



## OVERVIEW

The Legislature held Week 3 of the Regular Legislative Session.

The House and Senate each unveiled budget proposals for FY 2024-25. A highlight of the FEFP proposals can be found below.

All three Broward County Public Schools appropriation requests are fully funded within the Senate budget proposal:

- Student Athlete Mentoring Pilot Expansion \$250,000
- SmartPass Pilot Project \$300,000
- Adults with Disabilities (recurring) \$800,000

The House proposal only includes the Adults with Disabilities program.

The Senate and House Appropriations Committee are both slated to meet on Wednesday (January 31) to consider their respective proposals and will likely be considered on the Floor of each body the following week.

### Budget Proposals

	2023-24	<u>House</u>	<u>Senate</u>	<u>Governor</u>
<b>BSA</b>	\$5,139.73	\$5,316.31	\$5,314.91	\$5,246
<b>Broward FTE</b>	\$8,638.20	\$8,892.56	\$8,936.98	--
<b>State FTE</b>	\$8,718.58	\$8,936.11	\$8,854.18	\$8,842

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

House looks to boost teacher salaries in budget proposal [Florida Politics](#)

Bill would let municipalities apply to convert public schools to charters [Pensacola News Journal](#)

Bill proposes changes and restrictions after disastrous school voucher rollout [WMNF](#)

New Florida law delays scholarship funds getting to schools [Click Orlando](#)

Bill To Incentivize Participation in After School Tutoring Program Heads to Senate Floor [Florida Daily](#)

Florida scholarship for bullied students to transfer schools could be cut [Washington Examiner](#)

Patriotic Groups Backed For Florida School Visits [Tampa Free Press](#)

'Identity politics' targeted in teacher preparation courses [PBS](#)

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

## Senate Appropriations Committee on Education

Met on 1/24/24 at 4 PM

The Committee reviewed the [Chair's Budget Proposal for FY 2024-2025](#)

Temporarily Postponed:

**[CS/SB 460: Career and Technical Education](#)** GENERAL BILL by Education Pre-K -12 ; Simon ; (CO-INTRODUCERS) Perry

(Similar H 917: Career and Technical Education)

Providing an exemption for minors to work in specified conditions; providing an alternative to career fairs through other career and industry networking opportunities; revising a list of individuals who are required to review and comment on certain revisions to the state academic standards; revising the requirements for certain credits and certifications to meet specified graduation requirements, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/24/2024 Senate - CS by Education Pre-K -12 read 1st time**

**[SB 486: Florida School for Competitive Academics](#)** GENERAL BILL by Perry

(Identical H 1157: Florida School for Competitive Academics; Compare S 250: Florida School for Competitive Academics)

Authorizing the school's board of trustees to change the name of the school, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/19/2024 Senate - On Committee agenda-- Appropriations Committee on Education, 01/24/24, 4:00 pm, 412 Knott Building --Temporarily Postponed**

Voted Favorable:

**[CS/SB 222: College Campus Facilities in Areas of Critical State Concern](#)** GENERAL BILL by Education Postsecondary ; Rodriguez

(Compare H 217: College Campus Facilities in Areas of Critical State Concern)

Providing that beds for health care workers may be included in the construction of dormitories on the campus of a Florida College System institution; revising the number of beds that may be provided in such dormitories for employees, educators, health care workers, and first responders; revising which funds may be used for construction of dormitories, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/24/2024 Senate - CS/CS by Appropriations Committee on Education; YEAS 7 NAYS 0**

**[SB 282: Nonpublic Religious Postsecondary Educational Institutions](#)** GENERAL BILL by Rodriguez

(Similar H 1019: Nonpublic Religious Postsecondary Educational Institutions)

Authorizing the school's board of trustees to change the name of the school, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/25/2024 Senate - Now in Rules**

**[CS/SB 1128: University Carry Forward Balances](#)** GENERAL BILL by Education Postsecondary ; Martin (Identical CS/H 707: State University Unexpended Funds)

Authorizing a university to retain and report a reserve balance exceeding a specified amount; authorizing a university's carry forward spending plan to include a reserve fund to be used for authorized expenses, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/25/2024 Senate - Now in Appropriations**

Senate Committee on Education Pre-K -12

Met on 1/23/24 at 3:30 PM

Voted Favorable:

**[SB 832: Employment of Individuals with Disabilities](#)** GENERAL BILL by Calatayud  
(Identical H 1137: Employment of Individuals with Disabilities)

Requiring the collection and sharing of data between multiple agencies for the interagency cooperative agreement under the Employment First Act; requiring the Office of Reimagining Education and Career Help to issue an annual statewide report by a specified date each year, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/25/2024 Senate - On Committee agenda-- Commerce and Tourism, 01/30/24, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building**

