



## OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its third week of Session, January 27-31. Of note, the Senate and House released their education budgets. The House proposal calls for an \$868 million increase in education funding and a \$218 (\$50 BSA)/2.85%\* increase per student (state-wide average). The Senate's proposal calls for a \$762 million increase, or \$181 (\$40 BSA)/2.37%\* per student (state-wide average).

In both proposals, the majority of the increase is being allocated towards salary enhancements: The Senate is proposing \$650 million increase consisting of \$500 million for minimum salary increase and \$150 million increase for veteran teachers. The House's proposal consist of \$500 million increase. Four-hundred million (\$400 million) for minimum salary increase and \$100 million for veteran teachers, Prek teachers, social workers, guidance counselors, etc. A bonus program is not included in either budget proposal. Also, the increase in the BSA is likely to be offset by the larger than normal increase in the FRS rate. Both proposals include \$800K for BCPS Adults with Disabilities.

After the House and Senate pass their budget proposals in their respective chambers, negotiations will begin on the final spending plan in the coming weeks. The House can be viewed [here](#) - and Senate FEFP can be viewed [here](#) -. A chart with the major FEFP categoricals is included below.

Additionally, The House Education Committee passed its School Safety Bill. The bill is similar to the Senate bill which implements some additional recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission.

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

As Florida's school voucher program draws scrutiny, lawmakers push for less oversight: [Miami Herald](#)

Florida school are set to get a boost in mental health funding boost: [SunSentinel](#)

## TALLAHASSEE: THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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

### Senate and House Education Budget

#### FLORIDA EDUCATION FINANCE PROGRAM (State-wide figures)

	2019-2020	Senate	House
<b>Per-Student</b>	\$7,655.96	\$7,752.16 (\$181.29 increase/ student)	\$7,597.92 (\$217.97 increase/ student)
<b>Base Student Allocation</b>	\$4,279.49	\$4,319.66 (\$40 increase/ student)	\$4,329.49 (\$50 increase/ student)
<b>Safe Schools Allocation</b>	\$180,000,000	LEVEL FUNDING	LEVEL FUNDING
<b>Mental Health Assistance</b>	\$75,000,000	100,000,000 (\$25 million increase)	100,000,000 (\$25 million increase)
<b>Declining Enrollment</b>	\$3,937,689	\$729,318 <b>(\$3,208,371 decrease)</b>	No funding <b>(\$3,937,689 decrease)</b>
<b>Compression Allocation</b>	\$54,190,616	\$52,119,565 <b>(\$2,071,051 decrease)</b>	No funding <b>(\$54,190,616 decrease)</b>
<b>Digital Classrooms Allocation</b>	\$20,000,000	LEVEL FUNDING	No funding <b>(\$20,000,000 decrease)</b>
<b>Virtual Education Contribution</b>	\$2,960,499	\$6,802 <b>(\$2,953,697 decrease)</b>	No Funding <b>(\$2,960,499 decrease)</b>
<b>ESE Guarantee Allocation</b>	\$1,079,590,794	\$1,093,408,792 (\$13,817,998 increase)	\$1,087,000,852 (\$7,410,058 increase)
<b>Best and Brightest Funding</b>	\$284,500,000	No Funding <b>(\$284,500,000 decrease)</b>	No Funding <b>(\$284,500,000 decrease)</b>
<b>Salary Enhancement</b>	\$0	500,000,000**	\$650,000,000**

\*\* **Senate:** \$500 million- \$400 million for a minimum salary and \$100 million for veteran teacher and other staff such as Prek teachers, social workers, guidance counselors, etc. **House:** \$650 million -\$500 million for a minimum salary and \$150 million for veteran teachers

#### CAPITAL FUNDING

	2019-2020	Senate	House
<b>Traditional Public Schools</b>	No Funding	No Funding	No Funding
<b>Public Charter Schools</b>	\$158 million	\$169.6 million *	\$169.6 million *

\* This amount of funding will NOT require us to share millage with charter schools for the 2020-201 fiscal year.

#### Prek-12 Education:

[SB 62](#) – [K12 Education](#) by Stargel: Requiring that a resolution to levy discretionary sales tax include a statement containing certain information; establishing a teacher allocation with the FEFP; defining the term “early college program”; changing the calculation of full-time equivalent student membership for dual enrollment purposes; providing for calculation of full-time equivalent membership for students earning the Capstone Diploma; requiring school board mental health policies and procedures to include certain items, ectm

[SB 190](#) – [Medicaid School-based Services](#) by Montford; Revising applicable provisions for the reimbursement of school-based services by the Agency for Health Care Administration to certain school districts; deleting a requirement specifying the use of certified state and local education funds for school-based services; revising a requirement for the agency’s reimbursement of school-based services to certain charter and private schools; specifying the federal agency that may waive certain school-based provider qualifications, etc. **Passed by 6-0, now in Health Policy committee.**

