



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its fifth Interim Committee Week, December 4–8, 2023, as part of the 2024 Legislative Session.

The Senate Appropriations on Education Committee observed a presentation on the Governor's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget recommendations.

The Senate Committee on Education Pre-K-12 did not meet.

The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee observed a presentation on add-on weights for certain full-time equivalent students funded in the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP).

The House Education Quality Subcommittee observed a presentation by the Helios Education Foundation on chronic absenteeism.

The House Education & Employment Committee did not meet.

The next Pre-Committee Week will be December 11–15, 2023. The 2024 Regular Session will convene on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Florida bill would ban high school athletes convicted of felonies [The Center Square](#)
Diagnosis for 11.29.23 Checking the pulse of Florida health care news and policy [Florida Politics](#)
New House Bill enables student athletes to play a sport at a different school if their school doesn't offer it [ABC 25](#)
Recess, student testing requirements may look different if public school 'deregulation' bills are approved [News 4 JAX](#)
Senate committee passes bills to support public schools and 'cut red tape' [Florida Voice](#)
Florida bill could expand state's dual enrollment program for high schoolers [The Apopka Voice](#)
Powerful lobbying groups wrote new Florida bill that would allow teens to work dangerous jobs [Orlando Weekly](#)
Measure requires school district notification when teachers are issued RPO [Hernando Sun](#)

Florida's Shevrin Jones never thought he'd have to propose bill to 'legitimize my Blackness' [The Grio](#)
 Florida senator proposes bill to eliminate references to slavery benefits in Black history courses [CBS 47](#)
 Here's what local lawmakers want to pass in 2024 session [JAX Today](#)
 Winter Park mom pushes for EpiPen staff training in schools statewide [Orlando Sentinel](#)

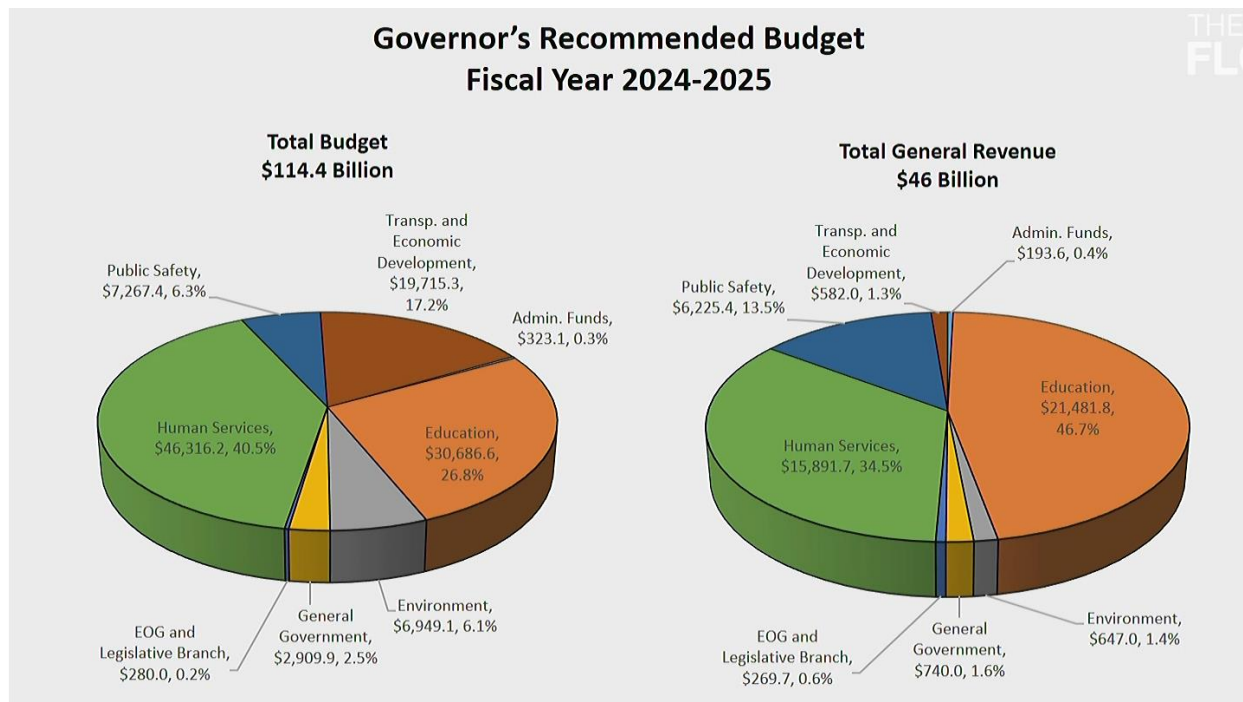
Please find below a summary of the Senate Committee & Subcommittee hearings this past week.

