



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its fifth week of Session, February 10-14. Both the Senate and the House have passed their respective budgets. They will enter the budget conference \$105 million apart on the K-12 education budget. The major difference between the House and Senate is the teacher salary allocation (\$500 million in the Senate vs. \$650 million in the House). The House proposal calls for a \$65 million increase in education funding for BCPS or a \$227 (\$50 BSA)/2.99%* increase per student. The Senate's proposal calls for a \$47 million increase, or \$172 (\$40 BSA)/2.26 %* per student.

The Senate and House have also passed their FRS Bill. The increase for school boards statewide is \$232 million (about \$23 million for BCPS). The impact to school districts will be discussed during budget negotiations.

[Senate Budget Materials](#)

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Additionally, several bills moved through the legislative process. HB 7079, which will require district to select the ACT or SAT as an assessment and would phase out the statewide, standardized Geometry end of-course assessment and grade 9 ELA passed its second committee. HB 7065 implements some additional recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission passed its final committee.

Additionally, SB 1216, which would establish term limits for school board members, passed its second committee. The House bill has passed its final committee and is now on the Floor. Also, SB 1340 (Legal Notices) was Temporarily Postponed. The Bill would allow government agencies to post meeting notices online instead of in the newspaper.

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Florida has new school standards. Did it dump the Common Core? [Tampa Bay Times](#)
 Scholarship discrimination should be 'obliterated,' Florida Board of Education member says. [Tampa Bay Times](#)

TALLAHASSEE: THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Senate and House Education Budget

FLORIDA EDUCATION FINANCE PROGRAM (BCPS-before the charters pro rata share)

	2019-2020	Senate	House
Per-Student	\$7,625.80	\$7,797.93 (\$172.13 or 2.26% increase/ student)	\$7,853.76 (\$227.96 increase or 2.99%/ student)
Base Student Allocation	\$4,279.49	\$4,319.66 (\$40 increase/ student)	\$4,329.49 (\$50 increase/ student)
Safe Schools Allocation	\$15,975,643	LEVEL FUNDING	LEVEL FUNDING
Mental Health Assistance	\$6,530,577	\$8,829,341 (\$2,298,764 increase)	\$8,829,341 (\$2,298,764 increase)
Compression Allocation	\$2,120,951	\$2,020,817 (\$100,134 decrease)	No funding (\$2,120,951 decrease)
Digital Classrooms Allocation	\$428,405	\$426,648 (\$1,757 decrease)	No funding (\$428,405)
Salary Enhancement	\$0	\$47,367,150**	\$60,422,704**
Total Funding	\$2,043,811,893	\$2,094,436,005 (\$50,624,112 increase)	\$2,109,432,036 (\$65,620,114 increase)
FRS Increase		\$23,000,000 (estimated) (\$75 per student)	\$23,000,000 (estimated) (\$75 per student)
Total FEFP Funding Minus Teacher Salary & FRS Increase		(\$27,624,112)	(\$42,620,114)

** **Senate:** \$500 million- \$400 million for a minimum salary and \$100 million for veteran teachers and other staff such as Pre-K teachers, social workers, guidance counselors, etc. **House:** \$650 million -\$500 million for a minimum salary and \$150 million for veteran teachers.

Prek-12 Education:

[SB 662](#) – [School Grading System by Wright](#); Revising the calculation of school grades to include certain students who completed a specified number of program and earned a specified score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, etc. **Passed by 8-0, now In Military and Veteran Affairs and Space**

[SB 1100](#) – [Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program by Rouson](#); Establishing the Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of skill in fine arts coursework; providing criteria to earn the Seal of Fine Arts; requiring the Commissioner of Education and school districts to perform specified duties to administer the program; prohibiting a school district or the Department of Education from charging a fee for the seal, etc. **Passed by 8-0, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.**

[SB 1216](#) – [Limitation on Terms of Office for Members of a District School Board](#) by Gruters; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the terms of office for a member of a district school board, etc. **Passed by 5-3, now in Rules.**

[SB 1550](#) – [High School Graduation Requirements](#) by Cruz; Requiring students to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid in order to be awarded a standard high school diploma; providing an exception, etc. Passed by 8-0, now in Appropriation Subcommittee on Education. **Passed by 5-3, now in Rules.**

[SB 1628](#) – [Holocaust Education](#) by Book; Including the study of a specified policy against anti-Semitism in specified instruction; providing school district, charter school, and Department of Education requirements relating to such instruction; authorizing the department to work with certain Holocaust educational organizations for specified purposes relating to the required instruction, etc. **Passed by 8-0, now in Appropriations.**

[SB 1664](#) – [Students With Disabilities in Public Schools](#) by Book; Requiring school districts to prohibit the use of seclusion on students with disabilities in public schools; prohibiting specified restraint techniques; requiring a video camera to be placed in specified classrooms upon the request of a parent; requiring schools to provide written notice to certain individuals of the placement of a video camera; requiring continuing education and inservice training for instructional personnel teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities, etc. **Passed by 8-0, now in Appropriations.**

[SB 1750](#) – [High School Graduation Requirements](#) by Montford; Revising the credit requirements to earn a standard high school diploma to include career and technical education rather than practical arts; specifying that eligible courses are identified in the Course Code Directory, etc. **Passed by 5-3, now in Rules.**

