



## OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its second Interim Committee Week, October 16 – 20, 2023, as part of the 2024 Legislative Session.

The House Education Quality Subcommittee observed a presentation on the implementation of Florida School Safety Laws.

The next Pre-Committee Week will be November 6-9, 2023. The 2024 Regular Session will convene on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

From safety to salaries, Broward School Board presents wishlist to legislators [NBC6](#)

Broward County Public Schools leaders discuss priorities [NBC6](#)

Broward delegation hears about school choice glitches, capital fund deficiencies [Florida Politics](#)

Diagnosis for 10.19.23: Checking the pulse of Florida health care news and policy [Florida Politics](#)

Florida bill would raise base teacher pay to \$65K a year [NBC8 Tampa Bay](#)

Florida legislation could remove exemption for school district property taxes [The Center Square](#)

Rep. Andrade proposes giving cities power to convert public schools into charter schools [ABC3 Pensacola](#)

Rep. Alex Andrade files bill that lets cities take over public schools [Pensacola News Journal](#)

Bill would raise compulsory student school attendance age to 18 [Hernando Sun](#)

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

### Senate Appropriations Committee on Education

Did not meet; was scheduled on 10/18/23 at 11 AM

Upcoming Schedule of Meetings: 11/08/23, 11/15/23

### Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12

Did not meet; was scheduled on 10/18/23 at 4 PM

Previously, on 10/10/23, the Senate Committee on Education Pre-K-12 observed:

- Presentation on Recommended Cut Scores for Assessments Aligned to the B.E.S.T. Standards, presented by: Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Accountability, Research & Measurement, Florida Department of Education

[Committee Video](#) / [Committee Packet](#)

Upcoming Schedule of Meetings: 11/07/23, 11/15/23

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

**House Education & Employment Committee**

Did not meet; was scheduled on 10/19/23 at 1 PM

**House Education Quality Subcommittee**

Met on 10/17/23 at 11 AM

The House Education Quality Subcommittee observed:

- Presentations on Implementation of Florida School Safety Laws

[Committee Video](#) / [Committee Packet](#)

**House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee**

Did not meet; was scheduled on 10/17/23 at 8:30 AM

**Please find below a summary of Senate and House bills filed for the 2024 regular session.**

**Senate Bills Filed for the 2024 Regular Session – Relative to BCPS**

**SB 46: Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program** by Stewart

Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program; Providing that tutoring provided through the tutoring program established as part of the Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program may be provided after the school day; authorizing school districts that participate in the tutoring program to provide a stipend to instructional personnel and high school students who serve as tutors under the program, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Education Pre-K -12; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Rules

**SB 52: Anaphylaxis in Public Schools** by Stewart

Anaphylaxis in Public Schools; Requiring the Department of Education to publish on its website each district school board's anaphylaxis policy; requiring each district school board to adopt an anaphylaxis policy; requiring a certain percentage of specified school personnel to receive certain training within a specified timeframe, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Education Pre-K -12; Appropriations Committee on Education; Fiscal Policy

**SB 136: Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Classroom Teachers** by Berman

Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Classroom Teachers; Citing this act as the "Save Our Teachers Act"; increasing the minimum base salary for full-time classroom teachers and certain prekindergarten teachers, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Committee on Education; Appropriations

**SB 240: International Baccalaureate Teacher Bonuses** by Burton

International Baccalaureate Teacher Bonuses; Revising the requirements for the calculation of additional full-time equivalent membership and certain bonuses based on International Baccalaureate examination scores of students to include students who earn equivalent scores as determined by the Department of Education, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

**House Bills Filed for the 2024 Regular Session – Relative to BCPS**

**HB 13: Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Teachers** by Edmonds

Increases minimum base salary for certain teachers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee; Appropriations Committee

**HB 25: Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program** by Edmonds

Revises student eligibility criteria for specified awards within Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee; Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee

**HB 65: Anaphylaxis in Public Schools** by Harris, Joseph

Requires DOE to publish on its website each district school board's anaphylaxis policy; requires each district school board to adopt anaphylaxis policy; provides requirements for such policy & specified training.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Education Quality Subcommittee; PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee; Education & Employment Committee

**HB 71: Homestead Tax Exemptions for School District Levies** by Garcia

Removes provision in order to allow current exemption to also apply to school district levies. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 69 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose.

Ways & Means Committee; Education & Employment Committee; Appropriations Committee

**HB 109: Conversion Charter Schools** by Andrade

Revises requirements for application for conversion charter school; authorizes municipalities to apply for conversion of specified public schools to charter schools; & authorizes Charter School Review Commission to solicit & review applications for conversion charter schools.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

**HB 131: Compulsory School Attendance** by Chambliss

Revises required age for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 years of age; removes requirement that student's parent sign declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment; removes requirement that school district notify student's parent upon receipt of such declaration; & provides that adult education high school equivalency programs meet specified attendance requirements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026

**HB 139 Access to High School Sports** by Plasencia

Removes specified limitation relating to participation of certain private school students in FHSAA programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024