



## OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its fourth week of session, January 31- February 4, 2022.

Both Senate and House released their education budgets for the 2021-2022 school year. The Senate budget calls for an increase of \$239 in the Base Student Allocation (expectation that all school district employees will be paid at least \$15/per hour by the 2022-23 school year), while the House calls for an increase \$150 in the Base Student Allocation. Please note, the House plan includes a new categorical called "Putting Parents First Adjustment". The adjustment is a \$200 million penalty to the 12 districts that adopted mask mandates and targets the salaries of non-school based district administrators within those districts. Funds would be taken from those districts, then distributed to the 55 districts as an award for not requiring masks.

Please see below for the main categoricals:

Allocation	Senate	House
Base Student Allocation	Increase of \$239	Increase of \$150
School Safety	Increase of \$30M	Increase of \$30M
Mental Health	Increase of \$20M	Level Funding
Teacher salary increase	Increase of \$50M	Increase of \$250M
Total per-student funding (state-wide)		

The budgets will now move to the Appropriations Committee in both chambers before heading to the Floor for a full vote, at which time a more detailed budget summary will be available. Once the respective chambers pass their budget, they will commence negotiating their differences during the budget conference.

The following education bills of interest were presented to committees this week:

**SB 1048** (Student Assessments) passed its second committee. The bill would transition from the FSA to a student progress monitoring system. Elements of the accountability system such as school grades, student retention, promotion, and teacher evaluations would remain in place; however, the bill would establish a baseline in the first year for future improvement ratings (more information on the bill below and committee packet).

**HB 1193** (School Safety) passed its second committee: This bill modifies both state-level oversight of school safety requirements and school district-level emergency response procedures. The bill increases school safety oversight and accountability in the event of non-compliance of school safety requirements by a school district (more information on the bill below and committee packet).

**HB 1219** (Instructional Personnel) passed its first committee. The bill revives the definition of term "instructional personnel" to include specified pre-kindergarten instructors.

**HB 5101** (Education) passed in the House PreK-12 Appropriations Sub-Committee. The main impact to BCPS would be the district's ability to operate Broward Virtual, this would apply to all Florida Virtual franchises. Currently there's no Senate version; however, the bill will be part of the budget conference negotiations between the Senate and the House.

**Please find below a summary of the Senate Committee & Sub-committee hearings this past week.**

#### Senate Education Committee

**SB 390** – Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by Book; Prohibiting school personnel from using mechanical restraint on students with disabilities; providing exceptions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

**SB 600** – Upgrades to Education Facilities as Emergency Shelters by Berman; Exempting costs of less than \$2 million associated with certain upgrades to education facilities from being included in certain cost per student station calculations; requiring costs associated with certain upgrades to be consistent with prevailing market costs in the area where the education facility is located, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

**SB 706** – School Concurrency by Perry; Revising provisions specifying when school concurrency is deemed satisfied; specifying that proportionate-share mitigation must be set aside and not spent if an improvement has not been identified, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Rules**

**SB 896** – Educator Certification Pathways for Veterans by Burgess; Authorizing the Department of Education to issue a temporary certificate to specified military servicemembers who meet certain criteria; requiring a teacher mentorship for specified military servicemembers who hold a temporary certificate; specifying the duration and issuance of a temporary certificate for specified military servicemembers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Rules**

**SB 1068** – Certificates of Completion by Jones; Providing that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in workforce education programs; providing that students awarded a certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in workforce education programs; requiring charter technical career centers to identify such programs; requiring that students be advised of specified educational options before being awarded a certificate of completion, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Commerce**

**SB 1126** – Exemption from Taxation for Educational Properties by Harrell; Exempting from taxation property used by an educational institution that holds a leasehold interest in certain leases exceeding a specified number of years, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Finance and Tax**

**SB 1226** – Virtual Learning by Brandes; Revising the purpose of the Florida Virtual School to provide for the development and delivery of online distance and blended learning; revising the requirements of a report that the board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School must annually submit to certain entities, beginning with a specified school year; requiring students enrolled in the Florida Virtual School Justice Education Program to take specified examinations and assessments at institutions or facilities operated by, or under the supervision of, the Department of Corrections; requiring the Florida Virtual School to establish the Florida Virtual School Justice Education Program, beginning with a specified school year, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

