



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its third week of session, January 24-28, 2022.

The following education bills were presented to committees this week:

SB 1300 (District School Boards) passed its first committee. The bill modifies district school board member salaries to align to the salaries of members of the Florida Legislature (\$29K). The bill also provides specific requirements for school districts in selecting instructional materials as well as materials used in school libraries and media centers (more information on the bill below and committee packet).

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).

SB 1194/HB 777 (Local Tax Referenda Requirement) passed its second committee in both the Senate and House. The bill would only allow local governments, including school districts, to place referenda during a general election. The bill passed its first committee in the House and is scheduled to be heard next week in the Senate.

SB 758/HB 865 (Charter Schools) passed its second committee in both the Senate and House. The bill would establish a Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education. Said commission would be authorized to sponsor charter schools.

HB 1421 (School Safety) passed its first 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).

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

Senate Education Committee

SB 340 – Care of Students with Epilepsy or Seizure Disorders 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 1122 – Student Fees by Gainer; Authorizing a district school board or Florida College System institution board of trustees, in consultation with specified entities, to implement a plan for a differential out-of-state fee; authorizing a Florida College System institution board of trustees, in consultation with specified entities, to implement a plan for a differential out-of-state fee, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

SB 892 – Charter School Charters by Burgess; Requiring a request for a consolidation of multiple charters to be approved or denied within a specified timeframe; requiring a charter school sponsor to provide to the charter school specified information relating to a denial of a request for a consolidation within a certain timeframe; providing for the automatic renewal of a charter under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Community Affairs**

SB 1294 – Individual Education Plan Meetings 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 Governmental Oversight and Accountability**

SB 1300 – District School Boards by Gruters; Revising the salaries of district school board members; requiring elementary schools, district school boards, and the Department of Education to post in certain formats on their websites specified information relating to instructional materials and other materials; revising requirements for the department relating to the development of training programs for the selection of materials used in schools and library media centers, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Rules**

SB 1348 – Educational Scholarship Program Funding by Diaz ; Revising the Department of Education's obligation to cross-check the list of Family Empowerment Scholarship Program students with public school enrollment lists; requiring the department to adjust payments to eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations and recalculate the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) allocation for school districts upon completion of the cross-check; requiring the department to recalculate the FEFP allocation for school districts upon completion of the cross-check for Hope Scholarship Program students, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

SB 1576 – Educational Support Staff by Polsky; Providing that a staff support position that has over a specified amount of positions vacant constitutes a critical shortage area; requiring each district superintendent to compile specified information by a specified date each year; requiring districts to fund certain incentives; requiring district superintendents to file a report with the Legislature documenting certain information by a specified date each year, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

SB 758 – Education by Diaz; Establishing the Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education; requiring the Commissioner of Education to appoint members; authorizing the commission to solicit and review charter school applications; requiring that the district school board that oversees the school district where a charter school approved by the commission will be located shall serve as the charter school's sponsor; requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct an analysis of charter school capital outlay and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations**

SB 1048 – Student Assessments by Diaz; Revising the grade levels for which the coordinated screening and monitoring program measures student progress in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; revising requirements for the statewide, standardized comprehensive assessments program, beginning with a specified school year; requiring that progress monitoring include both a web-based and mobile device-compatible option; requiring 2022-2023 school and school district grades to serve as an informal baseline for schools and school districts; providing that school improvement ratings will not be calculated for a certain school year, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations**

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House Education & Employment Committee

HB 1505 – Background Screenings by Trabulsy: Revising provisions related to background screenings for care providers; athletic coaches; retention of fingerprints; development of direct identification methods; compliance audits; compliance decals; electronic

submission; & use of the Care Provider Screening Clearing House. Effective Date: July 1, 2023. **Passed, now in Health & Employment Committee**

HB 225 – Charter School Charters by Hawkins: Revises provisions relating to consolidation of multiple charter into single charter, renewals, non-renewals, & terminations of charters. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now on the Floor**

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Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee

HB 1421 – School Safety by Hawks: 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 Secondary Education & Career Development**

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 in Secondary Education & Career Development**

HB 1203 – K-12 Personnel Evaluation Procedures and Criteria by Fetterhoff: Provides certain procedures relating to school district's instructional personnel & school administrator evaluation systems set standards of service to be offered to public & are not subject to collective bargaining. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. **Passed, now in Education**

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Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee

HB 155 – Certificates of Completion by Valdez: Provides students who have been awarded certificate of completion are eligible to enroll in certain programs; requires identification of such programs by charter technical career centers; & requires students who will be awarded certificate of completion to be advised of specified educational options. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Education**

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 in Education**

HB 865 – Charter Schools by Rizo: Creates Charter School Review Commission within DOE; provides requirements for commission; authorizes commission to approve charter applications; provides for oversight of such charter schools; revises provisions relating to reporting requirements & charter renewal, nonrenewal, & facilities; provides certain

additional millage is part of operating discretionary millage. Effective Date: July 1, 2022.
Passed, now in Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee

HB 443 – Athletic Associations by Beltran: Authorizes specified parties to approve athletic associations that meet certain requirements; provides private schools & public schools are considered high schools; provides athletic associations are subject to certain requirements; requires athletic associations to adopt bylaws & appeals process. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Education**

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House Pre-K Appropriations Subcommittee

HB 447 – Required Instruction in the History of African Americans by Trabulsy: 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 in Education

HB 599 – Upgrades to Education Facilities as Emergency Shelters by Casello: Exempts certain costs associated with certain upgrades to education facilities from being included in certain cost per student station calculations; specifies eligible updates that may be made; provides requirements for specified renewable energy source devices; requires costs associated with certain upgrades to be consistent with prevailing market costs in area where education facility is located. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Education**

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