**[CS/SB 1016: Patriotic Organizations](#)** GENERAL BILL by Education Pre-K -12 ; Wright  
(Similar H 1317: Patriotic Organizations)

Defining the term "patriotic organization"; requiring school districts to allow representatives of patriotic organizations certain opportunities to speak to students, distribute certain materials, and provide certain displays relating to the patriotic organizations; requiring patriotic organizations to be provided certain access to school buildings and properties under certain circumstances, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/25/2024 Senate - Now in Judiciary**

**[CS/SB 1344: Computer Science Education](#)** GENERAL BILL by Education Pre-K -12 ; Calatayud  
(Compare H 483: Education)

Providing that state academic standards include computer science skills; requiring K-12 public schools to provide computer science instruction; requiring the department to publish specified information on its website relating to computer science education and certain industry certifications; requiring the department to adopt and publish by a specified date a strategic plan for computer science education; creating the AI in Education Task Force within the department, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/25/2024 Senate - Now in Appropriations Committee on Education**

**[SB 1688: Career-themed Courses](#)** GENERAL BILL by Osgood

(Identical H 553: Career-themed Courses; Compare H 917: Career and Technical Education)

Revising the requirements for a specified school district strategic plan to include certain information; requiring the Department of Education to include specified data in an annual review of K-12 and postsecondary career and technical education offerings, etc.

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**Last Action: 1/25/2024 Senate - On Committee agenda-- Commerce and Tourism, 01/30/24, 9:00 am, 110 Senate Building**

Met on 1/23/24 at 10:00 AM

Voted Favorable:

**[HB 523: Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program](#)** General Bill by Canady and Black (CO-SPONSORS) Arrington; Baker; Bankson; Basabe; Daniels; Esposito; Garcia; Gossett-Seidman; Harris; Plakon; Plasencia; Smith; Woodson

(Identical SB 694: Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program)

Establishes Florida Seal of Fine Arts Program within DOE; provides purpose of program, eligibility criteria, & Commissioner of Education, DOE, & school district duties & responsibilities.

**Last Event: Bill added to Special Order Calendar (2/1/2024) on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 6:10 PM**

**[CS/CS/HB 1403: School Choice](#)** General Bill by Education & Employment Committee and Choice & Innovation Subcommittee and Tomkow

(Compare to SB 1444: Education, and HB 7025: Education)

Revises contributions & provisions for Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program; revises provisions for Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, Hope Scholarship Program, virtual instruction program providers, private school requirements, & students in personalized education programs.

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**Last Event: 1st Reading on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:17 PM**

**[CS/HB 1361: Education](#)** General Bill by Education & Employment Committee and Temple (CO-SPONSORS) Daniels; Massullo

(Compare to SB 7038: Education)

Revises provisions relating to New Worlds Scholarship Accounts, New Worlds Reading Initiative, & coordinated screening & progress monitoring system; provides grants to school districts to implement artificial intelligence for specified purposes; establishes specified tutoring program; & provides requirements for such program.

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**Last Event: 1st Reading on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 7:17 PM**

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#### House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Met on 1/24/24 at 9:00 AM

The Committee reviewed the [Chair's Budget Proposal for FY 2024-2025](#).

Voted Favorable:

**PCB PKA 24-01: Education** PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

**Summary:** The bill conforms law to the General Appropriations Act proposed by the House of Representatives for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for prekindergarten through grade 12 education.

**[HB 553: Career-themed Courses](#)** General Bill by Dunkley

(Identical to SB 1688: Career-themed Courses; Compartmented to CS/HB 917: Career and Technical Education)

Revises requirements for specified school district strategic plan to include certain information; requires DOE to include specified data in annual review of K-12 & postsecondary career & technical education offerings; & requires school districts to inform students & parents of specified information during middle school course selection.

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**Last Event: Now in Education & Employment Committee on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:25 AM**

[CS/HB 883: Short-acting Bronchodilator Use in Public and Private Schools](#) General Bill by Choice & Innovation Subcommittee and Koster

(Similar to SB 962: Student Health)

Authorizes certain public & private school students to carry short-acting bronchodilators & components; provides school district, public school, private school, and parental requirements.

