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Health Care Hospitality Pharmaceutical Transportation Start-up

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*In months, rounded to closest full month

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Source: Zippia

2022-2023 Apprenticeship Summary

	Apprenticeship	Preapprenticeship
Number of Programs	303	62
Number of New Programs	36	12
Number of Participants	17,435	2,170

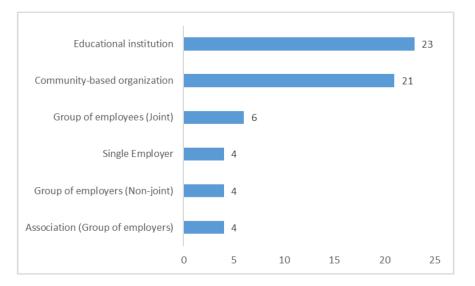
- 365 Registered Apprenticeship and Preapprenticeship Programs
- 19,605 Apprentices and Preapprentices Trained

Registered Apprenticeship Occupations

• Apprentices were trained in 120 occupations in 13 career clusters during the 2022-2023 program year.

Career Cluster	Number of Occupations
Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources	3
Architecture & Construction	38
Arts, A/V Technology & Communication	5
Business Management and Administrative	5
Education & Training	3
Energy	9
Finance	1
Health Science	14
Hospitality & Tourism	1
Information Technology	7
Law, Public Safety & Security	2
Manufacturing	20
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics	12
TOTAL	120

2022-23 Preapprenticeship Programs by Sponsor Type



2022-23 PCOG Award Summary By Region and Sponsor

22-23-Awarded	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Statewide
Employer and Industry Sponsors	\$-	\$369,735.00	\$1,375,297.00	\$1,015,334.00	\$-	\$1,289,856.00	\$-	\$489,444.00	\$314,945.00	\$2,653,151.00
University	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$455,875.00
FCS	\$-	\$117,469.00	\$163,426.00	\$-	\$-	\$3,731,665.00	\$930,078.00	\$-	\$456,830.00	\$-
School District	\$99,270.00	\$-	\$139,988.00	\$637,225.00	\$609,224.00	\$1,407,366.00	\$-	\$367,140.00	\$149,916.00	\$-

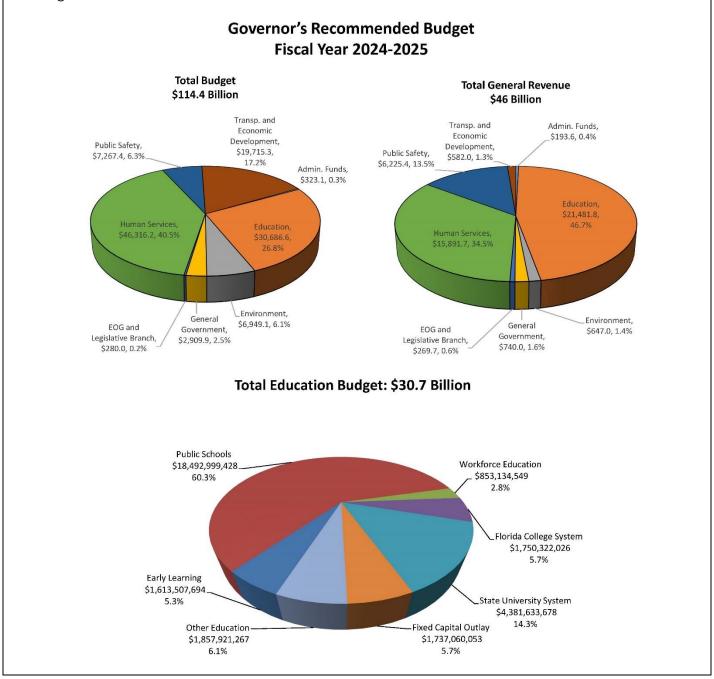
23-24-Awarded	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Statewide
Employer and Industry Sponsors	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$1,211,000.00	\$1,671,106.00	\$616,330.00	\$71,480.00	\$400,000.00	\$58,279.00	\$151,370.00	\$5,548,193.00
University	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$670,000.00	\$245,660.00
FCS	\$0.00	\$122,708.00	\$0.00	\$227,943.00	\$36,480.00	\$0.00	\$312,980.00	\$350,000.00	\$275,484.00	\$0.00
School District	\$118,142.00	\$0.00	\$506,571.00	\$40,000.00	\$619,315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,083,679.00	\$0.00