**SB 1240** – Mental Health of Students by Harrell; Revising data the Department of Children and Families is required to analyze when creating its annual report on the initiation of certain involuntary examinations; requiring charter schools to be in compliance with laws relating to reporting involuntary examinations; requiring the Department of Education, by a specified date, to share with the Department of Children and Families data received from school districts relating to involuntary examinations; revising requirements for plans relating to mental health assistance allocations, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Rules**

**SB 1326** – School Personnel by Diaz; Prohibiting a person who is required to make certain reports concerning sexual misconduct with a student from knowingly or willfully failing to make such report or knowingly or willfully preventing another person from doing so; prohibiting a person from knowingly or willfully submitting inaccurate, incomplete, or untruthful information with respect to a report concerning sexual misconduct with a student; specifying that certain instructional and noninstructional personnel must file fingerprints with the employing entity or alternative school, as applicable, rather than the district school

board; providing that certain procedures established by district school superintendents set the standards of service to be offered to the public within the meaning of a specified provision and are not subject to the collective bargaining process, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

**SB 1404** – School Counselors by Jones; Citing this act as the "School Counselors Supporting Students Act" by Jones; requiring certified school counselors to provide services within the context of a program developed by the Department of Education using a specified framework; prohibiting certified school counselors from performing certain tasks, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Children, Families and Elders Affairs**

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#### Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Issues Relating to:  
- Department of Education (See overview for more information)

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

#### House Education & Employment Committee

**HB 235** – Restraint of Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by Plasencia: Prohibits school personnel from using mechanical restraint on students with disabilities. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now on the Floor**

**HB 447** – Required Instruction in the History of African Americans by Trabulsky: Provides instructional staff of public schools are encouraged to include history of local African-American cemeteries in study of history of African Americans. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now on the Floor**

**HB 1203** – Education by Fetterhoff: Revises provisions relating to offenses against students by authority figures, teacher preparation programs, & background screenings & employment of certain educational personnel. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now on the Floor**

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#### Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee

**HB 1193** – K-12 Assessments and Accountability by Plasencia: Renaming "Next Generation Sunshine State Standards" as "state academic standards"; revises provisions relating to statewide assessment program, DOE & school district requirements, & state accountability program; provides certain end-of-year comprehensive progress monitoring assessments are statewide, standardized ELA & Mathematics assessments for certain students; revises coordinated screening & progress monitoring program. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Secondary Education & Career Development**

**HB 1219** – Instructional Personnel by Bartleman: Revises definition of term "instructional personnel" to include specified prekindergarten instructors. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now Government Operations Subcommittee**

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#### Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee

**HB 173** – Care of Students with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorders by Duran: Requires school to provide epilepsy or seizure disorder care to student; provides for creation & implementation of individualized seizure action plan for students with epilepsy or seizure disorders to receive health care at school; provides requirements for DOE, schools, school nurses & certain other school employees, & such plans. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now Education**

**HB 229** – Guidance Services on Academic and Career Planning by Arrington by: Requires students & parents be informed of certain acceleration, academic, & career planning options; requires personalized academic & career plan be developed in consultation with certified school counselor for certain students; requires certain information to be included in such plan. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Education**

**HB 1317** – Individual Education Plans by Tant: Requires IEPs for certain students to contain information on legal rights & responsibilities that transfer to students at age 18; requires information to include ways in which student may provide informed consent to allow his or her parent to continue to participate in educational decisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2022

**HB 1421** – School Safety by Hawkins: Revises provisions relating to FortifyFL, Commissioner of Education oversight of enforcement of school safety and security requirements, Office of Safe Schools, certain emergency drills, family reunification plans, threat assessment teams, safe-school officers, DOE responsibilities, & Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Education**

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#### House Pre-K Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 5101** – Education by Fine: Revises provisions relating to charter schools & virtual charter schools, DOE duties under certain scholarship programs, virtual instruction programs, & FEFP. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, will be part of the budget conference**

**HB 15** – Children with Developmental Delays by Hawkins: Revises definition of term "exceptional student" to include additional students with developmental delays. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now Education**

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