



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its third Interim Committee Week, November 6 – 9, 2023, as part of the 2024 Legislative Session.

The Senate Committee on Education Pre-K – 12 held a Workshop on Recommendations to Reduce Regulations on Public Schools, Pursuant to Section 11, Chapter 2023-16, Laws of Florida.

The presentation included a report a public survey that was opened from June 15 through August 15, 2023, and resulted in over 4,000 suggestions from around the state. The survey was anonymous and only asked respondents to identify their school district/county and whether they were a parent, teacher, administrator, school board member, community member, or other.

After a review of the FDOE, Commissioner Diaz presented Governor DeSantis and the Legislature with recommendations for consideration in the 2024 Legislative Session. There are 22 recommendations identifies that affect to BCPS.

The House Education Quality Subcommittee observed a presentation on Recommendations from the State Board of Education of Repeals and Revisions to the Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code Required by House Bill 1, Ch. 2023-16, Laws of Florida.

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

Florida lawmakers lift voucher program cap [CBS4](#)

Florida lawmakers look to cut red tape on public schools [Tampa Bay Times](#)

Back to school: Florida senators preview possible K-12 deregulation bills [Tallahassee Democrat](#)

Florida lawmakers eye more money for school vouchers [Orlando News](#)

Democratic Sen. Shervin Jones filed bill on Black history standards [CBS4](#)

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 11/8/23 at 10:45 AM
Upcoming Schedule of Meetings: 11/15/23

Broward Legislative Delegation Members:

- None

Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12

Met on 11/7/23 at 3:45 PM

The Senate Committee on Education Pre-K-12 observed:

- Workshop on Recommendations to Reduce Regulations on Public Schools, Pursuant to Section 11, Chapter 2023-16, Laws of Florida.

[Committee Video](#) / [Committee Packet](#) / [FDOE Presentation](#)
[FDOE Recommendations to Reduce Regulation in Public Schools - by BCPS Department](#)

Upcoming Schedule of Meetings: 11/15/23 [Meeting Notice](#)

Broward Legislative Delegation Members:

- Senator Rosalind Osgood

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

House Education & Employment Committee

There was no scheduled meeting.
Upcoming Schedule of Meetings: 11/14/23

Broward Legislative Delegation Members:

- Rep. Patricia H. Williams, Democratic Ranking Member
- Rep. Marie Woodson

House Education Quality Subcommittee

Met on 11/8/23 at 3 PM

The House Education Quality Subcommittee observed:

- Presentation on Recommendations from the State Board of Education of Repeals and Revisions to the Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code Required by House Bill 1, Ch. 2023-16, L.O.F.

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

Upcoming Schedule of Meetings: 11/15/23 [Meeting Notice](#)

Presentation by the Department of Education on Pathways to Teacher Certification in Florida

Broward Legislative Delegation Members:

- None

House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Did not meet; was scheduled on 11/8/23 at 9 AM
Upcoming Schedule of Meetings: 11/16/23

Broward Legislative Delegation Members:

- Rep. Patricia H. Williams, Democratic Ranking Member
- Rep. Dan Daley
- Rep. Lisa Dunkley

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 200: Educator Certification by Gruters

Requiring the Department of Education to develop and establish a method for a person holding a professional educator certificate to place a professional certificate in inactive status while the person teaches at a nonaccredited school, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

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

SB 246: Conversion Charter Schools by Harrell

Revising the requirements for an application for a conversion charter school; authorizing municipalities to apply for the conversion of specified public schools to charter schools; authorizing the Charter School Review Commission to solicit and review applications for conversion charter schools, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 294: Instructional Hours for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program by Davis

Revising the instructional hours required in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to provide for an 8-hour program day in the school-year and summer programs, etc.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 300: Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch Program by Berman

Requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, subject to the appropriation of funds by the Legislature, to establish and operate a program to provide universal free school breakfast and lunch meals to all public school students; deleting provisions requiring school districts to implement and charge students for a breakfast program; authorizing school districts to operate free school meal programs using offsite food preparation locations, etc.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 342: School Readiness Program by Jones

Revising the definition of the term “economically disadvantaged” for purposes of the school readiness program, etc.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 344: Required Instruction in the History of African Americans by Jones

Prohibiting specified instruction and state academic standards from indicating or implying that an enslaved person benefited from slavery or the enslavement experience in any way, etc.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 394: School Employees by Ingoglia

Citing this act as “Stratton’s Law”; requiring courts that issue risk protection orders to require that the petitioner immediately notify the respondent’s employer or entity of service of the issuance of a risk protection order if the respondent meets specified criteria and to notify the respondent of such notice requirement if the court issues such an order; requiring instructional personnel to disclose to their employer any prior arrests, criminal convictions, guilty pleas, pleas of nolo contendere, and any criminal records that were expunged, etc.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 396: Holocaust Remembrance Day by Berman

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim a specified day as “Holocaust Remembrance Day”; requiring that “Holocaust Remembrance Day” be observed in this state’s public schools and be observed by public exercise as the Governor may designate, etc.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SPB 7000 Deregulation of Public Schools/Instructional, Administrative, and Support Personnel by

Education Pre-K -12
(PRELIMINARY DRAFT) providing legislative intent, etc.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SPB 7002 Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight by Education Pre-K -12

(PRELIMINARY DRAFT) providing legislative intent, etc.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SPB 7004 Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice by Education Pre-K -12

(PRELIMINARY DRAFT) providing legislative intent, 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

HB 315 Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program by Williams

Authorizes tutoring to be provided after school day; & authorizes school districts that participate in specified tutoring program to provide stipend to instructional personnel & high school students serving as tutors for after-school tutoring.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 333 School District Levies by Garcia

Requires school district levies for certain properties to be assessed in same manner as other levies.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 361 School Readiness Program by Gantt

Revises definition for term "economically disadvantaged" for purposes of school readiness program.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 387 Holocaust Remembrance Day by Harris

Requires Governor to proclaim specified day of each year as "Holocaust Remembrance Day"; requires such day to be observed in public schools & by public exercises as Governor may designate; requires educational instruction to be provided.
Effective Date: upon becoming a law

HB 393 School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program by Hinson and Gonzalez Pittman

Establishes School Teacher Training & Mentoring Program within DOE; & provides requirements for program.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 399 School Employees by Temple

Requires risk protection orders include whether respondent is serving as district school board member or employed as instructional personnel; requires court issuing risk protection order to require petitioner to immediately notify respondent's employer of issuance of order if respondent meets specified criteria; requires instructional personnel to disclose to employer any prior arrests & any criminal records that were expunged.
Effective Date: July 1, 2024