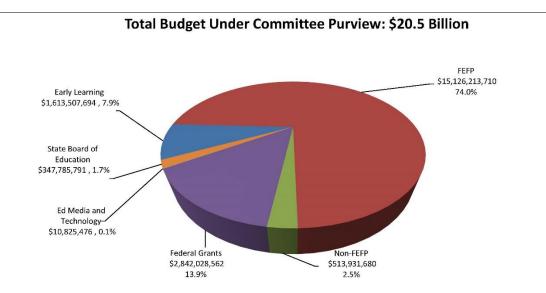
<u>Committee Video</u> / <u>Committee Packet</u> / <u>Apprenticeships for America Presentation</u> / <u>Apprentice Florida Presentation</u> House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Met on 12/13/23 at 1:30 PM

The House PreK-12 Appropriation Subcommittee observed:

- Presentation of the Governor's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
- Update on the Implementation of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Changes to the Florida Education Finance Program.





FY 2024-25 Budget – FTE Recommendations

Agency	FY 2023-24 FTE	FY 2024-25 Governor Recommended FTE Reduction	FY 2024-25 Governor Recommended FTE Increase	FY 2024-25 Governor Recommended FTE Net Increase/ Decrease	FY 2024-25 FTE Proposed
SBE	1,046.00	-41.00	8.00	-33.00	1,013.00

The Fiscal Year 2024-25 Governor's Recommended Budget provides for a net reduction of over 1,000 FTE statewide.

Key Investments in Early Learning

Major Issues Funded	Amount
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Operational Funding Summer Bridge Program	Total funding of \$456 million \$450 million \$6 million
Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Program (T.E.A.C.H.)	\$10 million
Home Instruction Program for Pre-School Youngsters (HIPPY)	\$3.9 million
Help Me Grow Network	\$4.5 million

Key Investments in K-12 Public Education					
Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)	Amount				
Total Funding	\$27.8 billion				
Per-Student Funding Increase	\$8,667 to \$8,842				
Teacher Salary Allocation Increase	\$200 million to \$1.25 billion				
Base Student Allocation Increase	\$5,140 to \$5,247				
Mental Health Allocation Increase	\$20 million to \$180 million				
Safe Schools Allocation Increase	\$40 million to \$290 million				
Student Transportation Allocation Increase	\$20 million to \$555.8 million				

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Additional K-12 Investments

Major Issues Funded	Amount
School Safety Initiatives	Total funding of \$551.5 million
Civic Engagement Florida Debate Initiative Regional Civics Literacy Captains and Coaches Civics Professional Development Florida Civics Seal of Excellence	Total funding of \$52.8 million \$1.5 million \$3.5 million \$2.8 million \$45 million
Promoting Computer Science	\$10 million
Heroes in the Classroom Bonus Initiative	\$10 million

<u>Committee Video</u> / <u>Committee Packet</u> / Presentation Fiscal Operation of the Tallahassee Collegiate Academy / Presentation on Add-on Weights

Please find below a summary of Senate and House bills filed for the 2024 regular session.

Senate Bills Filed for the 2024 Regular Session – Relative to BCPS

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SB 46: Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program by Stewart

Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program; Providing that tutoring provided through the tutoring program established as part of the Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program may be provided after the school day; authorizing school districts that participate in the tutoring program to provide a stipend to instructional personnel and high school students who serve as tutors under the program, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Education Pre-K -12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules

SB 52: Anaphylaxis in Public Schools by Stewart

Anaphylaxis in Public Schools; Requiring the Department of Education to publish on its website each district school board's anaphylaxis policy; requiring each district school board to adopt an anaphylaxis policy; requiring a certain percentage of specified school personnel to receive certain training within a specified timeframe, etc.