[SB 7042](#) – [State University Facility Designations Govern](#) by Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Requiring the Board of Governors to adopt regulations regarding the naming or renaming of state university facilities; specifying elements that must be addressed in the naming or renaming process; providing applicability; deleting a prohibition against the naming of facilities in a certain manner, etc. **Passed by 7-1, now in Rules.**

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

[SB 156](#) – [Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program](#) by Diaz; Extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot program; revising an eligibility requirement, etc. **Passed by 6-0, now in the Appropriation.**

[SB 866](#) – [Florida Talent Development Council](#) by Diaz; Requiring the council to submit, by a specified date, a report with recommendations related to the Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program, or a similar program, to the Governor, the Legislature, the Board of Governors, and the State Board of Education; requiring the P-TECH program to incorporate secondary and postsecondary education with workforce education and work experience, etc. **Passed by 6-0, now in the Appropriation.**

[SB 918](#) – [Civic Education](#) by Brandes; Requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop minimum criteria for a nonpartisan civic literacy practicum for high school students, beginning with a specified school year; authorizing students to apply the hours they devote to practicum activities to certain community service requirements; requiring the State Board of Education to designate certain high schools as Freedom Schools, based on criteria the board establishes relating to students' civic learning and civic engagement, etc. **Passed by 6-0, now in the Appropriation.**

[SB 1420](#) – [Charter Schools](#) by Flores; Prohibiting sponsors from refusing to receive a charter school application submitted during the calendar year; revising how charter schools operated by not-for-profit or municipal entities may use certain unrestricted current and capital assets; specifying how many applications a high-performing charter school may submit in any school district in the state to establish and operate a new charter school; revising the virtual instruction a virtual charter school may provide, etc. **Passed by 6-0, now in the Appropriation.**

[SB 1784](#) – [Charter Schools](#) by Gainer; Prohibiting sponsors from refusing to receive a charter school application submitted during the calendar year; revising how charter schools operated by not-for-profit or municipal entities may use certain unrestricted current and capital assets; specifying how many applications a high-performing charter school may submit in any school district in the state to establish and operate a new charter school; revising the virtual instruction a virtual charter school may provide, etc. **Passed by 7-0, now in the Appropriation.**

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

Education Committee

[HB 445](#) – School Grading System by Gregory: Revises calculation of school grades to include certain students who earned specified score on ASVAB. **Passed by 18-0, now in the House floor.**

[HB 883](#) – Education by Duggan: Requiring DOE to maintain a disqualification list of certain individuals; revises provisions relating to employment & termination of certain public school & private school employees; revises duties of DOE, Commissioner of Education, & school districts relating to employee conduct & employment & termination of certain public school & private school employees. **Passed by 14-0, now in the House floor.**

[HB 935](#) – Solar Energy Systems in Educational Facilities by Webb: Prohibits costs associated with certain solar energy systems from being included in certain cost per student station limitations. **Passed by 15-0, now in the House Floor.**

[HB 953](#) – Charter Schools by McClains: Authorizes state universities & Florida College System institutions to sponsor charter schools; revises reporting & accountability requirements; provides for funding; authorizes career & professional academy to be offered by charter school. **Passed by 15-0, now in the House Floor.**

[HB 1213](#) – Holocaust Education by Caruso: Includes study of specified policy against anti-Semitism in specified instruction; provides school district, charter school, & DOE requirements relating to such instruction; authorizes DOE to contract with certain Holocaust educational organizations for specified purposes. **Passed by 14-0, now in the House floor.**

[HB 1231](#) – Students with Disabilities in Public Schools: Prohibits use of seclusion on students; revises provisions relating to use of restraint on certain students; provides DOE, school district, school, & personnel requirements; provides for placement of video camera in specified classrooms; provides requirements for such placement; requires continuing education & inservice training for teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities. **Passed by 14-0, now in the House floor.**

[HB 1335](#) – Florida Virtual Education by LaMarca: Revises provisions relating to the Board of Trustees for FLVS, marketing for FLVS, virtual charter schools, & virtual instruction providers; creates executive director & OIG for FLVS. **Passed by 14-0, now in the House floor.**

[HB 1203](#) – Pathways to Career Opportunities by Mariano: Requires Commissioner of Education to submit to certain entities report with recommendations relating to implementation of Pathways in Technology Early College High School program; provides requirements for such program & report; provides for expiration. **Passed by 14-0, now in the House floor.**

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PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 737](#) – Moments of Silence in Public Schools by Daniels: Requires moment at beginning of each school day & provides requirements for such moment of silence. **Passed by 8-0, now in Education**

[HB 1013](#) – Early Learning and Early Grade Success by Alopis: Deletes Office of Early Learning; creates Division of Early Learning within DOE; revises provisions relating to early learning coalitions; VPK & school readiness programs; & DOE responsibilities & duties relating to early learning. **Passed by 8-0, now in Education**

[HB 1207](#) – Measurement of Student Performance by Bell: Requires Commissioner of Education to annually provide specified results to school districts by certain date. Passed by 8-0, now in Education

[HB 7079](#) – Education by Aloupis: Revises provisions relating to DOE powers & duties, Florida Partnership for Minority and Underrepresented Student Achievement, statewide assessment program, turnaround options & plans, school grading system, & turnaround school supplemental services allocation; & provides appropriation. Passed by 8-0, now in Education

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