Senate Appropriations Committee on Education

Met on 12/6/23 at 4:15 PM

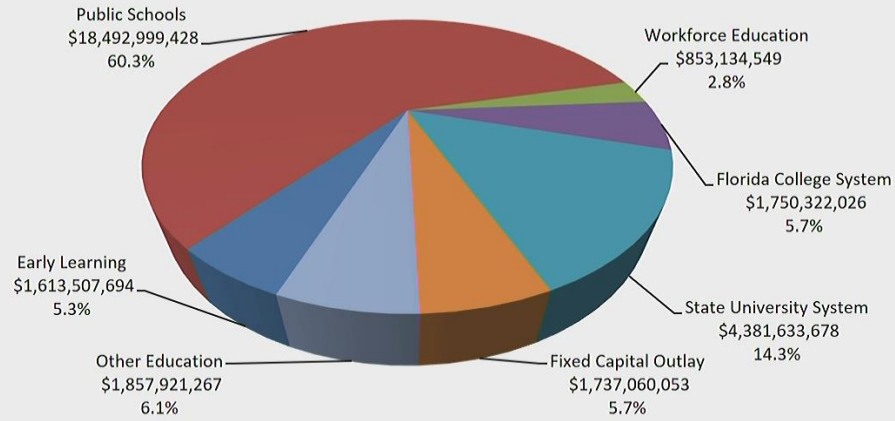
The Senate Appropriations Committee on Education observed:

- Presentation on Governor's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Recommendations.
 Presentation highlights included:



**Governor’s Recommended Budget
Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Total Education Budget: \$30.7 Billion



FY 2024-25 Budget – FTE Recommendations

Agency	FY 2023-24 FTE	FY 2024-25 Governor Recommended FTE Reduction	FY 2024-25 Governor Recommended FTE Increase	FY 2024-25 Governor Recommended FTE Net Increase/ Decrease	FY 2024-25 FTE Proposed
DOE	2,219.75	-41.00	8.00	-33.00	2,186.75
BOG	69.00	0	0	0	69.00
Total	2,288.75	-41.00	8.00	-33.00	2,255.75

The Fiscal Year 2024-25 Governor’s Recommended Budget provides for a net reduction of over 1,000 FTE statewide.

**Governor's Recommended Budget
Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

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Key Investments in Early Learning

Major Issues Funded	Amount
Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Operational Funding Summer Bridge Program	Total funding of \$456 million \$450 million \$6 million
Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Program (T.E.A.C.H.)	\$10 million
Home Instruction Program for Pre-School Youngsters (HIPPY)	\$3.9 million
Help Me Grow Network	\$4.5 million

**Governor's Recommended Budget
Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

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Key Investments in K-12 Public Education

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)	Amount
Total Funding	\$27.8 billion
Per-Student Funding <i>Increase</i>	\$8,667 to \$8,842
Teacher Salary Allocation <i>Increase</i>	\$200 million to \$1.25 billion
Base Student Allocation <i>Increase</i>	\$5,140 to \$5,247
Mental Health Allocation <i>Increase</i>	\$20 million to \$180 million
Safe Schools Allocation <i>Increase</i>	\$40 million to \$290 million
Student Transportation Allocation <i>Increase</i>	\$20 million to \$555.8 million