Education Pre-K -12; Appropriations Committee on Education; Fiscal Policy

<u>SB 136: Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Classroom Teachers</u> by Berman

Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Classroom Teachers; Citing this act as the "Save Our Teachers Act"; increasing the minimum base salary for full-time classroom teachers and certain prekindergarten teachers, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Committee on Education; Appropriations

<u>SB 200: Educator Certification</u> by Gruters

Requiring the Department of Education to develop and establish a method for a person holding a professional educator certificate to place a professional certificate in inactive status while the person teaches at a nonaccredited school, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 240: International Baccalaureate Teacher Bonuses</u> by Burton

International Baccalaureate Teacher Bonuses; Revising the requirements for the calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership and certain bonuses based on International Baccalaureate examination scores of students to include students who earn equivalent scores as determined by the Department of Education, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 246: Conversion Charter Schools</u> by Harrell

Revising the requirements for an application for a conversion charter school; authorizing municipalities to apply for the conversion of specified public schools to charter schools; authorizing the Charter School Review Commission to solicit and review applications for conversion charter schools, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 294: Instructional Hours for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program by Davis

Revising the instructional hours required in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to provide for an 8-hour program day in the school-year and summer programs, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 300: Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch Program</u> by Berman

Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to establish and operate a program to provide universal free school breakfast and lunch meals to all public school students; deleting provisions requiring school districts to implement and charge students for a breakfast program; authorizing school districts to operate free school meal programs using offsite food preparation locations, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 342: School Readiness Program by Jones

Revising the definition of the term "economically disadvantaged" for purposes of the school readiness program, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 344: Required Instruction in the History of African Americans by Jones

Prohibiting specified instruction and state academic standards from indicating or implying that an enslaved person benefited from slavery or the enslavement experience in any way, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 394: School Employees by Ingoglia

Citing this act as "Stratton's Law"; requiring courts that issue risk protection orders to require that the petitioner immediately notify the respondent's employer or entity of service of the issuance of a risk protection order if the respondent meets specified criteria and to notify the respondent of such notice requirement if the court issues such an order; requiring instructional personnel to disclose to their employer any prior arrests, criminal convictions, guilty pleas, pleas of nolo contendere, and any criminal records that were expunged, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 396: Holocaust Remembrance Day</u> by Berman

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim a specified day as "Holocaust Remembrance Day"; requiring that "Holocaust Remembrance Day" be observed in this state's public schools and be observed by public exercise as the Governor may designate, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 430: Florida High School Athletic Association</u> by Simon

Requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt bylaws requiring member schools to provide certain health care services to student athletes; providing minimum requirements for such bylaws, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 432: Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds by Simon

Citing this act as the "HeartCharged Act"; requiring each public school to have at least one automated external defibrillator on school grounds; encouraging each charter school and private school to have at least one defibrillator on school grounds and to comply with specified requirements; providing immunity from liability for school employees and students under the Good Samaritan Act and the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act; requiring the Commissioner of Education, at his or her sole discretion, to create and disseminate specified protocols and plans relating to the use of defibrillators in schools, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 460: Career and Technical Education by Perry

Providing an exemption for minors to work in specified conditions; revising the requirements for an annual career fair to include allowing certain employers to meet with students regarding career and technical education; revising the requirements for certain courses to receive the same rate as honors courses for purposes of student grade point averages; revising the qualifications for specified teachers of career programs, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 530: Florida High School Athletic Association Student Eligibility Requirements by DiCeglie</u>

Requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt bylaws prohibiting a student who is sentenced as an adult for specified offenses from participating in certain competitions, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 546: Access to High School Sports by Collins

Deleting a specified limitation relating to the participation of certain private school students in a specified Florida High School Athletic Association program, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 620: School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program</u> by Simon

Establishing the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; providing for the award of stipends for classroom teacher mentorship, subject to appropriation; providing program requirements relating to program contracts, standards, mentor requirements, and meeting requirements, etc.

SB 624: Career-themed Courses by Simon

Revising the number of career-themed courses that must be offered by a school district; requiring at least two career-themed courses to meet certain requirements; revising the number of clock hours required for a certain component used to determine a school's grade, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 626: Dual Enrollment Programs by Simon

Requiring a district school board to enter into a dual enrollment articulation agreement with a local Florida College System institution that has the capacity to offer in-person or online dual enrollment courses, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 686: Prohibited Discrimination Based on Hairstyle by Powell

Citing this act as the "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act" or "CROWN Act"; prohibiting discrimination based on protected hairstyle in the K-20 public education system; defining the terms "race" and "protective hairstyles" for purposes of antidiscrimination requirements for private schools participating in the state school choice scholarship program, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 728: K-12 Instructional Personnel Salary Schedules</u> by Trumbull

Authorizing district school boards to use advanced degrees in setting salary schedules for instructional personnel, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 748: Charter School Capital Outlay Funding by Davis