[SB 946](#) – [Moments of Silence in Public Schools](#) by Baxley; Requiring that public school principals require teachers to set aside time for a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day; prohibiting teachers from making suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence; requiring certain teachers to encourage parents to discuss the moment of silence with their children and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time, etc. **Passed by 6-1, now in Judiciary.**

[SB 1568](#) – [Education](#) by Hudson; Providing that individuals enrolled in certain preapprenticeship programs are deemed to be employees of the state for purposes of receiving certain medical care under workers’ compensation coverage; revising the general duties of the Department of Education with regard to registered apprenticeship and registered preapprenticeship programs; providing that registered apprenticeship or registered preapprenticeship program sponsors are responsible for the selection and training of certain personnel, as approved by the department; revising criteria for apprenticeship occupations, etc. **Passed by 7-0, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.**

[SB 1688](#) – [Early Learning and Early Grade Success](#) by Harell; Adding the Division of Early Learning to the divisions of the Department of Education; revising the duties of the Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference; providing requirements for

minimum child care licensing standards; requiring students enrolled in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program to participate in a specified screening and progress-monitoring program; revising the performance standards for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program; authorizing certain child development programs operating on military installations to participate in the school readiness program, etc. **Passed by 7-0, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education.**

[SB 1696](#) – Student Athletes by Perry; Revising requirements for the availability of automated external defibrillators on school grounds; delaying implementation of a requirement that certain school employees and volunteers complete specified training; requiring that a medical evaluation be performed before a student begins conditioning; applying requirements related to medical evaluations to activities occurring outside the school year, etc. **Passed by 7-0, now in Children, Families, and Elders.**

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#### Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

[SB 434](#) – Designation of School Grades by Montford; Revising the components on which a school's grade is based, etc. **Passed by 8-0, now in Appropriations.**

[SB 486](#) – Florida Best and Brightest Programs by Bradley; Repealing provisions relating to the Florida Best and Brightest Teacher Program and the Florida Best and Brightest Principal Program, etc. **Passed by 8-0, now in Appropriations.**

[SB 836](#) – Funds for the Operation of Schools by Simmons; Revising the annual allocation to school districts to include an additional calculation of full-time equivalent membership for students who earn a College Board Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma, etc. **Passed by 8-0, now in Appropriations.**

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#### Education Committee

[EDC2](#) – School Safety: This bill clarifies the Commissioner's existing authority to oversee compliance with the requirements relating to school safety and security by school districts, district school superintendents, and public schools, including charter schools. **Passed by 17-0.**

[EDC1](#) – School Choice by Education: This bill clarifies the Commissioner's existing authority to oversee compliance with the requirements relating to school safety and security by school districts, district school superintendents, and public schools, including charter schools. **Passed by 17-0.**

[HB 725](#) – Workforce Education by Robinson: Revises workforce education programs that school district career centers are authorized to conduct. **Passed by 17-0.**

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#### PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

[HB 935](#) – Solar Energy Systems in Educational Facilities by Webb; Prohibits costs associated with certain solar energy systems from being included in certain cost per student station limitations. **Passed by 14-1, now in Prek-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.**

[HB 1013](#) - Early Learning and Early Grade Success by Aloupis: Deletes the Office of Early Learning; creates the Division of Early Learning within DOE; revises provisions relating to early learning coalitions; VPK & school readiness programs; & DOE responsibilities & duties relating to early learning. **Passed by 17-0, now in Prek-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.**

[HB 1213](#) – Holocaust Education by Fine: Includes study of specified policy against anti-Semitism in specified instruction; provides school district, charter school, & DOE requirements relating to such instruction; authorizes DOE to contract with certain Holocaust educational organizations for specified purposes. **Passed by 17-0, now in Prek-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.**

[HB 1231](#) – Students with Disabilities in Public Schools by Dubose: Prohibits use of seclusion on students; revises provisions relating to use of restraint on certain students; provides DOE, school district, school, & personnel requirements; provides for placement of video camera in specified classrooms; provides requirements for such placement; requires continuing education & inservice training for teaching students with emotional or behavioral disabilities. **Passed by 17-0, now in Prek-12 Appropriations Subcommittee.**

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#### PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

[HB 523](#) – Mastery-based Education by DiCeglie: Provides for alternative award of credits & letter grades under certain circumstances; renames Competency-Based Education Pilot Program as Mastery-based Education Pilot Program; authorizes public school districts to submit applications for program; & revises statewide articulation agreement. **Passed by 12-0, now in Education Committee.**

[HB 581](#) – Civic Education by Aloupis: Requires Commissioner of Education to develop minimum criteria for nonpartisan civic literacy practicum & process to verify successful completion of such practicum; provides requirements for such

practicum; requires SBE to annually designate public schools that meet specified criteria as Freedom Schools & establish criteria for designation as Freedom School; provides requirements for such criteria. **Passed by 12-0, now in Education Committee.**

[HB 957](#) – [Designation of School Grades](#) by Shoaf: Revises components on which school's grade is based. **Passed by 12-0, now in Education Committee.**

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