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**Last Event: Now in Health & Human Services Committee on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 10:25 AM**

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### House Choice and Innovation Subcommittee

Met on 1/25/24 at 8:00 AM

Voted Favorable:

#### [HB 917 - Career and Technical Education](#)

Career and Technical Education: Provides exemption for minors to work in specified conditions; requires counties & municipalities to recognize certain persons as journeymen for specified occupations if such persons meet specified criteria; provides alternative to career fairs through other career & industry networking opportunities; revises provisions relating to revisions to state academic standards, requirements for certain credits & certifications to meet specified graduation requirements; requires DOE to convene workgroup by specified date for specified purposes; provides additional exemption from completing entry-level examination for certain students; creates Career & Technical Education Task Force adjunct to DOE. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

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**Last Event: 1st Reading on Friday, January 26, 2024 5:00 PM**

#### [HB 1285 - Education](#)

Education: Revises provisions relating to virtual instruction programs, dropout prevention & academic interventions & programs, requirements for instructional materials publishers & manufacturers, turnaround schools, & Education Practices Commission; & establishes Purple Star School District Program; requires administration of ASVAB; establishes specialized transfer degrees; & repeals Florida College System institution employment equity accountability program. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

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**Last Event: Favorable with CS by Choice & Innovation Subcommittee on Thursday, January 25, 2024 2:29 PM**

#### [HB 1317 - Patriotic Organizations](#)

Patriotic Organizations: Authorizes school districts to allow representatives of patriotic organizations certain opportunities to speak to students, distribute certain materials, & provide certain displays relating to patriotic organizations; requires certain school districts to provide date & time for such patriotic organizations to speak with students, distribute materials, & provide certain displays; authorizes patriotic organizations to be provided certain access to school buildings & properties. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

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**Last Event: 1st Reading on Friday, January 26, 2024 5:00 PM**

#### [HB 109 - Charter Schools](#)

Charter Schools: 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; requires

certain school district real property be designated as surplus; provides requirements for use of such surplus real property. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

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**Last Event: 1st Reading on Friday, January 26, 2024 5:00 PM**

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#### House Education Quality Subcommittee

Met on 1/25/24 at 11:30 AM

Voted Favorable:

#### **[HB 315: Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program](#)**

General Bill by Williams (CO-SPONSORS) Casello

(Identical to SB 46: Reading Achievement Initiative for Scholastic Excellence Program)

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.

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**Last Event: Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee on Thursday, January 25, 2024 3:47 PM**

**[HB 417: Educational Services in Department of Juvenile Justice Programs](#)** General Bill by López, J. and Plasencia (CO-SPONSORS) Eskamani; Harris

(Identical to SB 1266: Educational Services in Department of Juvenile Justice Programs)

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.

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**Last Event: Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee on Thursday, January 25, 2024 4:18 PM**

**[HB 847: School Readiness Program](#)** General Bill by Bartleman (CO-SPONSORS) Woodson  
(Identical to SB 1400: School Readiness Program)

Revises criteria for child to receive priority for participation in school readiness program; provides eligibility requirements for school readiness program provider to receive specified funding.

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**Last Event: Now in PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee on Thursday, January 25, 2024 3:51 PM**

**[CS/CS/HB 929: School Readiness Program](#)** General Bill by Education Quality Subcommittee and PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee and Trabulsy (CO-SPONSORS) Massullo  
(Similar to SB 916: School Readiness Program)

Revises definition of term "economically disadvantaged" for purposes of school readiness program; & revises provisions relating to school readiness program.

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**Last Event: Now in Education & Employment Committee on Friday, January 26, 2024 2:12 PM**

**[HB 931: School Chaplains](#)** General Bill by McClain  
(Similar to SB 1044: School Chaplains)

Authorizes school districts & charter schools to adopt policy to allow volunteer school chaplains; requires district school boards & charter school governing boards to assign specified duties to such volunteer school chaplains; requires volunteer school chaplains to meet certain background screening requirements; requires each district school board & charter school to vote by specified date on adoption of school chaplain policy.

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**Last Event: Now in Education & Employment Committee on Thursday, January 25, 2024 3:31 PM**

**[CS/HB 1429: District and School Advisory Councils](#)** General Bill by Education Quality Subcommittee and Bell and Valdés

(Similar to SB 1652: District and School Advisory Councils)

Renaming "district advisory councils" & "school advisory councils" as "district community advisory boards" & "community advisory boards"; & revises requirements for such boards.

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**Last Event: Now in Education & Employment Committee on Friday, January 26, 2024 2:12 PM**

**[CS/HB 537: Student Achievement](#)** General Bill by Education Quality Subcommittee and Valdés  
(Compare to SB 590: Music-based Supplemental Content to Accelerate Learner Engagement and Success Pilot Program)

Increases maximum age of child victim of specified acts whose out of court statements may be admissible in certain circumstances; provides that first offense of specified sex trafficking offenses involving minors requires designation of defendant as sexual predator.

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