Requiring a charter school to provide certain information to its sponsor to be eligible to receive capital outlay funds; providing that a charter school is ineligible for such funds if it fails to provide such information, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 820: Child Care and Early Learning Providers by Grall

Providing an exemption for public and private preschools from specified special assessments levied by a municipality; defining the term "preschool"; authorizing the use of credits against certain taxes beginning on a specified date; providing a limitation on such credits; requiring repayment of tax credits under certain conditions and using a specified formula; revising licensing standards for all licensed child care facilities and minimum standards and training requirements for child care personnel, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 916: School Readiness Program</u> by Calatayud

Revising requirements for the sliding fee scale for families receiving school readiness program services to include a new method to calculate parent copayments at the time of eligibility determination and annually thereafter, regardless of the number of children; revising requirements for the data elements that must be collected and reported by the Department of Education; revising the method for determining the annual allocation for the school readiness program; deleting a provision relating to certain expenditures from the Gold Seal Quality Care Program allocation, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 928: Required Instruction in the History of the Holocaust and the History of African Americans</u> by Thompson

Authorizing the Department of Education to contract with specified entities to develop specified training and resources; requiring the department to annually verify that school districts, charter schools,

and specified private schools implement certain instruction relating to the history of the Holocaust and the history of African Americans and providing requirements therefor; requiring certain statewide, standardized assessments to include curricula content from the history of the Holocaust and the history of African Americans, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SB 958: Local Government Employees</u> by Martin

Revising the base salary used to calculate the compensation of county tax collectors; defining the term "tax collector employee"; providing that tax collector employees are eligible to receive specified monetary benefits from the state for adopting children within the child welfare system; revising the base salary used to calculate the compensation of district school superintendents, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SPB 7000: Deregulation of Public Schools/Instructional, Administrative, and Support Personnel</u> by Fiscal Policy and Education Pre-K -12

Requiring innovation schools of technology to comply with specified provisions of law relating to instructional multiyear contracts for instructional personnel in addition to annual contracts; requiring newly hired prekindergarten instructors to complete specified training within a specified timeframe; requiring the State Board of Education to develop written strategies to address critical teacher shortages; revising requirements for school bus drivers; revising requirements for individuals to participate in the Teacher Apprenticeship Program; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules to provide for the transition to or renewal of a 10-year professional certificate in certain situations, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

<u>SPB 7002: Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and</u> <u>Administration and Oversight</u> by Fiscal Policy and Education Pre-K -12

Providing that district school boards are not subject to certain rule requirements under certain circumstances; requiring a district school board to advertise its intent to adopt a tentative budget on a publicly available website if it does not advertise such intent in a newspaper of general circulation; requiring district school boards to provide personnel access to facilities for emergency management, rather than staffing such facilities, or perform other specified duties as may be required in the county emergency management plan; revising requirements for signage that must be posted on certain school buses; requiring the Department of Education to annually inform district school superintendents that they may petition to receive a specified declaratory statement, etc.

SPB 7004: Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education

Choice by Fiscal Policy and Education Pre-K -12

Revising how often a school district or charter school must update its school capacity determination; deleting a requirement for the Commissioner of Education to provide for an annual comparative evaluation of charter technical career centers and public technical centers; deleting a requirement regarding assessment procedures for Department of Juvenile Justice education programs; providing additional options for a school that completes a plan cycle but does meet certain requirements; deleting a requirement for the Commissioner of Education to review specified feedback reports and submit findings to the State Board of Education, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

House Bills Filed for the 2024 Regular Session – Relative to BCPS

HB 13: Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Teachers by Edmonds

Increases minimum base salary for certain teachers. Effective Date: July 1, 2024 PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee; Appropriations Committee

HB 25: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program by Edmonds

Revises student eligibility criteria for specified awards within Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee; Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee

HB 65: Anaphylaxis in Public Schools by Harris, Joseph

Requires DOE to publish on its website each district school board's anaphylaxis policy; requires each district school board to adopt anaphylaxis policy; provides requirements for such policy & specified training.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Education Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee

HB 71: Homestead Tax Exemptions for School District Levies by Garcia

Removes provision in order to allow current exemption to also apply to school district levies. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 69 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose.

