



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its seventh week of Session, February 21-25, 2022. At this juncture, Subcommittees are no longer meeting. Committee meetings are expected to run through next week, at which time the focus will turn to the Floor. The Budget Conference will also begin next week.

The following education bills of interest were presented in Committees or on the Floor this week:

SB 758 - (Charter Schools) passed its final committee. The bill would establish a Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education. The Commission would be authorized to sponsor charter schools.

SB 1194/HB 777 - (Local Tax Referenda Requirement) passed its final committee in the Senate and passed in the House. The bill would only allow local governments, including school districts, to place referenda during a general election; however, the bill was amended to make it effective on October 1, 2022.

SB 1193 - (Student Assessments) passed its final committee. The bill would establish 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 7 - (Individual Freedom) passed in the House: The bill revises provisions within Florida's Education Code: Constitutes discrimination based on race, color, national origin, or sex under the code to subject a student or employee to training or instruction that espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates, or compels such student or employee to believe certain concepts.

HB 1467 - (Education) passed in the House: The bill would establish term limits for school board members; deleting a requirement that district school boards maintain a specified list on their websites; requiring certain meetings relating to instructional materials to be noticed and open to the public; revising requirements for the department relating to the development of training programs for the selection of materials used in schools and library media centers; revising district school board requirements for the selection and adoption of certain materials.

HB 1421 - (School Safety) passed in the House: 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 1557 - (Parental Rights in Education) passed in the House: 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 PreK-3 classrooms. If districts violate the provisions of this bill, parents may sue school districts for damages and legal fees. The Senate bill has two more remaining committee stops before reaching the Floor.

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

Senate Education Committee

Did not meet.

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

House Education & Employment Committee

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

Passed, now on the Floor

HB 255 – Private Instructional Personnel Providing Applied Behavior Analysis Services: 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 on the Floor**

HB 1193 – K-12 Assessments and Accountability: 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 end-of-year comprehensive progress monitoring assessments are statewide, standardized ELA & Mathematics assessments; revises coordinated screening & progress monitoring program. Effective Date: July 1, 2022. **Passed, now on the Floor**

HB 1317 –[Individual Education Plans](#): 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.

Passed, now on the Floor

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