



## OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its fifth week of session, February 7-11, 2022.

The House Appropriations Committee voted on the House Budget, which includes the “Putting Parents First Adjustment” penalizing 12 districts that adopted mask mandates by cutting their budget by \$200 million and targeting 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.

The budgets will go to the Floor next week for a full vote. 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 1834** (Parental Rights in Education) passed its first committee. This bill is a continuation of last year's bill. The bill requires districts to provide more information to parents regarding their student's educational experience. The bill would also limit discussions regarding LGBTQ+ issues in the classroom. If districts violate the provisions of this bill, parents may sue school districts for damages and legal fees.

**HB 865** (Charter Schools) passed its second committee. The bill would establish a Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education. The commission would be authorized to sponsor charter schools.

**HB 1467** (Education) passed in the House: Originally, the bill would have removed the statute authorizing school board member pay; however, an amendment removed that provision and added an eight-year term limit for school board members.

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

### Senate Education Committee

**SB 400** – Guidance Services for Academic and Career Planning by Hutson; Requiring district school boards to inform students and parents of certain acceleration, academic, and career planning options; requiring certain information to be included in such notification; requiring a personalized academic and career plan be developed in consultation with a certified school counselor for certain students, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Commerce and Tourism**

**SB 676** – Drinking Water in Public Schools by Cruz; Subject to legislative appropriation, requiring district boards to coordinate with district school boards to identify certain schools and to provide funding to those schools by a specified date; requiring school districts, as applicable, to install filters that meet certain specifications on drinking water sources; requiring school districts, as applicable, to post signage on certain water sources and requiring school districts to publish specified information on school district websites, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$3,000,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

**SB 1054** – Financial Literacy Instruction in Public Schools by Hutson; Citing this act as the “Dorothy L. Hukill Financial Literacy Act”; revising the requirements regarding financial literacy for the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards; revising the required credits for a standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy and money management and seven and one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/202. **Passed, now in Rules**

**SB 1060** – Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Student Service Requirements by Hutson; Providing that students may satisfy eligibility requirements for a Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Medallion Scholars, Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars, or a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award, respectively, by performing a specified number of hours of paid work; authorizing, instead of requiring, such students to identify a specified interest or develop a plan for their service requirements under the program, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Rules**

**SB 1516** – Required Instruction in the History of African Americans by Jones; Providing that instructional staff of public schools are encouraged to include the history of local African-American cemeteries in the study of the history of African Americans when practicable, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

**SB 1674** – Individual Education Plans by Ausley; Requiring individual education plans for certain students to contain information and instruction on the legal rights and responsibilities regarding educational decisions which transfer to students at the age of 18; requiring such information to include ways in which a student may provide informed consent to allow his or her parent to continue to participate in his or her educational decisions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Judiciary**

**SB 1834** – Parental Rights in Education by Baxley; Requiring district school boards to adopt procedures that comport with certain provisions of law for notifying a student's parent of specified information; requiring such procedures to reinforce the fundamental right of parents to make decisions regarding the upbringing and control of their children in a specified manner; prohibiting a school district from adopting procedures or student support forms that require school district personnel to withhold from a parent specified information or that encourage or have the effect of encouraging a student to withhold from a parent such information; prohibiting a school district from encouraging classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade levels or in a specified manner, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022. **Passed, now in Rule**

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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Did not meet

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House Education & Employment Committee

**HB 7** – Individual Freedom by Avila: Provides that subjecting individuals to specified concepts under certain circumstances constitutes discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin; revises provisions relating to required instruction; prohibits instructional materials reviewers from recommending instructional materials that contain any matter that contradicts certain principles; requires DOE to review school district professional development systems for compliance with certain provisions of law. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now on the Floor**

**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 on the Floor**

**HB 447** – Required Instruction in the History of African Americans by Driskell: 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 443** – Interscholastic and Intra-scholastic Activities by Beltran: Provides for approval of athletic associations that meet certain requirements; provides requirements for such athletic associations, SBE, & certain schools; provides private schools & traditional public schools are considered high schools for specified purposes; authorizes students to participate or continue participating in interscholastic & intra-scholastic activities; provides for opening remarks at certain sporting events & provides requirements for such remarks. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now on the Floor**

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#### Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee

**HB 255** – Private Instructional Personnel Providing Applied Behavior Analysis Services by Plasencia: Revises definition of "private instructional personnel" to include certain registered behavior technicians; requires such technicians to meet specified requirements. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Health and Human Services Committee**

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#### Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee

**HB 1115** – High School Graduation Requirements in Personal Finance by Busatta: Revises required credits for standard high school diploma to include one-half credit of instruction in personal financial literacy & money management & seven & one-half, rather than eight, credits in electives; authorizes students to earn one-half credit in personal financial literacy & money management as elective. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now PreK-12 Education**

**HB 1447** – Apprenticeship Tax Credits: Provides tax credit to taxpayers who employ apprentices in apprenticeship program; provides cap on amount of tax credit per apprentice by Giallombardo; specifies information taxpayer must provide to DOR to claim tax credit; specifies method for calculating tax credit; prohibits taxpayers from claiming tax credit for individual apprentice for more than specified number of years; authorizes tax credits to be carried forward for up to specified number of years. Effective Date: July 1, 2022.

**Passed, now in Education**

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#### House Pre-K Appropriations Subcommittee

**HB 865** – Charter Schools by Rizo: Creates Charter School Review Commission within DOE; provides requirements for commission; authorizes commission to approve charter school applications; provides for oversight of such charter schools; revises provisions relating to reporting requirements & charter renewal & nonrenewal & charter school facilities; requires OPPAGA to conduct specified study & provide report. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now in Education**

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