Ways & Means Committee; Education & Employment Committee; Appropriations Committee

HB 109: Conversion Charter Schools by Andrade

Revises requirements for application for conversion charter school; authorizes municipalities to apply for conversion of specified public schools to charter schools; & authorizes Charter School Review Commission to solicit & review applications for conversion charter schools. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 131: Compulsory School Attendance by Chambliss

Revises required age for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age; removes requirement that student's parent sign declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment; removes requirement that school district notify student's parent upon receipt of such declaration; & provides that adult education high school equivalency programs meet specified attendance requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

HB 139: Access to High School Sports by Plasencia

Removes specified limitation relating to participation of certain private school students in FHSAA programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 315: Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program by Williams

Authorizes tutoring to be provided after school day; & authorizes school districts that participate in specified tutoring program to provide stipend to instructional personnel & high school students serving as tutors for after-school tutoring.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 333: School District Levies by Garcia

Requires school district levies for certain properties to be assessed in same manner as other levies. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 361: School Readiness Program by Gantt

Revises definition for term "economically disadvantaged" for purposes of school readiness program.

HB 387: Holocaust Remembrance Day by Harris

Requires Governor to proclaim specified day of each year as "Holocaust Remembrance Day"; requires such day to be observed in public schools & by public exercises as Governor may designate; requires educational instruction to be provided.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

HB 393: School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program by Hinson and Gonzalez Pittman

Establishes School Teacher Training & Mentoring Program within DOE; & provides requirements for program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 399: School Employees by Temple

Requires risk protection orders include whether respondent is serving as district school board member or employed as instructional personnel; requires court issuing risk protection order to require petitioner to immediately notify respondent's employer of issuance of order if respondent meets specified criteria; requires instructional personnel to disclose to employer any prior arrests & any criminal records that were expunged.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 417: Educational Services in Department of Juvenile Justice Programs by López, J. (CO-SPONSORS) Eskamani

Requires school districts to annually provide certain students in juvenile justice program with at least one opportunity to take high school equivalency examination at no cost to student. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 441: Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds by Yarkosky

Requires each public school to have at least one AED on school grounds; provides requirements for AEDs; encourages public schools to have sufficient number of AEDs & to establish public & private partnerships & seek gifts, grants, & other donations; encourages charter schools & private schools to have at least one AED on school grounds & to meet specified requirements; authorizes such schools to utilize specified state contracts; provides immunity from liability; requires DOE to enter into statewide contracts for specified purposes & to adopt rules; requires Commissioner of Education to create & disseminate protocols & plans.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 477: Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch Program by Tant

Requires DACS to establish & operate universal free school breakfast & lunch program for public school students; provides program requirements & authorization for school districts. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 483: Education by Gonzalez Pittman

Revises provisions & provides requirements for computer science in K-12 schools; revises provisions relating to weighted GPA calculations for certain courses; revises provisions relating to Bright Futures Scholarship Program; & establishes Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 537: Student Achievement by Valdés

Requires certified school counselor to provide specified academic counseling to freshmen students; prohibits students from participating in their school's graduation ceremony; revises requirements for certain assessment graduation requirements; creates Music-based Supplemental Content to Accelerate Learner Engagement & Success Pilot Program within DOE.

HB 545: Florida High School Athletic Association Student Eligibility Requirements by Jacques

Requires FHSAA to adopt bylaws prohibiting students who are sentenced as adults for specified offenses from participating in certain competitions; & provides applicability. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 615: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in K-12 Schools by Stark

Requires district school boards to adopt policy requiring certain school personnel to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; provides requirements for such policy; & provides for staggered implementation of such policy.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 635: Child Care and Early Learning Providers by McFarland

Revises positions related to tax credits for corporations providing or paying for child care; licensing standards for child care facilities; child care personnel; minimum standards; child care regulation; & large family child care homes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 643: Prohibited Discrimination Based on Hairstyle in the Education System by Driskell

Prohibits discrimination based on protected hairstyle in Florida K-20 public education system; provides that term "race" includes protected hairstyles for purposes of United States Code within public & private education system.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 847: School Readiness Program by Bartleman

Revises criteria for child to receive priority for participation in school readiness program; provides eligibility requirements for school readiness program provider to receive specified funding. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 883: Short-acting Bronchodilator Use in Public and Private Schools by Koster

Authorizes certain public & private school students to carry short-acting bronchodilators & components; provides school district, public school, private school, and parental requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2024