



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its fifth Interim Committee Week, November, 12 – 15, 2019. The Appropriations Committee and Education Committees received presentations on the following topics: member appropriations project request, school hardening funds and mental health. Also, the Education Committee passed several bills (the bills as included below). Additionally, the Health Market Reform Subcommittee passed HB 81 (Medicaid School-based Services). The Bill would allow school districts to access additional federal funds for health services for our students.

Also this week, the Governor announced his proposal to replace the Best and Brightest Program with the new Florida Classroom Teacher and Florida School Principal Bonus Program. The program would cost \$300 million.

Florida Classroom Teacher and Florida School Principal Bonus Program.

The Governor's proposal would provide bonuses to classroom teachers and school principals whose schools meet one of the following tier structures:

- Tier 1: Schools earn 85 percent or greater of the total possible points or gain 6 or more points in their A-F school grading calculation;
- Tier 2: Schools gaining 3 to 5 points in their A-F school grading calculation; or
- Tier 3: Schools gaining 1 to 2 points in their A-F school grading calculation.

The bonus award amounts for **teachers** are as follows:

- Tier 1: Title I schools will receive a bonus of up to \$7,500 and non-Title I schools receive up to \$3,700;
- Tier 2: Title I schools will receive a bonus of up to \$3,500 and non-Title I schools receive up to \$1,750; and
- Tier 3: Title I schools will receive a bonus of up to \$1,000 and non-Title I schools receive up to \$500.

The bonus award amounts for **principals** are as follows:

- Tier 1: Title I schools will receive a bonus of up to \$10,000 and non-Title I schools receive up to \$5,000;
- Tier 2: Title I schools will receive a bonus of up to \$5,000 and non-Title I schools receive up to \$2,500; and
- Tier 3: Title I schools will receive a bonus of up to \$2,500 and non-Title I schools receive up to \$1,250.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Governor DeSantis rolls out new teacher bonus proposal: [Tampa Bay Times](#)
 After another shooting, Parkland-inspired group rallies in empty Florida Capitol: [Tampa Bay Times](#)

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

Senate Education Committee

The Committee met and voted on the following bills:

SB 120 by Pizzo — Naloxone in Schools; Authorizing a public school to purchase a supply or enter into an arrangement to receive a supply of the opioid antagonist naloxone for a certain purpose; requiring the school district to adopt a protocol for the administration of naloxone; providing that a school district and its employees and agents and the physician who provides the protocol are not liable for any injury arising from the administration of the naloxone pursuant to the protocol, etc. Passed, now in Health Policy.

SB 130 by Hutson — Florida Job Growth Grant Fund; Authorizing the Governor to approve workforce training grants to certain charter schools under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund; authorizing certain charter schools to apply for specified grant funds, etc. Passed now in Education.

SB 154 by Thurston — Human Trafficking Education in Schools; Revising the required health education in public schools to include information regarding the dangers and signs of human trafficking; requiring the Department of Legal Affairs to develop human trafficking awareness campaigns, etc. Passed, now in Criminal Justice.

SB 156 by Perry — Early Childhood Music Education Incentive Pilot Program; Extending the scheduled expiration of the pilot program, etc. Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

SB 168 by Cruz — Drinking Water in Public Schools; Subject to legislative appropriation, requiring each school district to install filters that meet certain specifications on drinking water sources; requiring such schools to post certain signage on certain water sources and to publish specified information on the school district's website; authorizing school districts to request additional funding to compensate school district staff for the installation or replacement of filters, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$3,000,000. Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.

SB 356 by Hutson — Keep Our Graduates Working Act; Creating the "Keep Our Graduates Working Act of 2020"; prohibiting a state authority from suspending or revoking a person's professional license, certificate, registration, or permit solely on the basis of a delinquency

or default in the payment of his or her student loan, etc. Passed, now in Innovation, industry and Technology.

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House Committee Hearings

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

House Appropriation Subcommittee

Presentation on the Status and Uses of School Hardening Funds for Fiscal Years 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

Presentation on the Department of Education's Implementation of Mental Health Awareness and Assistance Training for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

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