



OVERVIEW

The Legislature held its second Interim Committee Week October 14-18, 2019. The Appropriations Committee and Education Committees received presentations on the following topics: Educator Professional Development, FLDOE's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Legislative Budget Request, School Improvement System, and Classroom Teacher Compensation.

The Legislature discussed Governor DeSantis' proposal to raise the minimum salary to \$47,500. However, they did not discuss any specific plans to achieve this proposal. The House mentioned that in order to achieve the Governor's proposal, other education programs will likely need to be reduced. Chair Latvala, of the House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, does not believe there is a willingness for using the Local Required Effort to pay for the Governor's proposal. In the Senate, Chair Bradley of the Appropriations Committee has filed a bill to eliminate the Best & Brightest program. If the Best & Brightest program is eliminated, over \$200 million will become available for the Governor's \$600 million teacher pay proposal.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

House ponders where cash for DeSantis, \$47,000 teacher starting pay will come from. [Orlando Sentinel](#)

School boards urge justices to decide education fight: [News4JAX](#)

Manny Diaz files pair of bills aimed at charter school operation: [Florida Politics](#)

TALLAHASSEE: THE WEEK IN REVIEW

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

Senate Education Committee

Overview of Educator Professional Development

Video via WFSU-TV The FLORIDA Channel
[Committee Meeting](#)
[Press Availability with Chair Diaz](#)
[Committee Packet](#)

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Presentations on Agencies' Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Requests:
 -Department of Education
 -Office of Early Learning
 -Board of Governors
[Video via WFSU-TV The FLORIDA Channel](#)
[Committee Packet](#)

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

Pre-K-12 Appropriations Subcommittee

Presentation on Florida Classroom Teacher Compensation Budget Exercise
[Video via WFSU-TV The FLORIDA Channel](#)
[Press Availability with House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Chris Latvala](#)
[Committee Packet](#)

Education Committee

Did not meet this week

PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee

Presentation by the Florida Department of Education on the system of school improvement.
[Video via WFSU-TV The FLORIDA Channel](#)
[Committee Packet](#)

Please find below an update from Washington D.C...

Congress returned to Washington this week following a two-week district/state work period. In addition to the slate of legislative priorities Congressional leadership is hoping to address in the coming weeks/months, it appears increasingly likely that Congress will also be dealing with a formal impeachment process this Fall. The impeachment inquiry process is already underway in the House. While the specific timing for any formal impeachment proceedings/votes in the House remains unclear at this time, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) reportedly told his conference during a closed-door briefing this week that an impeachment trial in the Senate could begin by Thanksgiving.

FY 2020 APPROPRIATIONS: The federal government is currently operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR), which funds the federal government through November 21st at current Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 levels. Congress was able to pass the CR last month prior to the September 30th deadline, thereby avoiding a government shutdown and providing members and staff ample time to finalize several, if not all, of the FY 2020 spending bills before the November deadline. The House has already passed 10 of the 12 spending bills marked up by its Appropriations Committee, however, the Senate has yet to pass any of its own spending bills, including any of the 10 approved by its own Appropriations Committee. Leader McConnell has indicated that the Senate will consider several of its committee-approved spending bills next week in two separate packages, although there has been no indication which of the 10 spending bills approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee will be considered or how they will be packaged together. Ultimately, House and Senate negotiators will need to reconcile the final versions of their respective spending bills, and negotiators have approximately five weeks to potentially finalize several, if not all, of the FY 2020 spending bills, or be forced to pass another CR to avoid a government shutdown.