**Governor's Recommended Budget
Fiscal Year 2024-25**

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Additional K-12 Investments

Major Issues Funded	Amount
School Safety Initiatives	Total funding of \$551.5 million
Civic Engagement	Total funding of \$52.8 million
Florida Debate Initiative	\$1.5 million
Regional Civics Literacy Captains and Coaches	\$3.5 million
Civics Professional Development	\$2.8 million
Florida Civics Seal of Excellence	\$45 million
Promoting Computer Science	\$10 million
Heroes in the Classroom Bonus Initiative	\$10 million

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

Upcoming Meeting: 12/14/23 at 11 AM

Broward Legislative Delegation Members:

- None

Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12

Did not meet; was scheduled on 12/6/23 at 11 AM

Upcoming Meeting: 12/13/23 at 11 AM

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

Did not meet; was scheduled on 12/5/23 at 9 AM

Upcoming Meeting: 12/12/23 at 10 AM

Broward Legislative Delegation Members:

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

House Education Quality Subcommittee

Met on 12/7/23 at 10 AM

The House Education Quality Subcommittee observed:

- Presentation by the Helios Education Foundation on Chronic Absenteeism.
They highlighted the example of successful outcome to mitigate chronic absenteeism in Arizona.

[Committee Video](#) / [Committee Packet](#) / [Chronic Absenteeism Presentation](#) / [Chronic Absenteeism Data on Some FL Districts](#)

Upcoming Meeting: 12/13/23 at 8 AM [Meeting Notice](#)

Broward Legislative Delegation Members:

- None

House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Met on 12/6/23 at 2 PM

The House PreK-12 Appropriation Subcommittee observed:

- Funding Charter Schools Sponsored by a Florida College System Institution or State University and Presentation on the Fiscal Operation of the Tallahassee Collegiate Academy.
- Presentation on Add-on Weights for Certain Full-Time Equivalent Students Funded in the Florida Education Finance Program.

Add-On Weight Funding – Takeaways:

- o The data is no longer available that shows how the values of the add-on weights were originally determined 25+ years ago or when changed in 2008.
- o Add-on weights generate a significant amount of funding in the FEFP.
In FY 2003-04, \$59.8 million was provided in the FEFP for all add-on weights; in FY 2023-24, that amount grew to \$372.7 million.
- o With the exception of the AICE course/program, over the past five years, the number of FTE enrolled in the eligible add-on weight courses/programs has either decreased or remained essentially the same.
- o Since data on how the majority (95%) of the add-on weight funding is not reported, it is unknown if the current values of the add-on weights generate sufficient funds to cover the costs associated with the courses/programs or if there is a surplus of funds.

It is recommended that school districts be required to provide the following data:

- Their costs associated with: (a) initially offering the courses/programs that are eligible for the add-on weight funding pursuant to s. 1011.62(1), F.S., and (b) continuing to offer the courses/programs.
- The amount of add-on weight funding distributed to eligible teachers for the bonus pay.
- Specific data detailing how the add-on weight funding appropriated in the FEFP is expended by school districts.

[Committee Video](#) / [Committee Packet](#) / [Presentation Fiscal Operation of the Tallahassee Collegiate Academy](#) / [Presentation on Add-on Weights](#)

Upcoming Meeting: 12/13/23 at 1:30 PM [Meeting Notice](#)

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

SB 430: Florida High School Athletic Association by Simon

Requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt bylaws requiring member schools to provide certain health care services to student athletes; providing minimum requirements for such bylaws, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 432: Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds by Simon

Citing this act as the “HeartCharged Act”; requiring each public school to have at least one automated external defibrillator on school grounds; encouraging each charter school and private school to have at least one defibrillator on school grounds and to comply with specified requirements; providing immunity from liability for school employees and students under the Good Samaritan Act and the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act; requiring the Commissioner of Education, at his or her sole discretion, to create and disseminate specified protocols and plans relating to the use of defibrillators in schools, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 460: Career and Technical Education by Perry

Providing an exemption for minors to work in specified conditions; revising the requirements for an annual career fair to include allowing certain employers to meet with students regarding career and technical education; revising the requirements for certain courses to receive the same rate as honors courses for purposes of student grade point averages; revising the qualifications for specified teachers of career programs, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 530: Florida High School Athletic Association Student Eligibility Requirements by DiCeglie

Requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to adopt bylaws prohibiting a student who is sentenced as an adult for specified offenses from participating in certain competitions, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 546: Access to High School Sports by Collins

Deleting a specified limitation relating to the participation of certain private school students in a specified Florida High School Athletic Association program, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 620: School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program by Simon

Establishing the School Teacher Training and Mentoring Program within the Department of Education; providing the purpose of the program; providing for the award of stipends for classroom teacher mentorship, subject to appropriation; providing program requirements relating to program contracts, standards, mentor requirements, and meeting requirements, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 624: Career-themed Courses by Simon

Revising the number of career-themed courses that must be offered by a school district; requiring at least two career-themed courses to meet certain requirements; revising the number of clock hours required for a certain component used to determine a school's grade, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 626: Dual Enrollment Programs by Simon

Requiring a district school board to enter into a dual enrollment articulation agreement with a local Florida College System institution that has the capacity to offer in-person or online dual enrollment courses, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 686: Prohibited Discrimination Based on Hairstyle by Powell

Citing this act as the "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act" or "CROWN Act"; prohibiting discrimination based on protected hairstyle in the K-20 public education system; defining the terms "race" and "protective hairstyles" for purposes of antidiscrimination requirements for private schools participating in the state school choice scholarship program, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 728: K-12 Instructional Personnel Salary Schedules by Trumbull

Authorizing district school boards to use advanced degrees in setting salary schedules for instructional personnel, etc.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

SB 748: Charter School Capital Outlay Funding by Davis

Requiring a charter school to provide certain information to its sponsor to be eligible to receive capital outlay funds; providing that a charter school is ineligible for such funds if it fails to provide such information, 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 FHSA 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

HB 417: Educational Services in Department of Juvenile Justice Programs by López, J. (CO-SPONSORS)

Eskamani

Requires school districts to annually provide certain students in juvenile justice program with at least one opportunity to take high school equivalency examination at no cost to student.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 441: Cardiac and Medical Emergencies on School Grounds by Yarkosky

Requires each public school to have at least one AED on school grounds; provides requirements for AEDs; encourages public schools to have sufficient number of AEDs & to establish public & private partnerships & seek gifts, grants, & other donations; encourages charter schools & private schools to have at least one AED on school grounds & to meet specified requirements; authorizes such schools to utilize specified state contracts; provides immunity from liability; requires DOE to enter into statewide contracts for specified purposes & to adopt rules; requires Commissioner of Education to create & disseminate protocols & plans.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 477: Universal Free School Breakfast and Lunch Program by Tant

Requires DACS to establish & operate universal free school breakfast & lunch program for public school students; provides program requirements & authorization for school districts.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 483: Education by Gonzalez Pittman

Revises provisions & provides requirements for computer science in K-12 schools; revises provisions relating to weighted GPA calculations for certain courses; revises provisions relating to Bright Futures Scholarship Program; & establishes Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 537: Student Achievement by Valdés

Requires certified school counselor to provide specified academic counseling to freshmen students; prohibits students from participating in their school's graduation ceremony; revises requirements for certain assessment graduation requirements; creates Music-based Supplemental Content to Accelerate Learner Engagement & Success Pilot Program within DOE.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 545: Florida High School Athletic Association Student Eligibility Requirements by Jacques

Requires FHSAA to adopt bylaws prohibiting students who are sentenced as adults for specified offenses from participating in certain competitions; & provides applicability.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 615: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in K-12 Schools by Stark

Requires district school boards to adopt policy requiring certain school personnel to be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; provides requirements for such policy; & provides for staggered implementation of such policy.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 635: Child Care and Early Learning Providers by McFarland

Revises positions related to tax credits for corporations providing or paying for child care; licensing standards for child care facilities; child care personnel; minimum standards; child care regulation; & large family child care homes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024

HB 643: Prohibited Discrimination Based on Hairstyle in the Education System by Driskell

Prohibits discrimination based on protected hairstyle in Florida K-20 public education system; provides that term "race" includes protected hairstyles for purposes of United States Code within public & private education system.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024